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## Parks garage in cemetery land? Selectmen say no

By BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

Spring Grove Cemetery will not be the final home for the town's Parks & Grounds division.

Selectmen rejected a proposal by Plant & Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi on Monday to build an 1,800 square-foot garage and storage area within the cemetery at the intersection of Abbot Street and Spring Grove Road.

The building proposal would have also allowed for the consoli-

dation of the parks & grounds and cemetery divisions, Piantedosi said, saving the town tens of thousands of dollars in employee and equipment costs in future years.

"I think it's certainly in the spirit of what we need to do in the light of the budget situation," Selectman Alex Vispoli said, referring to the proposed consolidation of the two Plant & Facilities divisions. "The concern I have is the location."

Before taking a vote, selectmen voiced their agreement with

the Spring Grove Cemetery Trustees and residential abutters, who felt more public works facilities within the cemetery were not appropriate. A similar proposal by Piantedosi to add a building in the cemetery was also defeated about three years ago, after neighbors raised objections.

Three structures exist at Spring Grove currently and all are used by the cemetery division. The third, what Piantedosi called a "small garage," was built for tem-

porary use by the fire department during construction of the Public Safety Center.

"The cemetery is really not the place for a default location," said Paul Caselle, chairman of the Spring Grove Cemetery Trustees. "It just seems like we're becoming the default location because we've got no other place to put it."

Michael Roberts, a resident of 26 Spring Grove Road, told selectmen that the building proposal would create more noise in the cemetery

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## Moderator: Town Meeting could be over in two nights

By BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

With 2008 Town Meeting scheduled to begin last night April 30, Town Moderator Sheila Doherty wasn't sure how many of the 57 warrant articles voters would take up during its first night. But she could foresee a

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speedy meeting  
"I think there's a good possibility we could be through the meeting in two nights," said Doherty.  
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## Climbing toward understanding of severe allergies



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Taylor Sousa plays on a swing set as she is watched by her mom, Kim Sousa, in the backyard of their home. Taylor was diagnosed at six months as being allergic to soy and dairy products. Taylor is so highly allergic that a mouthful of scrambled eggs nearly killed her in July 2007. Parents Kim and Jay Sousa now know how to manage Taylor's allergies and are active members of FAAN, the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network. The couple is organizing a golf tournament on May 16 as a fundraiser for the organization. A column by Sousa is on The Townsman Web site.

## When food is foe

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Farrah Sousa knows how to save a life by injecting someone with an epi pen. She is 5.

Farrah has many skills kids twice her age don't — she can spot the difference between rice milk and cow's milk, and can dial 911 — because of the potentially fatal allergies of her younger sister, Taylor. Taylor has been found severely allergic to soy, milk and other dairy products, nuts, strawberries and eggs. So far.

Farrah was in the car as her parents, Jay and Kim Sousa, rushed Taylor to the hospital after she had one bite of eggs on vacation in July. As Jay drove, Kim talked with a 911 operator as Taylor's lips turned purple and her eyes started to roll. As they pulled up the emergency room a

nurse was waiting with a shot of epinephrine for Taylor, who had lost consciousness.

Taylor, who will turn 2 on July 9, had her first anaphylactic reaction that day, a day her parents say they'll never forget. Since then, they have discovered that she is allergic to a number of foods, and have been learning to deal with their daughter's allergies as a family, one day, one meal at a time.

Now, Farrah can open the family's refrigerator and show you what her sister can and cannot eat.

"She takes it so seriously because she's seen what happens to Taylor during a reaction," Kim Sousa said.

Taylor is one of approximately 12 million Americans — 3 million of whom are children — who live with true food allergies, according to the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network, a nonprof-

it dedicated to education and awareness about food allergies.

Jay and Kim Sousa have organized a golf fundraiser for FAAN, planned for May 16 at the Hillview Country Club in North Reading.

Cases of food allergies are on the rise. FAAN reports that one study says peanut allergies in children doubled during the five-year period between 1997 and 2002. Anaphylaxis caused by food allergies kills between 100 and 200 Americans each year.

Rita Casper, director of nursing for the Andover Public Schools, said she's seen an increase in allergies in the public schools in recent years, and there is at least one student with severe allergies at every school.

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## Youth services may get new HQ

By BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

A downtown duplex the town bought last year could become the headquarters of Andover Youth Services.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and AYS Director Bill Fahey asked selectmen on Monday to move the department from Town Offices on Bartlet Street to 37-39 Pearson St., the street between Memorial Hall Library and the Butler Bank building. Selectmen want more details and input from neighbors before allowing the move.

Selectmen voted unanimously to request more information from Stapczynski, including details about how much the proposal will cost and how long youth services would use the building. The board will also seek input from area residents.

"I'd like to see a plan go forward," Selectman Alex Vispoli said. "A definitive plan."

Andover Youth Services has operated out of a 600-square-foot space on the third floor of Town Offices since its formation in 1994. Formerly the town employee smokers' lounge, the often-busy office is

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Selectmen are considering a proposal to move Andover Youth Services to 37-39 Pearson St., a duplex the town bought last year.

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## ARTICLES: Town Meeting may need only two nights

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who is moderating her second consecutive Town Meeting.

The second night of Town Meeting is scheduled for May 1 at 7 p.m. at the Richard J. Collins Field House at Andover High School on Shawsheen Road. If more nights are needed, Town Meeting could continue May 5 and 6 at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts on the other side of the building.

With an operating budget agreement in place between the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee, voters will be presented with a unified plan for town finances for fiscal year 2009.

"I'm certainly happy to see that has been hammered out by the appointed officials, as opposed to it being up to the townspeople," Doherty said. "It certainly looks as if the numbers are going to come through the way they approved them, which is a good thing. I'm happy to see there was a meeting of the minds with respect to the budget."

Other than the operating budget, Doherty said proposed by-law changes always draw voter interest. Warrant articles regarding residential blight, open space land acquisitions and downtown banners could also draw significant discussion, Doherty said.

"There's so many different things of varied interests," Doherty said of this year's warrant. "It just depends what draws the meeting into a discussion."

Doherty said experience tells her you can never dictate the tone or will of any given Town Meeting, and that articles sometimes unexpectedly become the center of spirited debate.

"I can't even begin to guess what those will be," Doherty said. "Sometimes you just never know."

At a minimum, Doherty said she expected to get past Article 24 on first night of Town Meeting.

Here's a look at what would remain on the warrant after Article 25, which would create a school-maintenance trust fund: Town Meeting articles

26 — Trench safety regulations  
27 — School building maintenance and renovation  
28 — Town building maintenance and renovation  
29 — Lovely field improvements  
30 — Amend home occupation and permitted signs — zoning bylaw  
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32 — Bridge repairs  
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55 — News boxes - general bylaw  
56 — Lease of Old Town Hall  
57 — Discontinue portion of Paulornette Circle as public way

*Note to readers: The first night of Town Meeting on April 30 occurred after Townsman deadline for this paper. Due to the unusual Wednesday start, the Townsman's extensive Town Meeting preview appeared in our April 24 paper. Copies can be purchased at the paper's 33 Chestnut St. office, and articles can be found online at andovertownsman.com.*

## YOUTH: Pearson Street home would be just temporary headquarters

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directly across the hall from the Board of Selectmen's conference room.

"We've grown quite a bit since our inception," Fahey told selectmen Monday. "We've far outgrown that space."

Fahey said general talks about relocating his department began with Stapczynski and Plant & Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi more than a year ago, after it was determined other town departments were experiencing space issues.

Fahey said 37-39 Pearson St. would serve as an administrative office for the department's five employees, a meeting place for youth groups, a much-needed storage space for the department and an area for kids to use town computers.

"We don't see it as a youth center," Fahey told selectmen. He said youth-services supporters would continue working toward privately funding a multi-million-dollar building behind Doherty Middle School.

Last year, voters authorized the town purchase of 37-39 Pearson St. for \$505,000 at a Special Town Meeting held within Annual Town Meeting.

The home, assessed at \$234,700 and converted for both commercial and residential use, was expected to be used to either expand the town yard or as part of a mixed-use development project if the town yard is moved.

Reminding selectmen how two former tenants of 37-39 Pearson St. came before Town Meeting last year "pleading" with voters not to buy the property, resident Mary Carbone voiced disapproval of the proposed move.

"It's sickening for this to happen," Carbone said on Monday. "I

don't think this is appropriate. ... You've deceived Town Meeting."

With fundraising for a youth center slow in recent years, Selectman Ted Teichert thought the future of Fahey's department should come into focus before the board signs off on 37-39 Pearson St. as temporary home for youth services.

"What is temporary?" Teichert said. "We should have some type of idea where Bill's going."

Stapczynski said at first he was reluctant to propose the move, and first considered offering the space for temporary use to Main Street redesign project contractor Newport Construction.

Stapczynski said he has since toured the property several times with Piantedosi and Building Inspector Kaija Gilmore.

He told selectmen the building is "structurally pretty sound," with working fire and smoke alarms and full utility connections. The basement and third floor would be used for storage purposes only, he said.

"It does lend itself to temporary offices, temporary public space," Stapczynski said.

With the potential for AYS to move in by either September or October, Stapczynski said a connection to the town's data network would be required, as well as minor renovations including ramp access to the first floor.

Fahey said any modifications would be paid for through fundraising or money from the department's gift fund.

"For us it's just, administratively, we're in kind of a nightmare," Fahey said of the department's current location. "As a staff and as a program we're really excited to just spread our wings a little bit."

## Town dump, pickup open for leaves

Curbside collection of residents' leaves has begun. Leaves

are collected the same day as trash, but in a different truck.

Residents should not place leaves in any type of plastic bag. No plastic bags of any color will be accepted.

To prepare leaves for pickup, they should be placed in open trash barrels or in brown paper leaf compost bags. No rocks, stones, branches or stumps should be included in leaf bags.

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# In Brief

## PAST & PRESENT



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**THEN:** The Flint House that once stood at the corner of Elm and High streets became the Square and Compass Club, and is today's 1 Elm Square building.



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**NOW:** 1 Elm Square today, at the corner of Elm and High streets. For more on this building's transformation through the years, see Bill Dalton's column on Page 13.

## Household hazardous waste days May 10

Household hazardous waste collection will be Saturday, May 10, at West Elementary School. CRT and TV/electronics collection is at West Middle School on Saturday, June 7. Both will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For useful information about recycling, see the Web site [andoverma.gov/recycle](http://andoverma.gov/recycle).

## Leave food with your mail on May 10

The National Association of Letter Carriers, in conjunction with the Postal Service, the United Way and AFL-CIO, will collect nonperishable food items on Saturday, May 10, for distribution to food banks within the community. The NALC food drive is the single largest food drive in the country. More than 830 million pounds of nonperishable food have been collected by letter carriers since the annual event was initiated in 1993. People wishing to participate in the food drive are asked to leave nonperishable food items near their mailbox for pickup by letter carriers when delivering their mail.

## National Day of Prayer

Communities Together, formerly The Greater Lawrence Council of Churches, will sponsor an interfaith service in recognition of the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 1, at noon at South Congregational Church, 198 South Broadway in Lawrence. This year's theme is "Prayer! America's Strength & Shield." The homilist will be the Rev. William Waters, pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel. Representatives from Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and Muslim faith communities will be participating. This is the only interfaith gathering for this event in Greater Lawrence. Please plan to join us for this service, followed by a light lunch free of charge. For more information, please call the Communities Together office at 978-686-4012.

## QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



THIS HELPS KEEP THE MUSIC PROGRAM VITAL. In this day and age, cuts can come and interest can fall.

— Jeff Buckridge, who plays guitar with the Boston Horns, teaches at Doherty Middle School, and has organized a jazz and funk concert of professional and student players. Story in Arts, page 17.

IT'S NOT SOMEPLACE YOU WOULD NORMALLY EXPECT A HIP-HOP SHOW TO GO ON. But it will hopefully go well and start something that could be held every year.

— Andover teen Neal Callahan on having a hip-hop event at Old Town Hall on May 9. Story in Education, page 20.

WE ALL THINK LITTLE LEAGUE HAS SOME LIFE LESSONS ASSOCIATED WITH IT. We hope a little bit of that rubs off into their daily life.

— Peter Broderick, Opening Day 2008 chairman, on Andover Little League, which will open this year with a parade of more than 1,000 players down Main Street. Story in Townspeople, page 13.



## NEWS CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, MAY 1

**School Committee**, Andover High School Library, executive session 5:30 to 6 p.m., regular meeting starts at 6 p.m.

**Board of Health**, Andover High School Field House, near the stage, 6 p.m.

**Andover Contributory Retirement Board** meets at Town Meeting, Andover High School, 6 p.m.

**Board of Selectmen**, Andover High School, Room 107, 6 p.m.

**Planning Board**, meets at Town Meeting, Andover High School Field House, 6:30 p.m.

**Finance Committee**, meets at Town Meeting, Andover High School Field House, 6:30 p.m.

**Town Meeting**, second night, Andover High School Field House, Shawsheen Road, 7 p.m.

### MONDAY, MAY 5

**Board of Selectmen**, Andover High School, Collins Center, chorus room, 6 p.m.; at 7 p.m. meeting at Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room.

**Town Meeting**, third night (if necessary), Andover High School's Collins Center for the Performing Arts, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, MAY 6

**Board of Selectmen**, Andover

## CORRECTION

The photo caption with Bill Dalton's April 17 column contained an error. The photo was taken in the Andover Spa.

High School, Collins Center, chorus room, 6 p.m.

**Conservation Commission**, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

**Council on Aging** subcommittee on virtual assisted living, North Andover Senior Center, 120R Main St., North Andover, 9 a.m.

**Recycling Committee**, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, MAY 8

**Council on Aging**, School Administration Building, third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.

**Triad**, Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., 9:30 a.m.

**Zoning Board of Appeals** public hearings and deliberation, Memorial Hall Library, the Hall, 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 10

**Zoning Board of Appeals** deliberation, Memorial Hall Library, the Hall, 9 a.m.

## Eldercare Fair

Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Lawrence, a coalition of faith communities, social service agencies and health organizations working together to serve elders and caregivers, will sponsor its second annual Eldercare Fair at St. Michael Church Parish Hall, 196 Main St., North Andover, on Thursday, May 15 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The event will be an opportunity for caregivers and older adults to learn about the array of resources and services available in our communities.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Jean Guyer at 978-686-4050.

## Sign up for Memorial Day Parade

The annual Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 26, at 10 a.m. Any civic, patriotic or fraternal organization wishing to march should contact the Veterans' Services Office at 978-623-8218. There will

be a collation at the Doherty Middle School cafeteria at 11:30 a.m. for all parade participants. As per custom, no political activity can be accommodated in and during the parade. The route leads from the intersec-

tion of Elm and Florence streets to Main Street, to Pynchard Avenue, Bartlet Street and end at the Park. In the event of heavy rain, all observances will be held inside the Memorial Auditorium.

## YMCA partners with Breast Cancer Walk

The Merrimack Valley YMCA has partnered with the Avon 2-day Breast Cancer Walk to offer walkers 10 free visits to the YMCA. Walkers can bring their training indoors between now and mid-May to help in the

preparation, relaxation, and training for the walk. Avon walkers can bring their identification number or a copy of their Web page printout to any of the Merrimack Valley YMCA facility branches to get a guest pass

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**April 22, 2008 – May 31, 2008**

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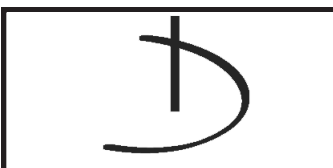
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Hundreds of people stroll from booth to booth during the Andover Crafts in the Park last year.

## Last minute gift for mom at Crafts in Park

The 33rd annual Crafts in the Park will be held on Saturday, May 10, at The Park, on the corner of Chestnut and Bartlet streets, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year, approximately 100 craft and food vendors will be presenting their wares.

"In the past, we have featured up to 125 vendors," said Kay Grace, co-chairwoman of this year's show. "We now have an indoor venue, the High School field house, on Sunday, May 11, in case of rain, and fewer spaces are avail-

able there, but we feel that most craftspeople prefer this arrangement to being rained out completely."

A wide variety of hand-crafted items: jewelry, pottery, hand-woven baskets and more, will be available for Mother's Day gifts or for giving an uplift to homes, yards and wardrobes, say organizers.

Andover residents Sarah Rose, with hair accessories for girls, Catherine Berube, with note cards and watercolor paintings, Yolanda

Mendez, with jewelry, will be in the show, along with craftspeople from all over New England.

Crafts in the Park is sponsored by the Andover Chapter of AFS, a non-profit student exchange program, and all profits fund scholarships for students and help for host families. Andover residents Fran and Pat O'Neil are serving as co-chairs to this year's show, along with Grace. For more information, call 978-475-6829 or 978-475-7074.

### Severe allergies

## Schools adapt: No more cupcakes; special tables

BY BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Rita Casper, director of nursing for Andover Public Schools, explained some of the measures and school policies put in place in recent years to deal with the increased number of severe allergy cases:

■ Severe allergies are more common in elementary schools.

■ There is at least one student with severe allergies at every school in Andover and there is an allergy-free table in the cafeteria of every school. "There is no policy that says a student must sit there," Casper said. "We leave it up to parents. We don't want to single people out, but there has to be a delicate balance. We provide an allergy-free space if they choose to use it. At some point, you have a plan (as a parent) to transition from teachers and parents making decisions for the child to the students (doing it) themselves. It's my duty to say to parents, 'Let's look at the plan ahead.'"

■ Every teacher in the district is trained about severe allergies at the beginning of the school year.

■ There is a nurse and an epi pen in every school in town. In some cases, epi pens are also kept in classrooms with students with severe allergies, but the nurse should be the one to administer it, said Casper.

If the class is outside of school, such as on a field trip, certain teachers have undergone in-depth training in using an epi pen and are allowed to administer it, if needed.

■ Teachers are discouraged from using food products as part of lessons, such as pasta in an art project or jelly beans for a counting.

■ Parents are discouraged from bringing in birthday cakes and cupcakes. Allergy-free alternatives include having the birthday child wear a crown, bring in pencils or stickers, or get a pass from doing homework on their birthday.

## New cafe has opened

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

The ability to have a prime location on North Main Street with an attached parking lot and a building with tenants made Sun Son's business decision easy: open a new all-day breakfast café in his hometown.

Son is the owner of Boston

King Café, which opened officially Saturday, April 26 inside the Butler Bank building, also known as the site of the former Friendly Ice Cream.

Son said the cards lined up perfectly for his new business. After a local realtor visited and enjoyed eating at his other restaurant in Woburn, she told him about the availability of the Andover site. Representatives from Butler Bank also checked out his Woburn eatery and, soon, Son began an 11-month process to open his Andover restaurant.

But it's not the location or parking that makes him most happy, he said. Rather, it's the chance to show his hometown friends what his restaurant offers, including a menu with healthful food and his favorite Italian coffee, he said.

"It's really good and now my friends can see for themselves," he said.

He is a 20-year resident of west Andover and member of Free Christian Church. Readers can learn more about Son and his new restaurant in the Business section of the next Townsman.

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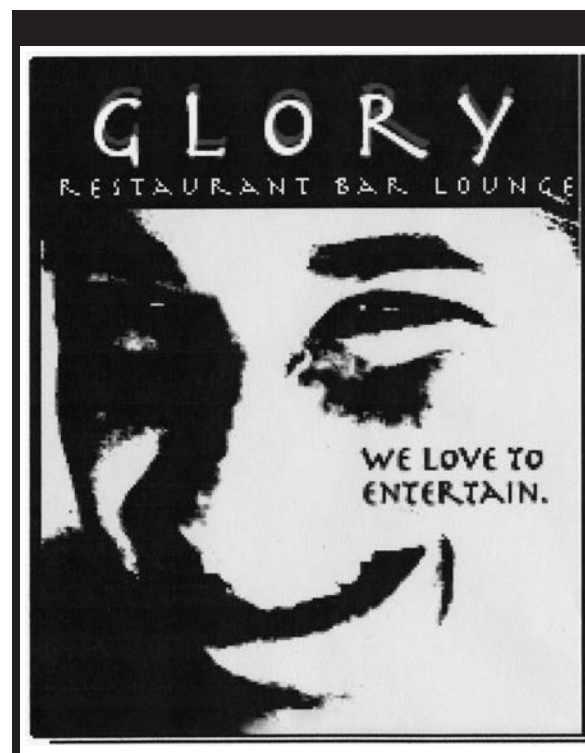
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# TAYLOR: Researchers trying to find out why allergies are on the rise

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School policies have been introduced to train teachers on how to deal with allergic reactions. An allergy-free table also is offered in every school in Andover, preschool through high school, and parents are discouraged from sending cupcakes or other treats for birthdays, due to the high risk of allergic reaction among classmates.

"It's like this whole other world that wasn't on our radar screen (before we had Taylor)," said Kim. "If someone ate an egg and kissed her (Taylor), she would stop breathing ... It's this intangible thing, until you see it happen, so we have to do a lot of convincing. We still have to convince our families. It's so hard when it comes down to asking people to give up what they're eating."

It is a constant battle to keep certain foods away from Taylor, agreed Jay and Kim. Once, a well-meaning employee of a bakery in Boston's North End gave Taylor a cookie before they could stop her, and of course Taylor started eating it. Another time, someone gave Taylor macaroni and cheese because she didn't connect milk allergies with cheese.

FAAN reports that 90 percent of food allergies fall into eight categories: milk, egg, peanut, tree nut (walnut, cashew, etc.), fish, shellfish, soy and wheat. Taylor Sousa is allergic to all but two of these.

Kim found T-shirts online for Taylor that read "Please don't feed me, I have food allergies." It really

has helped when they go out in public, she said.

"It's to the point where you have to be blunt sometimes, and say 'Look, this can kill her,'" said Jay.

Through local allergy support groups and an allergy specialist at Children's Hospital in Boston, the family has found ways of adapting their lives. Taylor sees a nutritionist and under doctor's advice, the family is not introducing any new foods to her until she turns 2 this summer.

"I always get stressed out about dinner for all of us," Kim said. "I feel horrible that she has to go through this."

Every Sunday morning, the Sousas have a family ritual of having pancakes, Jay said. Since they've discovered Taylor's allergies, they have adapted their pancake recipe, and after a lot of trial and error, has modified the batter to include "egg replacer" powder and rice milk.

"As much as it's changed our lives, we try not to let it. We want to be able to go out to eat," Kim said.

The family has also found several local restaurants that will make Taylor a special allergy-free meal, such as Dylan's and Bertucci's in Andover. Usually, the chef will come to their table and talk through what Taylor can and cannot have, Kim said.

Zac Pierce, manager of Bertucci's restaurant in downtown Andover, said they get requests for special allergy-free meals two or three times a day — most com-

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monly for nut allergies but also cheese, which can be tricky at an Italian restaurant.

Cooks and servers at all Bertucci's are trained to prepare an allergy-free meal completely separately, using clean, new utensils and pots and pans that are kept separate. One employee changes their gloves and handles the allergy-free meal start to finish to avoid contamination.

"With this business, we have a high volume of return guests, and we want to be able to bring people back. That's the business we're in, to make people happy, and if we have the ability to do it, we're going to do it," Pierce said.

Asking questions and speaking up is key for parents with a severely allergic child, said Dr. Thomas Johnson, a board-certified allergist with an office in

North Andover. He has practiced for 33 years, treating both children and adults, and has seen an increased number of cases in allergies of all kinds, not just foods, especially in the last 10 to 15 years, he said.

There is a large amount of research going on, Johnson said, dedicated to learning why allergies are on the rise. There are several theories — that they could be caused by vaccinations, environmental chemicals or even anti-bacterial soap — but it's all conjecture, he said.

"They're just theories. No one knows why we're seeing more allergies of all kinds," Johnson said. "The fundamental question remains, why are we seeing so much more? I don't believe it's just awareness, there has to be something else going on."

The good news is that society — through food-labeling laws and attention paid by public schools and restaurants — is getting better about dealing with severe allergies, he said. Many children outgrow food allergies within 10 to 15 years of being diagnosed, Johnson said.

"A lot of people have heard of having a reaction to bees, and this is just like a bee sting, the same mechanism (in our bodies)," he said. "One of the most important things to explain to people is that if a child eats something and there is any type of swelling or hives, they must get the child tested for allergies. The next reaction may be far more serious."

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Taylor Sousa's allergies started from birth. Before she was tested for allergies at 6 months, she was constantly covered in raised rashes and eczema, Kim said, and doctors kept telling her and Jay that it was baby acne.


At 6 months, Taylor was diagnosed as being allergic to milk and soy — the two main ingredients in her diet as an infant. Yet, it was only after Taylor's anaphylactic reaction to eggs just after her first birthday that they realized that food allergies were a serious thing, Kim said.

"Every turn we take, there's not a lot of education (with doctors about allergies) out there," Kim said. Once, an emergency room

doctor misdiagnosed one of Taylor's allergic reactions as croup. "There's just not a lot of awareness out there," Jay said.

The couple has learned a lot from other parents in the allergy support groups she goes to in North Andover and Reading, and also through FAAN, which sends regular newsletters and allergy tips.

You won't find a loaf of bread or package of Oreos in the Sousa home. They all eat a soy- and egg-free diet, and when Farrah occasionally asks to go to Sarkisian Farms for an ice cream or out to breakfast for some scrambled eggs, they take her — alone — as a special treat.

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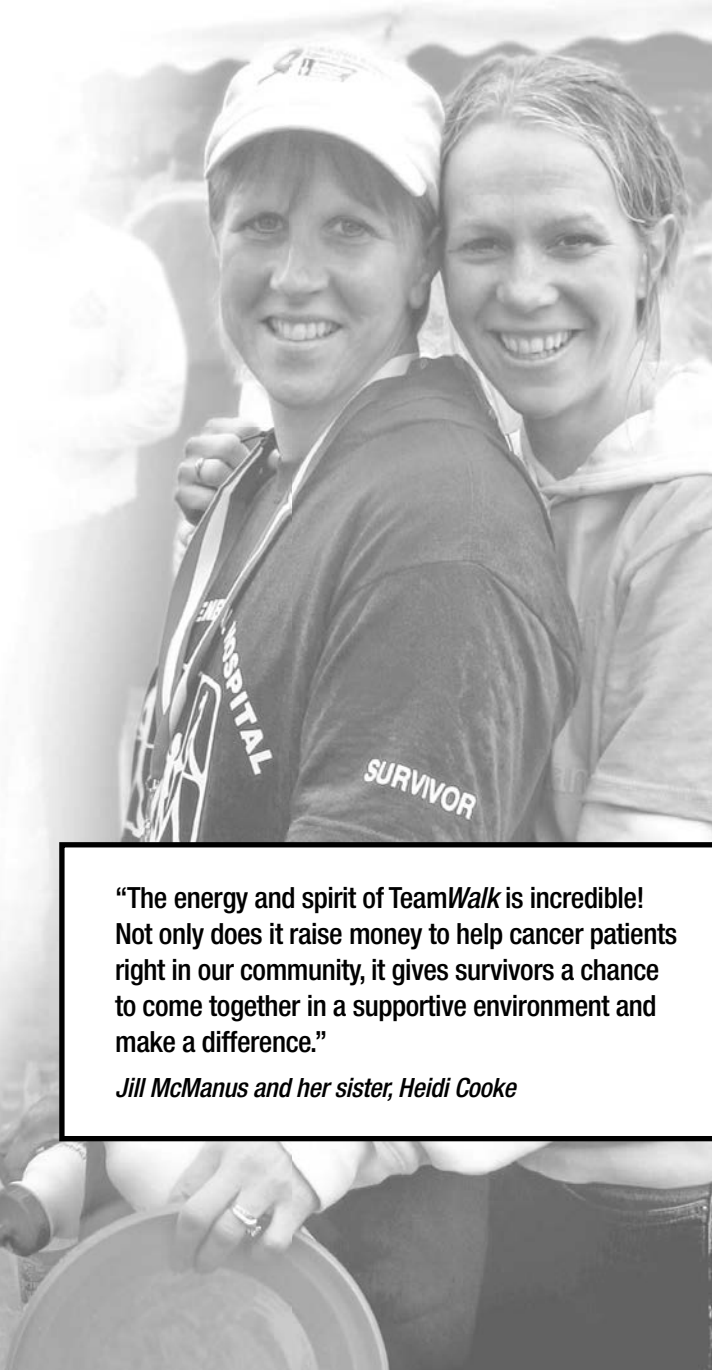
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## ■ POLICE LOG

### Arrests

Tuesday, April 22 — At 7 a.m., Jong Kim, 21, of 557 Boxford St., North Andover, was arrested and charged with the subsequent offense of operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license.

At 10:29 p.m., Thomas Luce, 23, of 2 Moore Ave., Lowell, was arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation, operating under the influence of liquor and a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation.

Wednesday, April 23 — At 7:41 p.m., Mauricio Silva, 19, of 16 Hillside Ave., Everett, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Thursday, April 24 — At 12:10 p.m., Adam Lustig, 25, of 76 Haverhill St., was arrested and charged on a warrant for a motor vehicle equipment violation, no inspection sticker, and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

At 10:08 p.m., Jonathan Pierce, 20, of 216 North Main St., was arrested and charged on a warrant for operating a motor vehicle without a license.

Friday, April 25 — At 12:16 a.m., Marsha Dunbar, 54, of 1161 Prospect St., Bethlehem, N.H., was arrested and charged on a warrant for defrauding an innkeeper, larceny by check under \$250 and larceny under \$250.

At 12:44 p.m., Eric Rosario, 24, of 27 Fifth Ave., Haverhill, was arrested and charged with a revoked registration, operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license and an uninsured motor vehicle/trailer.

Saturday, April 26 — At 10:04 a.m., Jack McKelliget, 18, of 7 Stratford Road, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member and



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A tractor-trailer truck rolled over when merging onto Interstate 93 North, from an off ramp of Route 495 last week.

threatening to commit a crime.

At 3:57 p.m., Scott Giles, 24, of 37 Nichols St., Haverhill, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation and on a warrant for shoplifting and drug possession charges.

At 11:50 p.m., Timothy Lugo, 18, of 311 Lowell St., was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member and malicious destruction of property over \$250.

Sunday, April 27 — At 12:39 a.m., Abby Johnson, 19, of 607 Temple St., Duxbury, was arrested and charged as a person under 21 in possession of alcohol and disorderly conduct.

At 8:25 p.m., Jacques Quilliam, 17, of 128 Rattlesnake Hill Road, was arrested and charged on a warrant for drug possession charges.

### Auto Incidents

Wednesday, April 23 — At 7:40 a.m., the theft of a global positioning system from a motor vehicle was reported on Minuteman Road.

At 11:19 and 11:20 a.m., two motor vehicle thefts were reported on Haverhill Street.

Saturday, April 26 — At 10:48 a.m., motor vehicle vandalism was reported on Lavender Hill Lane.

Sunday, April 27 — At 10:30 a.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Campanelli Drive.

### Thefts

Thursday, April 24 — At 12:11 p.m., a bank robbery was reported at Danversbank on Central Street. The suspect was described as a skinny, white male with reddish hair wearing a plain white T-shirt

and Yankees hat. No vehicle was seen. He fled on foot down Central Street, according to the police log.

Monday, April 28 — At 4:16 p.m., a theft was reported on Wolcott Avenue.

### Breaks

Thursday, April 24 — At 9:09 p.m., breaking and entering to a dwelling was reported on North Main Street within the previous two and a half hours.

Saturday, April 26 — At 10:51 p.m., breaking and entering to a dwelling was reported on Granada Way.

Sunday, April 27 — At 10:12 a.m., breaking and entering to a dwelling was reported on Haverhill Street.

### Incidents

Tuesday, April 22 — At 12:33 p.m., trespassing was reported on High Street.

At 1:01 p.m., vandalism at the pay-and-display parking machine was reported on Park Street.

At 8:17 p.m., a disturbed person was reported on North Main Street.

At 9:02 p.m., a noise complaint was received on Haverhill Street.

At 9:17 p.m., a disturbed person was reported on Walnut Avenue.

At 9:20 p.m., annoying cell phone calls received over the past month were reported on Greenwood Road.

Wednesday, April 23 — At 8:08 a.m., a noise complaint was received on Lowell Street for a car alarm sounding for over an hour at the Boston Sports Club.

At 8:48 a.m., vandalism was reported to a Bartlet Street mailbox. A detective took photos of graffiti.

At 9:45 p.m., vandalism was reported on Clark Road.

At 10:04 p.m., mischievous activity was reported on Holt Road after a woman said there was a paper bag left on her front steps and she was afraid to look inside of it.

Thursday, April 24 — At 10:24 a.m., threats were reported on Marland Street.

At 1:30 p.m., vandalism to a dumpster was reported on Dale Street.

At 1:34 p.m., a domestic dispute was reported.

At 4:44 p.m., threats were reported on Nicholas Circle.

At 5:08 p.m., a domestic dispute was reported.

At 8:31 p.m., mischievous activity was reported on Bartlet Street. A caller reported several youths were shining powerful flashlights into passing cars. An officer reported speaking with the kids.

Friday April 25 — At 1:02 p.m., vandalism was reported on Grandview Terrace.

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# Opinion

## Garage needed — in the right location

Andover's Parks & Grounds Division needs a new home. But selectmen are taking the correct approach in avoiding the pull of quickly sliding a new garage into serene Spring Grove Cemetery.

Open discussion about the best place to build a garage, and acknowledging cemetery trustees' and neighbors' concerns about keeping the cemetery as a peaceful location are proper approaches. And it does not seem appropriate to build something in the cemetery with money approved for Lewis Street town yard improvements.

Clearly, the town has taken too long to provide proper space for the Parks & Grounds Division. A structure in the town yard became so dilapidated it could no longer be used and had to be torn down, according to the town. With Andover looking into moving the town yard, workers have legitimate concerns about how long it will be before a new home for Parks & Grounds is created. The department is important because it maintains the facilities the town has spent so much to create.

Selectmen have said the right things about wanting to decide on a location and build a garage soon. Now, they'll need to keep the request for a new garage from gathering moss.

## Allergies and kids

One can only imagine the fear of knowing that your child's next unobserved bite of food could be the last. But for a growing number of parents whose children have severe food allergies, in Andover and beyond, that's the reality.

Often families become aware of their children's allergies following a close call, after children's throats swell to the point where they cannot breathe. After that, especially for new parents, balancing protection of their children with the need to live "normal" lives can be a difficult task.

Until scientists learn what is causing the remarkable increase in children with severe food allergies, the best people can do is become more knowledgeable about the issue and how to keep kids healthy. Fortunately, parents like the Sousas of Andover can offer some assistance. The Sousas have also organized a golf fundraising event for the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network, which assists parents with information.

Mom Kim Sousa, whose daughter, Taylor, has severe food allergies, says her family has discovered a few tips along the way, including:

- The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network lists recipes and can connect people with local support groups. It has a Web site, [www.foodallergy.org](http://www.foodallergy.org)
- Some restaurants, even the fast food giant Wendy's, offers an allergy-free kid's meal upon request. If you ask, chefs and some restaurant chains make a soy-, nut-, milk- and egg-free foods, including hamburgers with buns.
- Many supermarkets add egg or milk products to their ground beef. The Sousas go to a butcher for specially-ground beef with no additives.

## WEB QUESTION

### Should AYS move to Pearson Street home?

There was limited response to last week's Andover Townsman Web question, "If you picked up a new hobby it would involve:"

Of those who did respond, 12.5 percent said, "Bees," a reference to an Andover grandmother who had taken up beekeeping.

Exactly 37.5 percent said, "Sports."

One-quarter of those responding said, "The arts."

The remaining people were split evenly between "Plants" and "Family."

No one said, "TV."

This week's question is, "What do you think of moving Andover Youth Services to the home the town bought on Pearson Street?"

■ I object. Home was not bought for this.

■ I object for another reason.

■ Undecided.

■ OK as temporary administrative quarters only.

■ I support it. AYS is long overdue for more space.

■ I support it for another reason.

To vote visit, [www.andover-townsman.com](http://www.andover-townsman.com) and scroll to the bottom of the page.

## YMCA HOLDS HEALTHY KIDS' DAY



Courtesy photos

At left, Grace Hu, 2, of Andover, walks the beam with her father, Daniel, during Healthy Kids Day at the Andover/North Andover YMCA.

At right, YMCA Teen Leader Katie LaBatte, 16, of Andover, helps Cassandra Kussad, 5, of North Andover, on the rope swing on the Healthy Kids Day obstacle course.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Parents have no vote on extended school day

Editor, Townsman:

Six of our elementary schools have received grants from the state Department of Education to conduct feasibility studies of whether Andover should adopt the Mass2020 initiative "Expanded Learning Time" (see [www.mass2020.org](http://www.mass2020.org)). In general, this initiative requires that school time be extended by an additional 300 hours per year (1.5-plus hours/day) for core academic subjects, additional enrichment activities and professional development and planning time for the teachers.

Parents were recently invited to "ELT Parent Information Meetings" to purportedly collect their "thoughts, ideas and concerns" during the planning process. Instead of learning about ELT in these meetings, we were bombarded with a one-sided, propagandistic sales presentation designed to try to make us believe that, in the future, our children will not be competitive with the children in countries with longer school days like China and Finland.

At no time during the meetings were those in opposition to ELT given an opportunity to express their opinions. Any points made by parents that were in opposition to ELT were met with no response from the Mass2020 representative or the school moderators.

The ELT Committee(s) did not discuss any of the following important points:

(1) The ELT initiative was designed for underperforming schools (those in which many students are struggling academically as measured by MCAS and other formal assessments) and for communities where a large portion of the students lack access to after-school activities.

(2) All students enrolled in an ELT grant school must participate in the longer day/year while teachers do not necessarily have to participate.

(3) Mass2020 is looking at Andover as an experiment to see how ELT works in a town with high-achieving schools and several enrichment activities in the community; all of the current ELT schools in Massachusetts are in underperforming school communities.

(4) The grants for the ELT school(s), if awarded, only cover the costs for the grant period. There is no guarantee for future funding. If our School Department cannot afford the cost of the current school year, how could it possibly afford an expanded-day school year?

(5) There is no consideration being given to the precious free time and family time that our children will lose and that families cherish. The value of this time cannot be measured on state tests.

What did come out of the meetings is this: Parents are not getting a vote on whether ELT is adopted in Andover, even after a preliminary ELT plan is designed. This has been confirmed by at least two principals.

It is imperative that those against ELT in town let their school principals and the Andover School Committee know their views. The ELT Committees will not be providing an open forum where people can say "no" to ELT in Andover.

Paul and Holly Gauthier  
11 Bradley Road

### 'A Modest Proposal' on traffic in town

Editor, Townsman:

It is a melancholy object to those who walk through this great town, when they see the streets crowded with cars so hindered by an outdated traffic system. These cars, instead of being able to move *Swiftly* to their destinations, are forced to employ all their time in slowing to signs, lights and the occasional street-crosser.

I think it is agreed by all parties that this prodigious number of drivers is in the present state of the town a very great grievance; and, therefore, whoever could find out a fair, cheap and easy method of making these drivers useful members of society would deserve to have his statue set up as a preserver of the peace. Having turned my thoughts for many years upon the several schemes of others, I have always found them grossly mistaken simply for their calls for vigorous enforcement of traffic laws. I submit that, to reduce annoyance to drivers, and simultaneously expensive enforcement, some *minor changes* are all that are needed.

A simple beginning would be to upgrade speed limits to 55 mph on Main, School and Center streets. Such higher limits would more accurately match the patterns evident to casual observers. The immediate effect would be to eliminate time-consuming issuance of tickets, though already few, by officers of the law, whose time could be redirected to collect revenues from cars obstinately occupying parking spaces beyond their meter's expiration.

What greater use of public time can there be than to align our traffic regulations to create the least number of scofflaws? Merely increasing the speeding limits would, therefore, not be sufficient. Certain exceptions are required: It is proposed that on weekdays, between 6 and 9 a.m., when Main and School are likely overcrowded with foreign commuters and slow-moving school buses, automobiles be allowed a velocity of not less than 65 mph. Much current experimentation by drivers has determined that passing between street ends should require only the most minimal deceleration.

Those who are more thrifty (as I must confess the times require) and wish to save on fuel consumed by frequent starts and stops should join me in advocating the elimination of stop signs on Abbot and Locke streets. More economically minded citizens will surely note the potential for increased tax revenues and employment by local auto body shops. A friendly optimist assures me that encouraging an increase in "rolling stops" could create much new employment, as a local hospital and convalescent center will surely be needed.

An informal policy supporting deviations up to 10 mph during rain and snow should be tolerated by local officials. Such a policy would go far in reducing the number of inattentive children impeding drivers to pull their attention from their essential cellular conversations. A useful reduction in school overcrowding may also occur. Increased speeds would

similarly produce positive budgetary relief for social services, through a culling of slow-crossing elderly.

Respectfully submitted by Mr. J. Swift with assistance from:  
Matthew Ferrara  
School Street  
The full version of this letter-writer's satire can be found online.

### L'Italien stood up for elders in need

Editor, Townsman:

It takes a lot of courage to advocate for what is right, and state Rep. Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover, has a lot of courage. L'Italien is a strong, determined and thoughtful advocate for her constituents, particularly elders and disabled children and adults. Her passion for people in need is guided by a realistic vision; her advocacy for good, solid programs for folks in need is done with a commitment to using public dollars efficiently. Recently, I could not have been more proud of her for taking the lead in authoring an amendment that reflected this vision. While it was met with a round of applause from elder advocates — like me — from across the state, it was not well received by nursing home lobbyists.

L'Italien authored an amendment to the state budget that removed a nursing home "earmark" that funded nursing home rate increases in the House Ways & Means Budget. This earmark would guarantee that nursing homes get a higher rate when their census falls to sustain their profitability in the face of a diminishing constituency. But nursing home census is falling primarily because people are choosing home-based care whenever they can. As proof, the number of nursing home days used in Massachusetts has fallen by 20 percent since 2000.

By earmarking, the Legislature gave nursing homes special treatment, and since the \$45 million earmarked is unfunded, it will be taken from community-based, long-term care programs that are seeing their numbers increase because most folks want to remain at home.

The nursing home industry has called this "robbing Peter to pay Paul," but that implies it was Peter's money instead of belonging to taxpayers, thousands of adults with disabilities, and elders needing care. Not only do we applaud L'Italien for withstanding the firestorm from the nursing home industry, but so do a number of constituency groups that signed a letter supporting her amendment: Mass Home Care, Mass Senior Action, and the Massachusetts Councils on Aging, the Massachusetts Association of Older Americans, the Statewide Independent Living Council, the Disability Policy Consortium and the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization.

We believe that nursing homes are an important part of long-term care and should be supported. But the time has come to acknowledge that, even with the growth of an aging population, fewer people are making nursing home care their first choice. We hope that common sense prevails in the allocation of resources.

Rosanne J. DiStefano  
Director  
Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley

### Class: Penny for your thoughts on Iraq

Editor, Townsman:

The fifth anniversary of the conflict in Iraq coincided with the 4,000th death of U.S. military personnel. Our Contemporary World Issues class would like to build a living memorial for all of the airmen, Marines, seamen and soldiers who comprise those 4,000 deaths. We are planning to commemorate each fallen service member through visual representation. Each person will be represented by a penny and the pennies will be assembled on a wall in Andover High School.

We acknowledge that a penny alone cannot adequately represent all that each service member has contributed to our country. In our effort to coordinate our project with the town's Memorial Day activities, we would like to collect stories of both present and fallen service people so that we may better connect a person's history with their name.

We currently have a sufficient number of pennies to represent 4,000 but would welcome your penny for inclusion on the memorial. We look forward to hearing your stories and your helping us "Make Cents of Iraq."

Submitted by teacher Ruth Masters  
for Block 2, Contemporary World Issues  
Andover High School

### Family appreciates community support

Editor, Townsman:

The family of Corinne Johnson would like to recognize the community of Andover for its outpouring of love and support during her recent sickness and death.

We can never forget the kindness of the police, firefighters and EMTs who came so quickly, and shoveled a path through the snow in February to get to the front door. The Andover High School administration, coaches and teachers; the Saint Augustine Church community; the owners and staff of Andover Country Club and Indian Ridge Country Club; and to all the parents who gave meals, rides, support with telephone calls and many other kindnesses during the winter months.

Corinne loved Andover and the people of Andover showed their love for her with their support during the worst of times. The town of Andover lived up to its reputation of generosity and sense of community and we will be forever grateful.

The Johnson and Morris families  
71 Wild Rose Drive

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# Spring Home & Garden

## Lawn care: Green grass in no time

Spring. Back outside again to tackle the lawn. It seems the grass is always greener right next door, but that doesn't have to be the case this year.

The real secret to a great looking lawn is the soil. It's your lawn's foundation and ultimately determines the health and beauty of your lawn throughout the season. This spring, start from the ground up and you're sure to see a decided difference in your grass.

To ensure a healthy, lush lawn, improve the soil and you'll see improvement in your lawn. The three most common tasks to accomplish this are: aeration, dethatching and soil conditioning. We've all heard of these three tasks, but very few of us pay any attention to them and most of us don't implement them at all.

So what do these three processes accomplish?

**Aeration:** As lawns age or sustain heavy traffic, soil compaction often occurs. Grass roots require oxygen to grow and absorb nutrients and water. Compacted soil reduces your lawn's ability to grow and breathe, resulting in poor top growth and a deteriorating lawn. Aeration benefits your lawn by increasing water, nutrient and oxygen movement in the soil, improves rooting, prevents run-off and boosts the earthworm population underground — Mother Nature's own aerator.

**Dethatching:** Thatch is the layer of dead grass that settles in between the soil surface and the green foliage of the grass. Thatch must be removed to maintain the health of your lawn. Too much thatch interferes with nutrient and water absorption. To gauge its thickness, take a 6-inch-deep plug of sod and soil from the lawn and measure the thickness of the packed thatch. If your thatch layer is more than



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Busy homeowners take simple steps to take care of their lawns.

one-half inch thick, your grass will struggle to grow.

Soil conditioners, also called soil amendments, are added to soil to improve plant growth and overall health. Soil conditioners are not fertilizers, but are very valuable additions in helping make your soil productive for growing your landscape

plants. These products improve soil's drainage and some will also increase the water holding capacity of your soil.

This spring you can accomplish all three of these time consuming tasks with just one simple step and very little effort. LazyMan Liquid Gold is a brand new spray-on all-natural product that aerates,

dethatches and conditions the soil. The product covers 100 percent of your lawn, is chemical-free and actually adds nutrients, increases much-needed airflow and boosts the earthworm population underground. This revolutionary product, new to the market this spring, will enhance your soil creating that healthy foundation

your grass needs to grow healthy and green.

Once you've easily accomplished these three essential tasks in one easy, even lazy, step by spraying on LazyMan Liquid Gold you're ready to make repairs to your lawn:

Is your lawn riddled with bare patches due to dog spots, heavy traffic or neglect? If so, you will need to add grass seed to your existing lawn to fill in those bare patches. This solution is known as "over-seeding."

Your first step is to select grass that has similar characteristics — leaf texture, length and color — to your old turf. You don't have to plant the same kind. Keep in mind that most lawn failures are the result of grass that is poorly adapted to a region or location.

There are tons of grass seed varieties to choose from, which can make things complicated. This spring get help from Outsidepride.com which offers Major League Grass seed, top-rated and well-respected varieties of perennial ryegrass, Kentucky bluegrass, bermuda grass, centipede grass, buffalo grass, zoysia grass as well as an award-winning line of tall fescues.

Major League offers the best varieties in their blends, and they clean their seed to achieve high purity, high germination and low weed seed.

**Remember:** if you neglect spring lawn care and preparation you could end up paying for it the rest of the year. The good news? This year, Lawn Care's gone Lazy. Visit [www.Outsidepride.com](http://www.Outsidepride.com) for tips, advice and products for your lawn and garden. Then you'll finally be able to say the grass is greener right in your own yard!

— Courtesy of ARAContent



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Drift groundcover roses bring color to your landscape year-round.

## Garden superstars for spring 2008

From show-stopping roses to containers rich in history, Spring 2008 promises to be an exciting year for garden lovers.

"Gardening this year will be easier than ever before, and a lot more fun, thanks to exciting new plants and smart new garden products scheduled for release this spring," says Susan McCoy, owner of the Garden Media Group, a lawn and garden public relations agency.

As spring approaches, McCoy reveals a few of her favorite garden superstars for spring 2008.

### New stars in the garden are no divas

Looking for a great low-maintenance flowering shrub for your garden? Try the new Drift series of landscape groundcover roses for year round color with little to no effort. A cross between full-size groundcover roses and miniature roses, Drift Roses have a low, spreading habit that makes them perfect for container gardening, hanging baskets and small gardens. Highly disease resistant, they require no

spraying except in the most black spot prone areas of the Deep South. Bred to be "chemical-free", Drifts resist rust, mildew, Japanese beetles and black spot, while blooming for months on end. To find out more about these and other fine Star Roses, visit [www.starroses.com](http://www.starroses.com).

### Outdoor living takes on new rooms

As we expand outdoors to entertain, cook and just relax, more of us are taking refuge in custom built gazebos to add an extra "room" in the backyard. New from Amish Country Gazebos ([www.amishgazebos.com](http://www.amishgazebos.com)), the nation's leading retailer of custom crafted Amish structures, is the 2008 Lancaster Collection. Named after prominent Pennsylvania cities, this series features three stunning handcrafted models: The Manheim, Carlisle, and Devon. Headquartered in Lancaster County Pennsylvania, this family-owned business uses only the finest materials for each and every special order and offers a lifetime guarantee on every

gazebo they produce. For more information or to order a catalog, visit [www.amishgazebos.com](http://www.amishgazebos.com) or call (800) 700-1777.

### Garden tropics for a great escape

Gone are the days when gardening in colder climates meant using only boxwoods, hostas and cold-hardy perennials. Thanks to advances in breeding, tropical beauties like the Bahama Bay Hibiscus collection can be successfully grown in gardens situated well above the Mason-Dixon Line.

Nearly two dozen hibiscuses with enormous bi- and tri-colored blooms accented with lush, dark green foliage are in the collection. With names like 'Goin Steady', 'Heartbeat' and 'Big Bird,' the plants have personalities all their own, and are a perfect fit for gardeners who have caught on to the tropical explosion. Gardeners in tropical climates, zones 7 to 9, can enjoy

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# SUPERSTARS: Homeowners give their gardens a 'touch of class' with new ideas

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the hibiscus' massive, multi-colored blooms almost year round. For those gardening in cooler climates, Bahama Bay will bloom abundantly during the summer months when grown in a container. For more information, visit [www.bahamabay-hibiscus.com](http://www.bahamabay-hibiscus.com).

## Garden accents inspired by American history

A touch of class for any garden can be found in the new Williamsburg Collection from Campania International ([www.campaniainternational.com](http://www.campaniainternational.com)). The collection features an extensive range of garden containers, including cast-stone replicas of urns in the Governor's Palace gardens, part of Colonial Williamsburg's Historic Area. Birdbaths, an elegant window box, and a stepping stone round out the product line.

This historical collection features the rich designs of Colonial

Williamsburg, offering today's gardener an exceptional array of historical American garden accents.

Try one of these elegant accents inside or outside your home to achieve the latest "designer" look from Campania.

## Healthy gardens from the ground up

Start your container garden off right this season with high-quality planting soil that feeds the plants and keeps the soil moist longer. The new organic potting soil, called Organic Mechanics ([www.organicmechanics.com](http://www.organicmechanics.com)), is an all-purpose, peat-free, potting soil that is 100 percent organic and promises to improve plant performance.

Gardeners can pick up Organic Mechanics potting soil at Whole Foods, Wegmans and Wild Oats or the new 1.5 cubic foot bag at fine garden centers.

— Courtesy of ARAcontent



Courtesy photo

Start your container garden off right with Organic Mechanics potting soil, which feeds plants and keeps soil moist longer.



Courtesy photo

Homeowners add upgrades to gourmet kitchens that will consistently increase the value of their home. A simple designer touch is adding a wallpaper mural.

# Secrets to give your house model home appeal

Ah, the model home — it's not just a selling tool for builders. In many ways, model homes are the perfect portrait of the American Dream, with their manicured lawns, gourmet kitchens and designer window treatments. The model home is what we all aspire to have our homes look like.

The reality, however, can be far different from the ideal; living in the perfection of a model home may not be realistic for most of us. The good news is there are many ways you can borrow some model home tricks for your own abode — and boost your home's value, and your enjoyment of it, in the process.

Here are five tricks model home makers and decorators use

to create the feeling of real estate Nirvana:

- Curb appeal is king. If you mother didn't tell you this while growing up, home shopping or selling will certainly teach you the lesson: first impressions count. Nothing sends buyers running for cover faster than a shabby exterior, so power wash siding every spring and take care of needed repairs like dangling shutters or peeling paint. Keep the grass mowed and flowers flourishing during the summer. If you don't have a green thumb, plant easy-care flowers like petunias to add pizzazz to your landscaping.
- Add designer touches that impart the biggest impact for the

least amount of money, such as a wallpaper mural. Custom murals are all the rage in design circles and are popping up in model homes across the country. But hiring someone to paint a custom mural is probably out of the budget for most of us. Wallpaper murals, like those manufactured by Murals Your Way, can provide the same designer effect at a fraction of the cost. What's more, installation is quick and easy. Most homeowners can tackle the project on their own. Check out [www.muralsyourway.com](http://www.muralsyourway.com) to learn more.

- Keep the rooms clean. If you're selling your house, keeping rooms clean and clutter-free is a priority. Homebuyers rank dirty rooms at the top of their turn-offs list. If you're just living in your home, keeping it clean will make it a more healthful, comfortable place to live. In addition to your regular house chores, don't forget often overlooked tasks like cleaning the carpets and windows.

Invest your renovation dollars wisely. Most families spend the greatest amount of their time in the kitchen and bath. It's no surprise, then, that upgrades to these rooms consistently deliver the highest payoffs in terms of increased value and homeowner enjoyment. You'll almost never see a model home with a common kitchen or a boring bath. If you want to evoke the drama of a model home in your own domicile, invest your remodeling budget in these two important rooms.

Recreating model home techniques in your own house can help maximize resale value and your enjoyment — and bring your abode that much closer to the ideal of the American Dream.

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# Lights make dramatic improvement without having to spend a lot

Do some of your light fixtures look like they are fugitives from another era, and are certain rooms in your home better looking with the lights off? If so, it's time to do something about it.

Small changes with regards to lighting can make a dramatic improvement in the look and feel of your home, and they don't cost much to do. Here are some ideas from the experts at LightingShowplace.com — a company that over the past 13 years has helped more than 1 million customers with their projects — on how to dress up your home in an instant, starting at the front door.

## Front door

When you drive up to your home at night, what do you see? If the answer is "not much," then you should replace your front entry light with a lamp that gives off more light.

A well lit front entrance says 'Welcome,' while at the same time enabling you to greet guests and identify visitors. Not only will updating your lighting improve the look of your home from the street, it will enhance your sense of security because the front door will be better lit.

If you have a single lantern next to the door, consider replacing it with matching wall lanterns to give the home a warm look, while assuring the safety of those who enter. For homes with a porch or overhang, you have even more options: a recessed, chain-hung or ceiling fixture.

## The dining room

Want to dress up your dining room without spending a small fortune on new furniture? Simply painting those plain white walls and switching out the chandelier hanging over the table will make a dramatic difference.

Not sure what color to go with? Here's a guideline from the National Kitchen and Bath Association on what some of the most popular colors can do:

Soft yellows can be cheering and make individuals feel sunny. Bright yellow can be used as an ac-



A front entry light welcomes visitors to your house.

cent that attracts attention and helps to brighten a room.

Green is the ultimate pacifier. Often associated with nature, it is both relaxing and reassuring. Pale yellow-greens conjure images of growth while deep greens are associated with status and wealth.

Blue arouses feelings of freshness, coolness and relaxation. In lighter hues, blue is airy and open, while dark blues represent wealth, strength and respect, evoking the feelings of reassurance in individuals.

Red attracts attention, causes excitement, and even raises blood pressure. Intense red is stimulating; however, it can also be distracting in large amounts. Red is associated with wealth and sophistication, while high value reds (pinks) can make people feel good about the way they look.

Once you choose a paint color, move on to the task of replacing your plain, boring fixture with one that gives the room more of a "wow" factor. For a look of opulence, you may want to go with a crystal chandelier. For a more contemporary look, consider a fixture that features softened and rounded lines. If you're going for a modern look, you'll want something with polished surfaces, strong geometric shapes and asymmetry, while the rustic look reflects the visual patterns found in nature.

Adding a floor lamp in the corner of the room that fits the same theme will help you really dress up the room. It will make those extra chairs resting near the wall a more inviting place to hang out while people are waiting for the meal to be ready.

## The bathroom

And if your bathroom still looks like it's circa 1970 with dark paint and globe lights around the mirror, choose a lighter paint color and swap out the fixtures for a bold new look.

An ideally lit bathroom will have a fixture above the mirror with usually two, three, four or more bulbs. This fixture will provide overhead and top of the features lighting. The next type of fixture you will need to achieve a well lit bathroom are scones. One sconce on either side of the mirror will help avoid shadows and fill in the rest of your face and neck properly. Most bathrooms will require additional flush mount ceiling lighting in the toilet area or center of the room to fill the entire room properly with light.



Switching the chandelier over the dining room table will make a dramatic difference.



Courtesy photo

New light fixtures can give the bathroom a bold new look.

When it's time to start shopping for fixtures, you don't need to spend a lot of time running from lighting store to lighting store. To get an idea of the latest looks avail-

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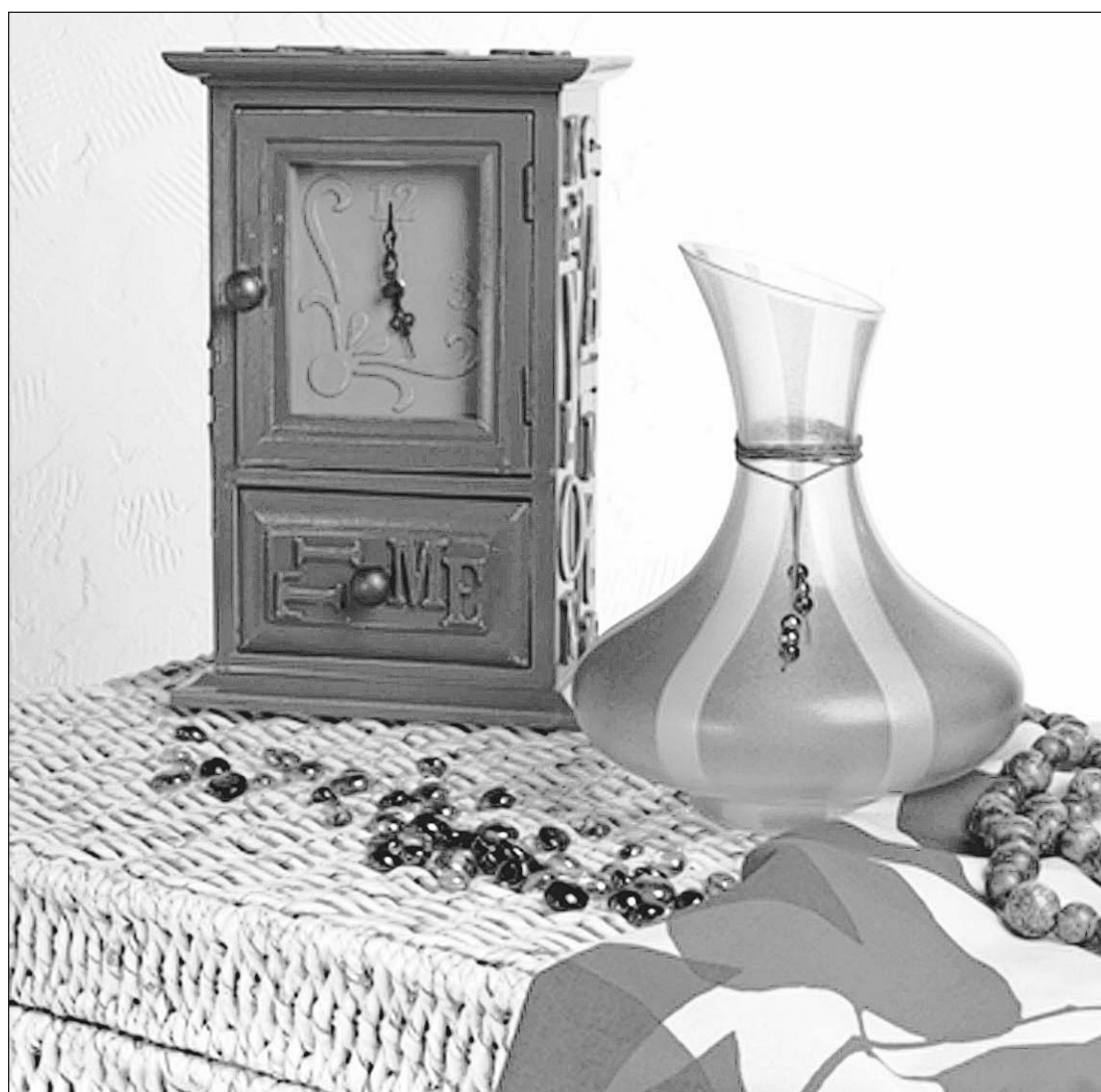
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# Colors for 2008 culled from the circle of life

When selecting colors for inside the home and for your favorite outdoor spaces, where do you find inspiration? Color experts suggest looking to all walks of life across the globe, starting with nature, art, travel, culinary and fashion influences.

"The 2008 nature colors are inspired by the botanical beauty of some of the world's most interesting plants," says Donna Schroeder of Krylon's color and design services team, the Color Marketing Group, Color Association of the United States, and the American Society of Interior Designers. "We are seeing designers and savvy consumers seeking more deep blue-threens, dark pine and the surprise of chartreuse balanced by earthier tones such as bamboo and cork to create a soothing, Zen-like garden retreat."

Blues are a predominant force in 2008, stepping out from the influences of both nature and Scandinavian art. Look for all hues of blue — cool, bright, deep and rich — perhaps infused with shimmering peacock colors or shades of the deep blue sea. Krylon's Blue Ocean Breeze, Bahama Sea and Global Blue tempered by Ivory represent this clean, inviting look. They are among more than 90 paint colors available in Krylon Indoor/Outdoor Paint which dries in 10 minutes or less. The paint features a new EZ Touch 360 degree dial spray tip that lets do-it-yourselfers spray vertically, horizontally and any angle in between with far greater comfort for faster, easier paint application.



Decorating with the colors enjoyed while traveling can bring your trip home with you.

## Travel and culinary colors stimulate

Whether or not you plan to venture far from the nest in 2008, you can still enjoy colors from all 360 degrees of longitude and latitude, Schroeder says. Jolt your senses with an infusion of color imported from another continent. Evoke the sights and

smells of the spice market with its saffrons and cinnamons, along with tribal patterns and sub-Saharan breezes, and luxuriate in the rich shimmer of smoky Krylon Brushed Metallic finishes Sparkling Canyon and Caramel Latte. If you enjoy entertaining and savor your friendships as much as each and every bite of cremebrulee, why not pepper your home with colors inspired by the fruit of the sea, whole grains and leafy vegetables?

These shades contribute to a sense of luxury, bounty and camaraderie, enhancing your entertaining experience.

For fashion influences, look to chic geometrics and fresh, young color. They are colliding in an explosion of energy in both fashion and home decor, making art nouveau colors and patterns 21st century chic.

"But even in today's color-friendly designscape, you can overdo it with color," says

Schroeder. One solution is to use a "pop" of bold, vivid color for accents such as pillows and side tables, magazine racks, shelves and picture frames.

Another is to balance bold hues with whites, neutrals and organic textures. Splashes of color add drama to a room and also can be used to introduce trendy shades or seasonal accents that can be traded out or painted over as time passes, so they are always fresh and up-to-date.

"Match picture frames and candle holders to striking accent pillows, and you may have all the color you need without a great investment of time or money," Schroeder says. Spray paint is ideal for bringing splashes of color home. "It's one of the home decorator's best friends," she says. For how-to's and home improvement hints, visit [www.krylon.com](http://www.krylon.com).

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Blues tempered with ivory have a Scandinavian influenced.

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# Townspeople

## Sliding into a new season with parade for 1,200

By BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

Andover Little League will kick off its 55th year with a parade down Main Street this Saturday, May 3.

The 9 a.m. parade will temporarily close a portion of Route 28 and touch off an all-day affair, as every Little League team in town is scheduled to play its first game at Deyermund Field, which is typically reserved for ages 10 and older.

The Main Street parade will be a first for Andover Little League, according to organizers.

"We've never had one," said Peter Broderick, Opening Day 2008 chairman and a former vice president of Andover Youth Baseball. "Hopefully this will be the start of

something we do annually."

In previous years, the league's opening day ceremony only included players ages 10 to 12.

But this year, in an effort led by new League President Len Farris, all of Andover's approximately 1,200 players between ages 6 and 12, plus players in the Challenger Division for special needs athletes, will march in uniform during the parade. Nearly 100 teams will play later that afternoon, he said.

Farris, formerly a member of the Little League board of directors in Groveland, said he started an opening day parade tradition in that town roughly six years ago and it was a hit with players there.

"They remember the parade," said Farris. "It sort of signifies the start of baseball season."

"It was a way to connect the community and it was a way to have the community more involved with the players," Farris said. "For them, it's about being part of a team, being part of a bigger organization."

After the parade, Andover resident and television sports anchor Dan Roche will serve as master of ceremonies for events behind Doherty Middle School on Bartlet Street. Together, the parade and ceremonies are expected to take a little more than one hour. After several speeches and a ceremonial first pitch, teams will head to Deyermund Field on Chandler Road in West Andover.

"We'll be going 12 hours — all day," said Broderick.

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File photo

Andover Little League will kick off its 55th year with a bang — as opposed to a bang-bang play. Here, Braves Brad Ponte tags out Pirate Alex Tran during an Andover Little League Major Division game at Deyermund Field last year. This Saturday, Main Street will close for an Opening Day parade.

## More on the trust that changed downtown

**Bill Dalton**

Part 2 in a series



John Davidson and Phid Dantos were in their early 30s when they led a successful fight against urban renewal and later created Danton Realty Trust. By 1966, they had razed the Square and Compass Club at the corner of High and Elm streets, built a new

Masonic Temple on the back of that property, and were building a modern, three-story structure in the front. Many people, some of them old friends, didn't like the building and asked them why they were constructing such a "monstrosity."

Last week I wrote about Phid's background; today, I'll do the same for John Davidson. John Davidson's grandparents emigrated from Armenia in the early 1880s and eventually took over a small farm in West Andover. Davidson's father, Leon, was raised on that farm. Leon's life as a farm boy was arduous; he worked for hours before going to school and for hours after it. During World War I, he served as an ambulance driver. He returned home after the war and was soon married. Leon and his wife, Agnes, had three children: Charlie, Dorothy and John. (The farmhouse where Leon Davidson lived as a child was near what became the 17th hole of the Andover Country Club. He would buy the club many years later. The house is still there.)

In 1925, Leon Davidson purchased 125-127 Main St. and started a restaurant in the right side of the building, which he named Leon's. "Doc" was Leon's nickname, and that nickname attached itself to the restaurant. Doc's was a busy place, and many of the customers were from Phillips and Abbot academies. John Davidson began working at Doc's in the fifth grade. He says that his older brother, Charlie, and he were put on parallel courses by their father.

"We were expected to work all of the time, excel in school and receive no pay. That was a family obligation. However, as long as we understood our requirements, my father would give and get for us anything we wanted."

John went to Phillips and Harvard. He completed the ROTC program at Harvard and joined the Air Force after graduation. It was during the Korean War, but the truce occurred when he was in training. While John was still in school, his brother, Charlie, and his brother-in-law, Virg Marson, purchased an existing men's clothing store next to Doc's, and this was the beginning of the Andover Shop. When John was discharged from the Air Force, he joined Charlie and Virg in the business. Soon after, they opened a second Andover Shop in Cambridge. By the early 1960s, Danton Realty Trust was taking so much of John's time that he left the Andover Shop to put all his energy into the trust.

Phid Dantos remembers a poignant moment in the early years of the Danton Realty Trust. On the Memorial Day prior to the demolition of the Square and Compass Club, Clan MacPherson's traditional bagpipe and drum band gathered in the parking lot behind the club. They had done this for many years, but this time they did something different and played "Auld Lang Syne" as a remembrance for the club. Phid was across the street in his business, the Andover Spa, selling Memorial Day coconuts. He says that when he heard the band he felt sad that he was responsible for the building's demise. However, as with Davidson, he was devoting time, energy and assets to Danton Realty Trust, and both men would face ruin if they reversed their plans.

Through a mutual acquaintance, they found their first major tenant for the 28,000-square-foot building they planned to build on the site of the Square and Compass Club. Dan Hogan was the chief executive officer of Standard International Corp. (now called Standex), a holding company that owned two high-profile brands, Lestoil and Bon Ami, and several other companies. Standard also controlled the A&P Building where Bertucci's Restaurant is today, and Standard planned to move its corporate headquarters there after renovating the building.

Phid and John met with Hogan and explained that they believed Standard was making a mistake moving into an old grocery store. They offered to name their soon-to-be constructed building the Standard International Building. The deal was attractive to Hogan, but he had a problem: what to do with the A&P Building. In 1964, more

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## Spring scenes



Above: The window boxes in downtown Andover are in full bloom.

Left: Nate Alden, 12, and Carter Ishihara, 11, both of Andover, play street hockey in the parking lot next to the Town Offices on Sunday, April 27. The two were making the most of their last day of school vacation.



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Josh Howard of Andover waits for the perfect pitch from Joe Howard of Andover while playing whiffle ball at The Park on Sunday.

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■ APRIL FIRST BIRTHDAYS

Ryan Thomas Nelken

Ryan Thomas Nelken celebrated his first birthday on April 22. He is the son of Josh and Michelle Nelken of North Andover. Grandparents are Barbara Morey and Robert and Velma Nelken of Andover. Great-grandparents are Maurice Needham of Andover, William Surak of Turtle Creek, Pa., and Elizabeth Nelken of Needham. Ryan enjoys laughing and playing with his big brother, Jack, 2 1/2.



Danielle Isabella Santiago

Danielle Isabella Santiago, daughter of Mark and Rebecca (Pokress) Santiago of Lawrence, celebrated her first birthday April 24. Dani is a happy baby with lots of smiles. She likes to sing and she loves her doggie, Bain, and Gramma and Poppy's kitty cats. Now that she is walking, she can chase them all around the house. Dani is the granddaughter of Susie and Bob Pokress of Andover and Rachel Santiago of Lawrence.



Cameron Christopher Brosnan

Cameron Christopher Brosnan celebrated his first birthday on April 18. He is the son of Sean and Lori Brosnan of Andover and the grandson of Robert and Margaret Rice of Melrose and Nancy Brosnan of Worcester. Cameron enjoys playing with two big brothers, Justin, 13, and Griffin, 10.



The Townsman runs first birthday information at the end of each month, for all children who celebrate a first birthday during that month. Families can e-mail the information to [nfater@andovertownsman.com](mailto:nfater@andovertownsman.com) or drop it off at 33 Chestnut St. in Andover. The May first birthdays are expected to run on May 29. The deadline for submissions of text and photos is Thursday, May 22. Information delivered late, or for a month that has passed, will not be printed.

Art for an all-night party

May is here, which means Andover High School seniors' thoughts turn to ... the end of their school career.

Volunteers already have plans well underway for the 16th annual Senior Safari — an all-night drug- and alcohol-free graduation night party on Monday, June 2.

Andover High School seniors and artists Yilan Chen, Allison Alwan and Kim Crawford won the annual Senior Safari T-shirt logo contest run by teacher Jim Batchelder. First- and second-place winners Alwan and Chen's logos will be used to design the T-shirts given to all seniors who attend the 2008 Senior Safari. Crawford's logo will be used for event stationery and correspondences.

Senior Safari is held at the AHS Field House every year for the graduating class. This event is organized and supported by



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Andover High School seniors (from left) Yilan Chen, Allison Alwan and Kim Crawford display their winning entries to the annual Senior Safari T-shirt logo contest.

many parent volunteers, school staff and administration, as well as the Andover business community. The celebration is traditionally attended by more than 90 percent of the graduates.

The Senior Safari committee continues to accept donations to help offset the cost of running the event. Donations can be mailed to Senior Safari, P.O. Box 803, Andover, MA 01810.

DALTON: Projects shaped downtown

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than a year before the Standard International Building was started, the three men entered into an agreement. Standard International would rent half the space in the new building and Danton Realty Trust would buy the A&P Building. The A&P Building required total renovation before it could be occupied. So, another project was added to the trust's portfolio. It was a high risk time for Davidson and Dantos, but both men were young and ambitious. The next few months would be critical.

Quickly, they developed a plan for the A&P Building; again, it was through a successful acquaintance. The Andover Institute of Business (often called AIB) was owned and operated by Charles Liponis (who died this past October). AIB, which was located in Olde Andover Village at 89 Main St., was growing quickly because of its particularly strong curriculum in computers. Charlie

Liponis was a man of unusual foresight, and within a few years he would own 11 such schools. Phid and Charlie shared a common Greek heritage and were close enough friends that Phid was the clerk of Liponis' corporation. By the time Danton Realty Trust owned the A&P Building, Liponis was committed to renting it out in its entirety. Things seemed to be going well.

The front page of the January 14, 1965, Townsman showed an architect's elevation of the Standard International Building. The Townsman said Dan Hogan had announced that Standard would move its headquarters to the new building when it was built. Hogan said the decision to occupy the \$1 million building was an expression of faith in the community. Two weeks later, a Townsman editorial said the deal was a boon to downtown Andover. The editorial specifically praised Dantos and Davidson, saying their success with this venture

would be a success for Andover. It may have been looking easy for Danton Realty Trust, but Dantos and Davidson knew better. Half of the new building was yet to be rented, and, in those days, Andover's center was still pretty beat up. In five years the roof of the shoddy-looking Musgrove building would collapse. Post Office Avenue was a mess and some of Park Street was only a little better. Major tenants could be hard to find.

On top of their existing projects, Dantos and Davidson would soon have other downtown projects, and would face the criticism of their fellow townspeople.

This story will continue next week.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Townsman and would like to hear from you, especially if you have some interesting stories and facts about Andover. He can be reached at [billdalton@andovertownie.com](mailto:billdalton@andovertownie.com).

PARADE: 300 volunteer each year

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Broderick said ballplayers in the 6- to 9-year-old age group will be exposed to Deyermund Field for the first time during the Opening Day festivities. They don't normally play at the complex during the season until they are older and advance to the 10- to 12-year-old level.

"We're trying to showcase that field," said Broderick. "As the kids progress, that's where they'll end up when they play Majors and Minors."

Enrollment in Andover Youth Baseball has been increasing steadily, Broderick said, despite increased competition from other youth activities and organized sports like soccer and lacrosse and the extension of the hockey season.

Peter Broderick Opening Day 2008 chairman

"We're competing with a lot of other sports," said Broderick. "We wanted to keep baseball in the public eye."

With more than 300 volunteers giving time to Andover Youth Baseball every year, Farris said one of the league's goals this year was to ensure that both the players and parents involved had a positive experience.

Broderick said Opening Day will aim to reinforce what youth baseball is all about.

"It's team play, it's fair play," said Broderick. "It's respect for the game and for athletes, whether you're winning or losing. We all think Little League has some life lessons associated with it."

"We hope a little bit of that rubs off into their daily life," he said.

■ TOWNSPEOPLE

Andover man honored for blood donations

Wayne Davis is one of more than 50 "Team 20" platelet donors recognized by the Kraft Family Blood Donor Center at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute for his generous donation of blood platelets throughout the past year. "Team 20" is a group of donors who commit to donating platelets at least 20 times throughout the year.

Platelets are clotting agents of the blood, which are vital to individuals fighting cancers such as leukemia and lymphoma, patients undergoing chemotherapy, recipients of organ transplants, and those who suffer loss of blood during surgery.

Music award

Sasha Scolnik-Brower, a Doherty Middle School student and son of Julie Scolnik and Michael Brow-

er, won third place and a \$200 scholarship in the 12th annual New England String Ensemble String Competition for his performance of Boccherini's Cello Concerto in B flat.

Sasha has studied the cello with Jan Muller-Szeraws and Tom Kraines, and currently with Andrew Mark. He joined the Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra three years ago. He also plays chamber music with other BYSO

musicians, and will be touring with the orchestra in Germany this summer.

In addition to being a finalist in this year's NESE competition, Sasha was a winner of the Junior Concerto competition at the Longy School of Music.

Retired fire lieutenant recognized

Retired fire Lt. Richard Merola

has received Liberty Mutual's Community Service Firemark Award. This award recognizes those firefighters who have demonstrated their commitment to their local community by going above and beyond their daily responsibilities. Since the award's inception, more than 150 Community Service Firemark Awards have been presented.

Merola served 38 years on the Andover Fire Department before his retirement. He has many sto-

ries to tell and has a long history in the Andovers.

He first fire was on Topping Road in Andover as a rookie in 1962, where he and a fellow firefighter carried several children out of a burning house.

In 1962 he was called to provide emergency transit for Alan B. Rodgers, the founder of The Eagle-Tribune newspaper and the Rogers Center Foundation at Merrimack College, to Mass. General Hospital.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC

### IF YOU GO

**What:** Boston Horns Jazz and Funk Fundraiser  
**When:** Friday, May 2, doors open at 7 p.m., music starts at 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.  
**Why:** Proceeds go to a scholarship fund for a grad studying music in college  
**How:** Tickets are \$10, available at the door

By BETHANY BRAY  
 Staff Writer

The Old Town Hall will be grooving Friday when the Boston Horns bring their signature jazz and funk sound to town to help raise money for a music scholarship. Tickets for the May 2 event are \$10, and proceeds will help fund the fledgling Andover Band Association scholarship for a graduate who plans to major in music or perform in a college band, choir or other ensemble.

The Horns, who have performed all over the world, have a connection to Andover. Two members teach music in the town's schools. Jeff Buckridge, who plays guitar with the world-famous band, teaches at Doherty Middle School and is planning the performance with the Andover Band Association. Greg Savluk, the Horns' leader, teaches trumpet lessons and leads one middle school and one high school jazz band.

Buckridge, the director of the district's jazz program, said organizers hope to raise enough to award the first scholarship to a 2008 music grad. "This year in particular, there are eight or 10 seniors planning on doing music at the college level," he said.

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Doherty Middle School music teacher Jeff Buckridge, a member of the Boston Horns, is pictured playing with the band on its recent trip to Japan.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, MAY 1

**Cultural discussion:** "Andover Masterpieces, A Celebration of Local Cultural Excellence," 5:30 to 7 p.m., the Addison Gallery of American Art. Aims to bring awareness to the Andover community of the services available through the Andover Cultural Council.

**"Prayer in Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust,"** with Rabbi Robert Goldstein presiding with musical direction by Monica Steele and Idan Irelander, Cascia Hall, Merrimack College, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations at Merrimack College at 978-837-5428, aldebran.longabaughburg@merrimack.edu.

**Outback Jazzfest 2008:** Masconomet Regional School Field House, 6 to 9 p.m. at 20 Endicott Road, Topsfield. Great music, fine dining and a rewarding silent auction. Tickets are \$25 per person, \$20 for senior citizens and students. Reservations and information: www.mascomusicparents.com or call 978-609-1554.

**"Beauty and the Beast,"** presented by North Andover High School, North Andover High School, North Andover, 7:30 p.m., \$15 reserved seating, \$12 at door, \$10 advance, \$8 students and senior citizens. Contact Karen Kramer at 978-794-1711, ext. 3073.

### FRIDAY, MAY 2

**Andover Rotary Club** breakfast meeting, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., the Lanam Club, 260 North Main St., Andover. Guest speaker will be Julie Kravetz of Winchester Hospital presenting information related to prostate cancer advances made in therapy and treatment at Winchester Hospital; rotaryandover.org.

**Fourth annual Hair of the Dog Wine & Beer Tasting,** a benefit for the Methuen MSPCA, from 6 to 9 p.m. Hosted by the Essex Art Center at 56 Island St. in Lawrence, the tasting will also feature an art show of works by 20 Merrimack Valley artists. Cost is \$25 at the door or \$20 in advance. Tickets can be purchased at Shawsheen Village Liquors, 4 Poor St., Andover, 978-475-3636; at the MSPCA, Nevins Farm, 400 Broadway (Route 28), Methuen, 978-687-7453, ext. 6105; or online at www.mspsca.org/nevinsfarm. All ticket proceeds go directly to the MSPCA at Nevins Farm. Ten percent of all wine and art sales will also be donated to the shelter. For more information, go to www.shawsheenliquors.com and click on "Great Wines for Great Causes."

**The Friends of the Flint Memorial Library** will hold a book sale from 4 to 8 p.m. in the library activity room, 147 Park St.,

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Andover resident Karen Herman's portrait of noted Andoverite May Bell with her dog Rikki Gretchen was used as the artwork for the invitation to the Hair of the Dog fundraiser. Bell was well known not only for her volunteer work but was highly regarded for the large bequests she left to the Historical Society, library and other Andover institutions. Rikki Gretchen and her other dogs were Bell's constant companions, and Andover residents may remember seeing Bell walking her four-legged friends around town.

Courtesy photo



## Wine with (four) legs

Hair of the Dog wine and art event benefits region's animal shelter

By BETHANY BRAY  
 STAFF WRITER

Shawsheen Village Liquors may be one of the most dog-friendly shops in town. The store's official mascot is Jake, the 10-year-old, 85-pound pooch of owners Michael and Sheri Helman.

Jake usually sits in the stock room and peeks his nose out from under the swinging doors.

Customers love to visit Jake; those who bring in their own dogs get a complimentary doggie bone with their bottles of wine and other spirits.

"Jake is the first real mutt I've owned, and he's the best dog I've ever had. I grew up in a family that always wanted pureblood dogs," said Sheri Helman, who has owned Shawsheen Village Liquors with her husband for seven years. "Now, everybody walks in the store and says, 'Hi, Jake!'"

The Helmans adopted Jake from Nevins Farm in Methuen, a facility of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

It was their love of Jake and expertise with wines that prompted them to host a wine-tasting fundraiser, aptly named "Hair of the Dog," to raise money for Nevins Farm. The first Hair of the Dog was four years ago; it has now become an annual event combined with an art show, raffles, live music and food.

This year's Hair of the Dog will be May 2 at the Essex Art Center in Lawrence. Last year, 300 people attended and Hair of the Dog raised \$7,500.

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### ON TAP

■ **What:** Hair of the Dog wine and beer tasting and art show

■ **When:** Friday, May 2, 6 to 9 p.m.

■ **Where:** Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence

■ **Why:** To benefit Nevins Farm and the MSPCA

■ **How:** Tickets are \$25 at the door or \$20 in advance; available at Shawsheen Village Liquors, 4 Poor St., 978-475-3636; at the MSPCA, Nevins Farm, 400 Broadway (Route 28), Methuen, 978-687-7453, ext. 6105; or online at www.mspsca.org/nevinsfarm. Proceeds go to the MSPCA at Nevins Farm. Ten percent of wine and art sales donated. Visit www.shawsheenliquors.com and click on "Great Wines for Great Causes"

# BENEFIT

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"What I enjoy the most is seeing the people willing to come out for the animals and the art; it makes me feel good. I think the artwork is great, the wine's pretty good and the cause is fabulous. A lot of great wines for a great cause," said Sheri Helman.

The Helmans will have close to 50 wines and beer for tasting that evening, and have selected several with animal-themed names to showcase, such as Red Rover and Fat Cat.

Liquor cannot be sold at the art center, but the couple will take orders. Whole Foods is donating the

appetizers, and about 20 artists will have works displayed, including paintings, sculpture, stained glass and jewelry, said Helman.

All ticket proceeds go directly to the MSPCA at Nevins Farm, she said. Ten percent of all wine and art sales will also be donated to the animal shelter.

Live music will be provided by the White Street Band, a Chicago-style blues band "with a rock and roll edge," said Helman. All the band's members are local musicians, she said.

The invitations for the event feature a pastel drawing of the late Andover resident May Bell by Karen Van Welden-Herman, an Andover artist. Bell was a dog lover and was seldom seen about

town without a pooch in tow.

"She was a person that people in town knew. She used to work for the town and she walked all over town with her dogs. The Historical Society was one of her favorite spots and she went to the library every day to read the paper," said Welden-Herman of May Bell. "She loved animals, and always loved dogs ... her animals were wonderfully well-treated."

Welden-Herman's portrait, created for Bell's 80th birthday, shows Bell with her 114-pound German shepherd, Rikki Gretchen.

"We thought (the portrait of Bell) represented how we felt about the MSPCA. It's a companion thing between the owners and their pets. That's a beautiful thing

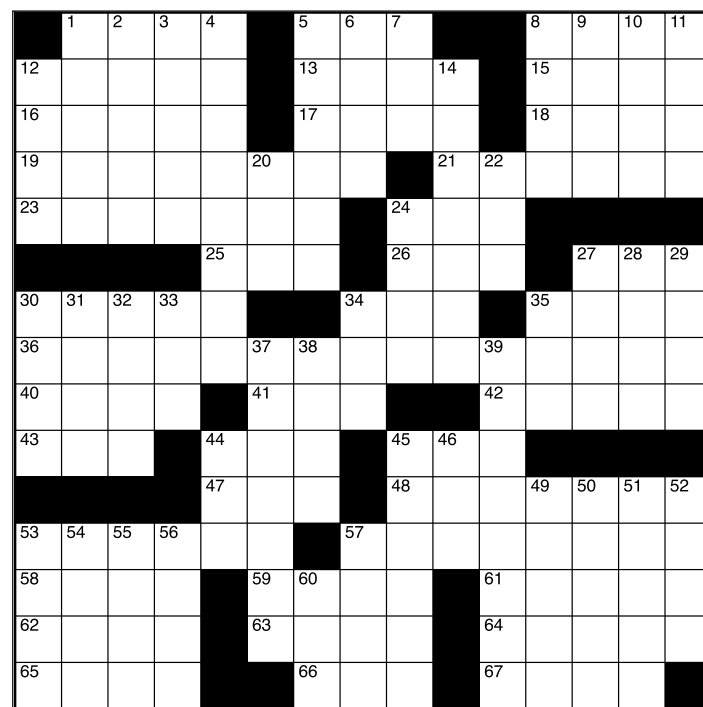
about adopting from the MSPCA," she said.

Bell volunteered many years for the Andover Historical Society and when she died in 1996, she left significant bequests to the places that had been of special significance to her throughout her life: the Andover Historical Society, the Free Christian Church and Memorial Hall Library, said Sheri Helman.

Welden-Herman and Bell were friends and both were involved with the Historical Society. Welden-Herman's portrait of Bell will not be at the show, but she'll have some oil and acrylic paintings for sale, many of them with animal themes.

But not all will showcase dogs. "I'm more of a cat person," she chuckled.

# Crossword Puzzle



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Interlock
5. Insecticide
8. Exploiter
12. Southern U.S.
13. Afflicts
15. Count on
16. Buyers: cust \_\_\_\_
17. Contest
18. Flintstone phrase: Ya-ba \_\_\_\_ Doo
19. Gross
21. Misuses
23. Circular window filled with tracery
24. Patti Hearst's captors
25. Swiss river
26. Pinna
27. Political action committee
30. Small crane
34. Diego or Francisco
35. Decorative neck cord
36. Hemingway classic
40. Scotch hillside
41. 4th month (abbr.)
42. Large S.A. rodents
43. Spanish sun
44. Rather than
45. Before
47. They \_\_\_\_
48. Oxygenates
53. A Sioux
57. Existing as an independent entity
58. N. Ethiopian town
59. Christmas
61. River: Ukraine to the Danube
62. People who cannot hear
63. Afrikaans

### CLUES DOWN

1. Uses a stencil through which ink is pressed
2. Company officers
3. 1954 Brando film "De \_\_\_\_"
4. Hold back
5. Snakebird
6. Days (Spanish)
7. Considerate attention
8. Literary language of Pakistan
9. Oceans
10. Czech river
11. Shag rugs
12. Am. poet Julia Caroline Ripley
14. Coating on a porous surface
20. School organization
22. Counter for drinks
24. Close hermetically
27. Pork
28. \_\_\_\_ Mater, one's school
29. Mama \_\_, rock singer
30. Taps gently
31. 60's hairstyle
32. River in South Africa
33. Anger
34. Single Lens Reflex
35. The cry made by sheep
37. Authorizing document
38. Fencing blade
39. Functions
44. Take in solid food
45. Spanish dish
46. Ribbed or corded fabric
49. Come into existence
50. Lower trunk body armor
51. Kriemhild's second husband
52. \_\_ Connerly, "007"
53. Irrational art movement
54. Arabian Gulf
55. Chinese monetary unit
56. Stumblebumps
57. Scorch
60. Acorn parent

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# EVENTS

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North Reading. Proceeds will benefit the library. Call 978-664-4942 for further information.

**Boston Horns Jazz and Funk fundraiser** at Old Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. to raise money for a music scholarship fund. The cost is \$10. Tickets can be purchased at the door, through any of the jazz band members or at [www.bostonhorns.com](http://www.bostonhorns.com).

"Beauty and the Beast," presented by North Andover High School, North Andover High School, North Andover, 7:30 p.m., \$15 reserved seating, \$12 at door, \$10 advance, \$8 students and senior citizens. Contact Karen Kramer at 978-794-1711, ext. 3073.

### SATURDAY, MAY 3

**Book sale** hosted by the Friends of the Flint Memorial Library, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the library activity room, 147 Park St., North Reading. Proceeds will benefit the library. Call 978-664-4942 for information.

**Andover Chamber Music Series** presents "A Little Night Music," 7 p.m., Lanam Club in Andover. Music and food plus silent and live auctions with guest host, WGBH radio personality Ron Della Chiesa; RSVP to [LeslieKaplan@andoverchambermusic.org](mailto:LeslieKaplan@andoverchambermusic.org).

**The Friends of the Reading Public Library** host a performance by the Nashua Flute Choir at 8 p.m. at 64 Middlesex Ave., Reading. Free. Call 781-944-2017.

**Yard sale and silent auction**, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St., Andover.

**Bird walk** at 8 a.m., sponsored by the Merrimack Valley Bird Club, will be led by Al Retelle. Bring binoculars if you have them.

**West Parish Church**, 129 Reservation Road, will host its May breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. Adults, \$6; children, \$3.50. Tickets may be bought at the door. Full breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, pancakes,

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The Kid has a couple of favorite teacher/heroes. Oliver Sicat was one of the 2006 Boston teachers of the year. He is a math teacher and the son of two Filipino immigrants. He was the first in his family to earn a college degree.

Sicat attended the University of Southern California and Harvard Graduate School of Education. At Harvard, he developed an idea for an after-school program called Emagine.

After he graduated from Harvard, he got a teaching assignment in a rough Boston neighborhood school. There, he put Emagine into action. He worked with 20 inner-city freshman high school

Oliver Sicat in his classroom in Boston

**National Teacher Day May 6**

students. He tutored them after school and during the summer for four years. Sicat even visited colleges with his students.

"They didn't hear positive messages every day and they needed to have someone teach them that," said Sicat.

All of the students were accepted to various colleges and universities.

Sicat is now a principal at Noble Network of Charter Schools in Chicago. The schools use his Emagine practices.

Another heroic teacher is in the news. Amy King teaches math at Bryan Elementary School in Tennessee. She and her students were on a field trip to Chattanooga's Tennessee Aquarium when their bus driver passed out. King jumped to the wheel of the bus and kept it from going into oncoming traffic.

The bus rolled over. King received several broken bones, but everyone on the bus survived.

The students on board call her a hero for keeping the wreck from becoming more dangerous than it was.

King said she is uncomfortable with her new title of hero, but her students and their parents think it fits her well.

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In addition to the Boston Horns' performance, three 20-minute sets will feature student performances. They are Captain Mojo, a ska, funk and rock band made up of four Andover High seniors, Steve Goldsheim, David Easton, Greg Ragnio and Conor Hickey; Informal Vibe, a jazz fusion group of three sophomores, John Fiorentino, Brendan O'Donnell and Matt Cohen; and solo act Gracie Jackson, a senior singer/songwriter.

"If this works, maybe we could make it into a yearly event, with another professional band. It's good entertainment and it's a good cause. This helps keep the music program (in Andover) vital. In this day and age, cuts can come and interest can fall. If the program continues to be a strong program and active in the community, it can perpetuate itself. We're doing this more than just for the scholarship, it benefits the community at large," Buckridge said.

Districtwide, Andover has about 100 kids involved in jazz, with two jazz bands at the middle school level and two jazz bands at AHS. Buckridge, who has been teaching in Andover for 10 years, also leads a jazz band at the high school.

Buckridge has played guitar for the Boston Horns for 10 years, and toured Japan with the group last year. The Boston Horns writes all its music, regularly plays jazz festivals and clubs and has recorded several albums, but has never performed in Andover before.

"Teaching is my career, but (playing with the Boston Horns) it's like my second job," Buckridge said.

The band plays "contemporary jazz with a leaning toward a funky sound," comparable to bands like Tower of Power and the 1970s jazz/rock of Herbie Hancock or the Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Buckridge explained.

"It's danceable. Horns are our main sound, but with a beat. We focus on rhythm, but have a jazz background with instrumentation. It's a funky beat, but still in a jazz mindset," he said.

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French toast, muffins, doughnuts and coffee, tea and orange juice.

**Windrush Farm** will host its annual "Farm Day" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 30 Brookview Road in Boxford on the North Andover line. Enjoy live music, games, crafts, pony rides and much more in a traditional New England setting. While many activities are free, tickets will be sold for some events. The parking fee is \$5. All money raised will benefit Windrush Farm's therapeutic horseback riding programs. For driving direction and more information about Windrush Farm, visit [www.windrushfarm.org](http://www.windrushfarm.org) or call 978-682-7855. Windrush Farm is wheelchair accessible. Rain date is May 4.

**New England Classical Singers**, David Hodgkins, artistic director - "Sumer is icumin in" at 7:30 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover. Music of summer, spring and love from the 12th to 20th centuries, \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$5 for students. Tickets are available from choir members, the Rogers Center box office, the Andover Bookstore and at the door; 978-474-6090 or at [www.newenglandclassical.org](http://www.newenglandclassical.org).

**"Beauty and the Beast,"** presented by North Andover High School, North Andover High School, North Andover, 7:30 p.m., \$15 reserved seating, \$12 at door, \$10 advance, \$8 students and senior citizens. Contact Karen Kramer at 978-794-1711, ext. 3073.

**Kentucky Derby party**, the Firehouse Center for the Arts, Newburyport, \$50 per person, 978-462-7336 or [www.firehouse.org](http://www.firehouse.org).

### SUNDAY MAY 4

**Open house:** The Andover Historical Society will host a free open house featuring the history of Andover's downtown neighborhood, with a special viewing of the society's newest exhibit, "Main Street Memories: A Walk Down Memory Lane," and a project update report by Andover Town Planner Lisa Schwartz, 978 Main

St., 978-475-2236.

**"Labyrinth Mysteries,"** a visual presentation about the history of the labyrinth as a meditative device and its use as a therapeutic as well as a spiritual tool, by Victoria Williams, followed by an optional outdoor candlelit labyrinth walk, 7 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St., Andover. Sponsored by the Women's Spirituality Series, free and open to all; 978-475-4454.

**Andover Choral Society** presents "Messiah," 3 p.m., Rogers Center, Merrimack College; 978-688-6352 or [www.andoverchoral.org](http://www.andoverchoral.org) for tickets.

**AVIS work party**, Merrimack River trails, 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at New England Business Center off Old River Road. Led by Andrea Leary, [andrealeary@verizon.net](mailto:andrealeary@verizon.net).

**Northshore Youth Symphony Orchestra** will perform an afternoon of concerts from 3 to 5 p.m. at Masconomet High School, Endicott Road, Boxford. The event is free to the public.

**The Laurie Chase KidsFest**, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Washington Square, Merrimack Street and Columbus Park around the area of downtown Haverhill, for teens and kids of all ages.

**"Beauty and the Beast,"** presented by North Andover High School, North Andover High School, North Andover, 2 p.m., \$15 reserved seating, \$12 at door, \$10 advance, \$8 students and senior citizens. Contact Karen Kramer at 978-794-1711, ext. 3073.

**"Mozart, Monsters and Matisse,"** with Jim West, part of the Discovery Series at the University of Lowell, 2 p.m. Features innovative puppetry set to the music of Mozart and surrounded by the colorful cutouts of Matisse. Recommended for ages 4 to 9, this show will spark a flurry of puppet-making and cutouts in homes everywhere. Durgin Hall, 35 Wilder St., on the UMass Lowell South Campus, \$12; tickets at 978-934-4444 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, [www.uml.edu/centerforarts](http://www.uml.edu/centerforarts).

### TUESDAY, MAY 6

Andover Garden Club Annual Meeting and

Floral Design Program, 10 a.m., members exhibiting period designs spanning nine decades. Box lunch to follow. West Parish Church, Andover, free for members, \$15 for nonmembers. Contact Susan Johnston at 978-475-7830 or [sjohnston@comcast.net](mailto:sjohnston@comcast.net).

**Conversation Circles** at the Lawrence Public Library, 51 Lawrence St., Lawrence, 4 p.m. Open to anyone wishing to improve their English language skills, the idea is to give people the opportunity to engage in natural conversation in order to increase their comfort level. Held every Tuesday through May 27, also held at the Asian Center of the Merrimack Valley, 1 Ballard Way, Lawrence, on Thursdays, and running through May 29. For information, call 978-682-1727, ext.117, or 978-794-5789.

**Business lecture**, "Making the Transition from Business Owner to Business Leader," 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Jack Wilson, president of JWA/Video, a 23-year-old management training company working with corporations worldwide delivering training on videos, CDs, streaming media and more, will talk about how to lead with authority and influence. Free program will be held at Enterprise Center, 121 Loring Ave., Salem, Mass.; contact Cathy Julien at [cjulien@enterprisecr.org](mailto:cjulien@enterprisecr.org) or visit [www.enterprisecr.org](http://www.enterprisecr.org).

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

**J. David Broudo** will speak on architect Frank Lloyd Wright at 7:30 p.m. in the Art Center Lecture Hall, Endicott College, 376 Hale St., Route 127, Beverly. The lecture is free and the public is invited to attend. For more information, call 978-232-2012.

**The Essex County Needlecraft Guild** of Topsfield is having a needlework exhibit and demonstrations, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Coolidge Hall, Topsfield Fairgrounds, Route 1, Topsfield, free; refreshments will be served.

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Kismet, a premier wellness center located in Andover, has officially opened and is offering a variety of programs and classes to the community. Located in a historic Ballardvale mill next to the Shawsheen River, the center's rustic setting has a warm and welcoming feeling.  
Kismet offers a variety of programs and classes, including a yoga program that features experienced instructors from Boston, North Shore, Merrimack Valley, and southern New Hampshire. The center opened with a packed schedule of power classes conducted in a heated studio, as well as Hatha, Kripalu, and relaxation-based classes for those who prefer a slower, gentler practice.  
Members can take advantage of Kismet's kickboxing program to experience an invigorating workout that utilizes core kickboxing techniques to improve strength, increase endurance, and help members achieve their weight-loss goals. The center offers kickboxing for girls (ages 8 - 13) in a fun, upbeat class set to the latest musical hits.  
Kismet's day spa offers massage, hot stone treatments, body scrubs, and therapeutic services. The center sells energy bars, water, and other organic treats that can be enjoyed in a cafe area that provides free wi-fi services for guests. The center is available for group and charity events.  
Kismet offers onsite babysitting services, as well as a number of children's programs (karate, yoga, and art classes) that help keep little ones active and engaged, while allowing their parents to enjoy a class, workshop, or spa treatment.  
The Kismet Kids programs will be launching on May 12 and includes a variety of yoga and art classes for all ages - tots to teens. Little Yogis and Little Artists programs are designed to stimulate imagination, while providing a creative outlet for our youngest members. Kismet Martial Arts Academy offers programs for all ages and employs a non-competitive curriculum based on character development. For more information, visit Kismet's web site at [www.kismetwellness.com](http://www.kismetwellness.com).  
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# Education

## Hip hop hits Old Town Hall May 9



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Members of the Andover Youth Services spoken word poetry group, *Speak Up*, at the AYS office for a weekly meeting are, from left, front row, Daree Colon, 14; Khaneisha White, 15; and Neal Callahan, 19; back row, Jessica Spates, 17; Tito Brito, 16; Turalloy Jackson, 17; Camilla Ekokobe, 16; and Sobhan Namvar of AYS.

By BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

Rappers, beat-boxers and dancers from Lawrence and Dorchester will join forces with Andover High School's spoken-word poets for a night of entertainment May 9 at Old Town Hall.

Organized by Andover Youth Services and its spoken-word poetry group, *Speak Up*, the event, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., is being promoted as a way for young people in town to come together through hip hop.

Tickets to the show will cost \$7 at the door.

"I think that's the main kind of goal, in general, is to show people that you can bring everyone together through similar tastes and you're not as different from everybody else as you think," said Andover High senior and AYS *Speak Up* member Neal Callahan. "It's

not some place you would normally expect a hip hop show to go on. But it will hopefully go well and start something that could be held every year."

The night will be hosted by MC Mic Stylz, a.k.a. Michael Home-wood, an Andover native. Along with AYS *Speak Up* members, performers will include hip hop artists from the Lawrence-based Inscape Records and Wolves Entertainment, Dorchester beat-boxer Mr. Them, and the Lawrence-based Diversity Dancing group, which is comprised of high school students.

"We're excited about doing it," said Andover Youth Services Director Bill Fahey. "I think we see it as a little bit of everything going on at Old Town Hall, in terms of what's going on in the hip hop community."

Callahan, 18, who first became

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## BOOK REVIEW

### Guilt-free teen romance

By MARI MIYACHI  
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

Sometimes, it is a great challenge to escape the inevitable addiction of pop culture. It is almost impossible to get that catchy Top 40 hit out of your head, as dumb and annoying as the song may be. You sit at home and watch marathons of those cheesy reality TV shows, fully aware of their staged and ridiculous nature. When browsing for your next read at the bookstore, you're drawn, against your better judgment, to the trashy teen section.

It was on one of these days of weakness that I found myself standing between "Gossip Girl" and "The Clique." I had decided to give in to temptation. I was going to read a teen romance. But choosing one that is worth the time — that's where things can get tricky.

I have traveled down this path before. A few years ago, I read "The It Girl" by Cecily von Ziegesar, the same author who wrote the *Gossip Girl* series. The plot, following a New York socialite's adaptation to boarding school, was shallow, as was the character development, and the quality of writing left something to be desired. I understand the appeal of these books: the protagonists are rich, beautiful and exciting. However, I wish that the readers of books like "The It Girl" would realize that they can get even more satisfaction from reading novels with more substance.

For anyone looking for a great romance, I always will recommend "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen. However, I feel obliged to choose a modern-day teen novel, "Someone Like You" by Sarah Dessen.

"Someone Like You" follows the story of best friends Halley and Scarlett, who epitomize the typical "opposites attract"

relationship. Scarlett has always been popular and well-known, while Halley stayed in the background. But life throws a number of twists for the two: Scarlett becomes pregnant with the child of her recently deceased boyfriend, and Halley, for the first time, finds a serious boyfriend, Macon. As ridiculous as this plot sounds, Dessen is able to write cohesively, and she impresses with the believability of her story.

I would give this book a 7 out of 10. Sure, there are books that have deeper plots, more intriguing characters, and more eloquent writing. But "Someone Like You" is engaging, its message virtuous (unlike that of von Ziegesar's work), and its characters sympathetic. Despite the overuse of trivial dialogue and its sometimes predictability, I actually enjoyed reading "Someone Like You." This book is probably best suited for young teens and older, as it deals with pregnancy and serious relationships. While I never like to discourage either gender from reading, this is one book that is definitely more geared toward a female audience.

So please, teen readers, resist the "Gossip Girls" and the indulgence of those tabloid-like novels. If you cannot stay away from the teen romances, that is certainly not the path to go down. Hopefully, I can steer you toward well-written, thoughtfully plotted fiction. If the likes of Jane Austen are too overwhelming, then give "Someone Like You" a try. It will satisfy that thirst for teen literature, and unlike some other teen romance novels, it is completely guilt-free.

Mari Miyachi is an Andover resident and student at Phillips Academy who writes for young adult readers.

## ON CAMPUS

David Rountree of 3 Cabot Road has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2007 term at Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences in Baltimore, Md. He was also named to the spring 2007 dean's list.

This achievement requires a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

The following local students earned honors for the fall semes-

ter at Skidmore College — Sarah Goldstein, Class of 2009, the daughter of Robert and Faith Goldstein of Andover; Christine Richardson, Class of 2010, the daughter of Scott and Susan Richardson of Andover. Highest honors are awarded for a quality point ratio of 3.670 or more from a possible 4.0. Honors are awarded for a grade point ratio of 3.4 to 3.669.

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## Planting SEEDS at St. Augustine

First grade students at St. Augustine School experimented with bubbles recently under the kind guidance of retired physicist Dr. William Anderson, who has been employing his talents in local elementary schools as a member of project RESEED for the past 15 years.

RESEED stands for Retirees Enhancing Science Education through Experiments and Demonstrations

*"The children will inherit the earth. The better off I can make it by teaching them, the better off it will be for me as an old man."*

Dr. William Anderson

Anderson conducts physics experiments with kindergartners through eighth-graders at St. Augustine School on challenging topics like aerodynamics, density and simple machines. Some of his most memorable experiments involve floating diet and regular soda cans in water to illustrate density, connecting circuits to reveal electric current, and his recent work handling bubbles to explain surface tension.

Many of these scientific topics are covered on the MCAS test for grade 8, which make Anderson's hands-on methods and visualization of topics relevant as well as enjoyable, said Karen Landers, St. Augustine teacher.

Landers said Anderson says his reasons for teaching elementary can be summed up in three words: "I love it!"

"The children will inherit the earth. The better off I can make it by teaching them, the better off it will be for me as an old man," Anderson jokes.

Anderson visits classes on a monthly basis. The RESEED program is sponsored at St. Augustine School by Northeastern University and the National Science Foundation.



COURTESY PHOTO

First-grader Grace Condon peers through a bubble as she learns science from retired physicist William Anderson at St. Augustine School.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, May 5 through 9:

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

**Monday:** Breakfast sandwich with egg and cheese, cereal and yogurt, French toast sticks with syrup, sausage links, ham steak, mixed fruit cup and orange juice.

**Tuesday:** Oven fried chicken, rice pilaf, dinner roll, ham and cheese on whole wheat with lettuce and tomato, pretzels, bagel and yogurt, string cheese, whole kernel corn, chilled fruit, fresh melon and juice.

**Wednesday:** Rotini with marinara

sauce, meatballs, garlic bread, sweet honey barbecue rib sandwich on roll, personal size veggie or cheese pizza, green beans, baked beans, chilled fruit cup and juice.

**Thursday:** Chicken tenders or popcorn chicken, roast turkey sandwich on wheat bread with lettuce and tomato, Smart Food popcorn, macaroni and cheese with bread stick, icy juicy, carrots and fresh fruit.

**Friday:** Papa Gino's pizza, cheese or pepperoni, garden salad topped with tuna, pita bread, raisins, fresh fruit and juice.

### MIDDLE SCHOOLS

**Monday:** Nachos topped with ground

beef, French toast sticks with syrup and sausage link, whole-grain mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, Mexican corn, refried cheesy beans, black bean salad and chilled melon.

**Tuesday:** Cheese or pepperoni pan pizza, crispy chicken sandwich with lettuce and tomato, American sub, cole slaw, pasta salad, fresh fruit and juice.

**Wednesday:** Oven fried chicken with biscuit, veggie chili in bread bowl, macaroni and cheese, roll, broccoli salad, fresh fruit and juice.

**Thursday:** Cheese or pepperoni personal size pizza, roasted turkey club on bulky

roll with lettuce, tomato and bacon, spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread, Caesar salad, baked fries, fruit and juice.

**Friday:** Grilled cheese on sourdough bread and vegetable soup, meatball sub on French bread, chicken wing dings with dips, baked fries, celery and carrot sticks with dips and fresh fruit.

### ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL

**Monday:** Veggie, nacho bar, ham and cheese special, chilled fresh pineapple rings and juice.

**Tuesday:** Italian sub with the works, roast pork dinner, mashed potatoes, stuff-

ing, green beans, applesauce, burger topped with cheddar cheese and barbecue sauce and juice.

**Wednesday:** Egg salad wrap or sub, lasagna topped with mozzarella and marinara or meat sauce, garlic bread, honey mustard grilled chicken breast on a bulky roll and juice.

**Thursday:** Greek salad wrap, oven fried chicken topped with seasoned potato wedges, cole slaw, corn, biscuit, grilled pork panini and juice.

**Friday:** Hot pastrami topped with cheese served on a bulky roll, beef macaroni and cheese, Italian bread stick, garden salad,

carrots, grilled ham, turkey and Swiss on sourdough bread, chilled fruit and juice.

Also available a la carte daily at the elementary and middle schools; bottled water and 100 percent juice; low-fat ice cream and yogurt; bagel with light cream cheese; yogurt; fresh fruit of the season; and milk.

At Andover High School there is a wrap/deli bar with sandwiches made to order with favorite toppings, plus a daily sandwich offering, daily specials, and panini specials.

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# Sports

“(His brothers) Matt and Andrew were very good players. John can be one of our all-time best.”

Andover coach Ken Maglio

## BREAKING OUT



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover's John Hennessy, here attempting to turn a double play against Methuen, has developed into a slick fielder at shortstop. He is also emerging with the bat. He leads the Golden Warriors in RBIs and is second in batting average.

### Hennessy following in brothers' footsteps to excel for Andover baseball



File photo

Hennessy could hold his own in the field as a youngster, too. Here, he prepares to let loose a throw as a 13-year-old.

#### THE JOHN HENNESSY FILE

**Sport:** Baseball  
**Grade:** Sophomore

**Age:** 16

**Height/Weight:** 5-10, 165 pounds

**Position:** Shortstop

**Baseball:** In his second year as a starter, leads the team in RBIs and ranks second in batting average and runs scored. Started as a freshman, first at second

base, hitting .226.

**Football:** The front-runner to replace Mike Pierce as quarterback of Andover's pass-happy spread offense. Was JV quarterback and holder for kicks on varsity before dislocating his left elbow.

**Family:** Brothers Matt and Andrew were both standout baseball players at Andover. Matt was also a football standout.

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

ANDOVER — There is no arguing that John Hennessy, just a sophomore, is emerging as a star for Andover High. But there was a time during the fall when Hennessy worried if he would even be healthy for baseball season.

“I was running towards the end zone,” he remembered. “I stepped out of bounds and got pushed. I put my arm out to break my fall and felt my elbow pop out.”

The play, in the third JV football game of the season, left him with a dislocation of his left, non-throwing elbow. He knew his football season was over, so one thought came to mind: What about baseball season?

A year ago, as a freshman, he became the third Hennessy brother to make the Andover varsity baseball team. He opened the season as the starting second baseman, then moved to shortstop.

“We didn't have a solid defensive second baseman and John showed he could play at the varsity level during camp,” said coach Ken Maglio. “A few games into the season we decided to try him at shortstop, and he was just a natural and continued to progress into quite a defensive player.”

But trouble struck in football, when the quarterback suffered his elbow injury.

“I was scared because I didn't know how bad it was and I wasn't sure how long it would take to get back,” he said. “I didn't know what the future setbacks might be. I really wanted to get ready for baseball.”

But doctors reassured him that, with some work, he could be back to normal in three

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#### ► This week's highlights

## Sullivan, Andover find their groove

### GIRLS LACROSSE

Heather Sullivan scored six goals to lead Andover to a 13-6 victory over defending Division 1 south champ Shrewsbury on Saturday, April 26.

“I think we are playing the best lacrosse we have played all season,” said coach John McVeigh. “We were down 2-1 and scored the next 10 goals. And we got (senior tri-captain) Jordy Shoemaker back from injury. So that's a big plus.”

It was the second straight win for the Golden Warriors, who had previously lost consecutive games to two-time defending state champion Framingham and defending state runner-up Longmeadow.

“I like the way we dealt with those two losses,” said McVeigh. “I feel like we are finally healthy and the young players are starting to get a good feel for the game.”

Jess Forster scored two goals and assisted on two others, Catherine Gross also had two goals and two assists, Kelly Driscoll had two goals and one assist and Ilana Cohen had a goal and five assists for Andover (7-2).

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Heather Sullivan and Catherine Gross each had four goals as Andover downed Chelmsford 15-7 last Tuesday, April 22, to snap a two-game losing streak. Ilana Cohen had a hat trick, Katelyn Caro added a pair of goals and Kelly Driscoll and Rosie Forster each had one goal. Jules Konjoian had five saves for the winners.

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Andover's game against North Andover scheduled for April 25 was postponed. Not makeup date has been announced.

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ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photo

Andover's Catherine Gross charges down field against Winchester. Gross had a combined six goals as the Golden Warriors won two in a row last week.

#### ■ FROM THE COMMUNITY

John McCarthy of Andover looks to make a move with the puck for Boston University last season. The former St. John's Prep standout was named a captain for the Terriers for the 2008-09 season.

Courtesy photo



## McCarthy earns captain's 'C' for BU hockey

Andover's John McCarthy was recently awarded one of college hockey's greatest honors.

The 21-year-old center and former St. John's Prep standout was elected a 2008-09 Boston University hockey captain.

“It's huge,” said McCarthy. “To be a captain, especially when you see the names of former captains like (Olympic hockey legend) Mike Eruzione, Jay Pandolfo, Chris Drury, Brad Zanecano and Sean Sullivan ... the list (of great captains) goes on and on.”

Legendary Terriers coach Jack Parker informed McCarthy of the decision before the “Friends of BU Hockey” dinner.

“Truthfully, it's not something I was counting on,” McCarthy said. “But I was sure (All-America defenseman) Matt Gilmore would be one. He wore the 'A' sweater (denoting assistant captain) this season.”

Hockey is not McCarthy's only area of excellence. At that dinner he received the Regina Eilberg Scholarship, awarded to the play-

er who performs best both on the ice and in the classroom.

McCarthy was a four-year varsity performer at St. John's Prep, where he also led the football team to the Super Bowl. He then played for the Des Moines Buccaneers of the USHL in 2004-05 and was drafted by the San Jose Sharks in the seventh round of the 2006 NHL Draft. In three years with BU, he has totalled eight goals and eight assists.

“BU was always my first choice,” he said. “I guess it started

when I watched them so many times in the Beanpot as a kid. I was sold on BU, which was the first to contact me.”

#### TRACK

Andover's Chris Cole led the Gettysburg College 4x400 relay team that placed second at the Penn Relays. They ran a time of 3:17.21, besting the No. 3 team by more

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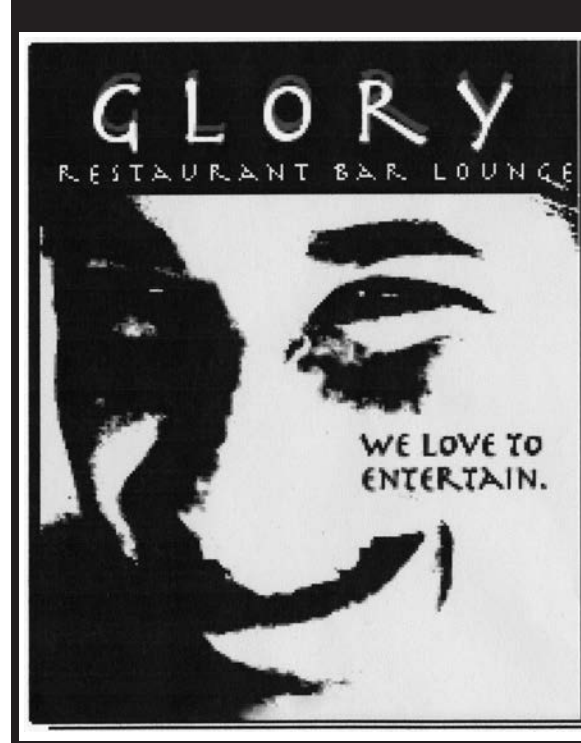
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# ROUNDUP

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## SOFTBALL

### Doucette, Golden Warriors' bats come alive

Jeanette Doucette led an offensive explosion as Andover drubbed Notre Dame of Tyngsboro 15-0 on Friday, April 25.

The junior outfielder finished the night 4 for 5 with three runs scored and a whopping five RBIs. She connected on a two-run homer and had a pair of doubles.

Nina Yu added a pair of RBIs and three runs scored, Tricia Martin drove in a run and Katie Kucharski scored twice for the Golden Warriors. Kathleen Cheney picked up her first win of the season on the mound.

Andover dropped a 7-1 decision to Tewksbury last Wednesday, April 23. Alex Strock had a hit and scored the Warriors' only run, and Rachel Licciardi and Katie Kucharski each added a hit.

## VOLLEYBALL

### Hinds leads Warriors

Behind 11 kills from Gary Hinds, Andover downed Durfee 25-8, 25-14, 25-13 last Tuesday, April 22, to improve to 6-3 on the season. The Golden Warriors once again relied on their stellar defense, led by Andrew Osbourne and Tommy Busta.

Andover rallied back from an early deficit to down Merrimack Valley Conference rival Lowell 3-2 last Wednesday, April 23. Matt Washburn excelled for the Golden Warriors with 18 kills.

Andover fell just short in a hard-fought 25-22, 26-24, 25-18 loss to MVC foe Haverhill on Friday, April 25. Garrett Kent played effectively all over the court while Mike Emmons and Gary Hinds kept the pressure on for the Warriors.

## BASEBALL

### Farnham's efforts for naught

Andover coach Ken Maglio summed up his team's performance simply.

"Everyone's going to have a stinker, ours came at the wrong time," said Maglio. "We had ours against a good team like Tewksbury."

Despite two hits and a run scored from John Hennessy, Andover struggled to a 12-4 loss to MVC rival Tewksbury last Wednesday, April 23.

P.J. Farnham continued his big season with a hit and two runs scored and Sam Clark and Mike Taylor each had an RBI for the Golden Warriors.

"This league is balanced," said Maglio. "If your pitcher comes through, everybody has a chance to beat anybody. Teams are going to lose."

P.J. Farnham was 3 for 3 with a RBI and two runs scored, but Andover fell to Lowell, 6-4, on Saturday, April 26. Sam Clark added two hits and drove in a run and John Hennessy and Mike Taylor each chipped in an RBI for the Golden Warriors.

### Tewksbury 12 Andover 4

Andover (4): P.J. Farnham cf 3-2-1, John Hennessy ss 3-1-2, Mike Taylor 2b 3-0-0, Sam Clark 1b 4-0-1, Zach Burdeau 3b 3-0-2, Steve LaFortune dh 3-0-0, Max Nolin lf 3-0-1, Mike Morander c 1-0-0, C.J. Leary c 2-0-0, Alex Patti rf 2-0-0, Kevin Hitchcock ph 0-1-0, John Farrell p 0-0-0, Ryan Walsh p 0-0-0. Totals 27-47.  
Tewksbury (12): Mike Ferrero ss 4-2-2, Pat Devlin 3b/p 3-4-2, Ronnie Wallace p/rf 3-1-0, Mike Delpointe c 2-2-1, Justin Torrance of 4-0-1, Scott Oberg 1b/3b 2-1-1, Kevin Lyons ph 1-0-0, Matt Bailey lf 3-0-1, Rob Meevey ph 1-0-0, Vinnie DePiero dh/p 1b 4-1-1, Bobby Burns 2b 3-1-1, Chase Bartram ph 1-0-0, T.J. Greene rf 0-0-0. Totals 31-12-11.  
Andover (4-2, 2-1 MVC):000002 2-4  
Tewksbury (5-1, 2-1 MVC):614 010 x-12  
RBI: A — Clark, Taylor  
WP: Wallace; LP: Farrell

## Softball

### Andover 15, Notre Dame 0

Notre Dame (0): Lucci 2b 3-0-1, McHale lf 3-0-0, Silby cf 2-0-0, Belleville 1b 1-0-0, A. O'Donnell ss 2-0-0, Swift 3b 2-0-0, L. O'Donnell c 2-0-0, Garlepy rf 2-0-0, Doucette p 1-0-0, Tierney ph 1-0-1. Totals 19-0-2.  
Andover (15): Yu c 3-1-1, Doucette rf 5-3-4, Martin 2b 4-0-0, M. McCarthy 3b 3-1-1, Strock cf 3-0-1, K. McCarthy 1b 3-1-0, Licciardi ss 1-3-0, Kucharski lf 2-2-1, Cheney p 0-0-0, Paonessa dp 4-2-0. Totals 28-15-8.  
Notre Dame: 000 000 — 0  
Andover (3-5): 002 373 —15  
RBI: Yu 2, Doucette 5, Martin  
WP: Cheney; LP: Doucette

### Tewksbury 7, Andover 1

Andover (1): Yu c 2-0-0, Doucette rf 3-0-0, Martin 2b 3-0-0, Meg McCarthy 3b 3-0-0, Strock lf 3-1-1, K. McCarthy 1b 1-0-0, Licciardi ss 3-0-1, Kucharski dp 3-0-1, Pettoruto cf 2-0-0, Cheney p 0-0-0. Totals 23-1-3.  
Tewksbury (7): Frazier 2b 2-1-1, Greene dp 3-1-1, Belliveau 3b 2-1-0, Welch ss 3-1-1, McLaughlin 1b 2-1-

0, Popp lf 3-0-0, DeCredico rf 3-1-1, DePiero cf 3-0-1, Fiorentino p 3-1-2, Doherty c 0-0-0. Totals: 24-7-7.  
Andover (2-5): 000 000 1-1  
Tewksbury (6-2): 000 007 x-7  
WP: Fiorentino; LP: Cheney

## Boys Lacrosse

### Lexington 8, Andover 2

Goals: A — Joe Lamagna, Gavin McIver  
Assists: A — Brendan Hughes, Justin Malins  
Saves: A — Nick Reeder 14; L — 22  
Lexington (6-2): 1-2-3-2 — 8  
Andover (7-3): 0-1-0-1 — 2

## Girls Lacrosse

### Andover 13, Shrewsbury 6

Goals: A — Heather Sullivan 6, Jess Forster 2, Kelly Driscoll 2, Catherine Gross 2, Ilana Cohen  
Assists: A — Cohen 5, Gross 2, Forster 2, Katelyn Caro 2, Driscoll  
Saves: A — Jules Konjoian 12; S — All McCarthy 11  
Halftime: 6-2 Andover  
Records: Andover 7-2; Shrewsbury 7-2

### Andover 15, Chelmsford 7

Goals: A — Heather Sullivan 4, Catherine Gross 4, Ilana Cohen 3, Katelyn Caro 2, Kelly Driscoll, Rosie Forster  
Assists: A — Cohen 5, Driscoll 2, Sullivan, Caro, Natalie Gomez-Martinez, Katie Shields, Jess Forster  
Saves: A — Jules Konjoian 5; C — Morearty 17  
Halftime: Andover 9-4  
Records: Andover 6-2; Chelmsford 7-2

## BOYS LACROSSE

### Lamagna stays hot, but Andover falls

Joe Lamagna and Gavin McIver each had a goal, but Andover fell to Lexington 8-2 last Thursday, April 24. Brendan Hughes and Justin Malins each had an assist and Nick Reeder made 14 saves for the Golden Warriors.

## Baseball

### Lowell 6, Andover 4

Andover (4):Farnham cf 3-2-3, Hennessy ss 3-0-0, Taylor 2b 3-1-1, Clark 1b 4-0-2, Burdeau 3b 4-0-0, LaFortune dh 3-0-0, Chu rf 1-0-1, Morander c 2-0-0, McDermott lf 3-1-1, Carlson p 0-0-0, Farrell p 0-0-0. Totals 26-4-8.  
Lowell (6): Roy p/cf 3-0-1, Roman ss 3-0-0, Walker c 3-0-0, Capra rf 3-1-1, Cantone 1b 3-2-2, O'Neil 3b 2-1-1, Keenan dh 3-1-1, Roper lf 2-0-0, Daly 2b 1-0-0, Gaith ph 1-1-1, Smith cf 0-0-0, Wallace p 0-0-0. Totals 24-6-7.  
Andover (4-3, 3-2 MVC):000120 1-4  
Lowell (5-5, 2-3 MVC):000 042 x-6  
RBI: A — Farnham, Hennessy, Taylor, Clark  
WP: Roy; LP: Carlson

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# HENNESSY: Sophomore is emerging star with the bat and glove

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months. He spent four days in a cast, then was fitted with a metal brace that was adjusted gradually to bring back his complete range of motion. He also had to deal with the mental aspect of the injury.

"I had to get over the mind set that if I fell on my arm it would break," he said. "I was scared that if I bumped my elbow it would hurt it. But I got over it."

Once he was cleared, he began work to strengthen his forearm,

bicep and tricep with light weightlifting and push-ups, among other exercises. As soon as he was done with that, he finally got to what he was waiting for, baseball.

"I went to the batting cage a lot and we had captains' practices," he said. "We did a lot of lifting and a lot of hitting drills. I also worked with (second baseman) Mike Taylor on double plays."

All that work had paid off in a big way for Hennessy.

Through seven games this

season, the shortstop is leading the team in RBIs with nine, one better than Sam Clark. He is second on the Golden Warriors with a .487 (11 for 23) batting average, trailing only Merrimack College-bound outfielder P.J. Farnham's .500 (12 for 24) average. His eight runs are also second only to Farnham (10), and he has also developed into a top-flight shortstop.

"He is smooth and possesses a strong and accurate arm," said Maglio. "He has quick feel and

soft hands."

Hennessy's biggest game of the season came against MVC rival Dracut. He was 3 for 4 with two runs scored and four RBIs.

"I'm a little surprised by my production," Hennessy admitted. "I worked very hard on my hitting in the offseason. My goal was to be one of the best hitters on the team, and that is looking pretty good right now."

It is no surprise that he has found a home at Andover High's Peter Aumain Park. After all, excellence

in baseball runs in the family.

"He was always there when he was young," said his father, Richard Hennessy. "Fortunately for him, as our other kids grew up, John was carted around to all of their games and he just couldn't wait to get out there and participate."

Brother Matt had his breakout season on the diamond as a senior in 2005, when he hit .352 with 20 runs and 18 RBIs. Brother Andrew emerged that same season, hitting .347 with 20

runs. He followed that up his senior season by hitting .379 with 24 runs and 21 RBIs, earning Eagle-Tribune All-Star honors.

"John has the best of both his older brothers' qualities," said Maglio. "He has Matt's confidence and ability to do all the little things. He has Andrew's smoothness in the field and excellent vision at the plate. Matt and Andrew were very good players; John can be one of our all-time best."

Hennessy sees following his brothers — Matt is now a junior at Tufts and Andrew is a sophomore at the University of New Hampshire — as a benefit.

"When I was younger they gave me a lot of advice," he said. "I would watch them and try to imitate them. They still call me and send me e-mails about the season. They congratulate me when I do well."

"But I have always wanted to be my own player. I don't wear one of their numbers (he wears 10, Matt wore 18 and Andrew wore 1)."

Once baseball season comes to a close, Hennessy will return to the football field, where he must follow in the footsteps of both brother Matt and record-setting signal-caller Mike Pierce.

Matt Hennessy started three years for Maglio on the gridiron at running back. He finished his career with 2,216 rushing yards and 13 touchdowns. He is currently a fullback and special-teamer at Tufts.

Pierce, a senior last season, set seven Andover High single-season and career records. He threw for 2,179 yards and 20 touchdowns last season, both school records, and was named All-Scholastic.

But, like always, Hennessy feels up to the challenge.

"I am very excited," said Hennessy, who also plays cornerback. "I love to throw the ball, and everyone is very positive. I learned a lot from watching Mike, and I think everyone believes in me and wants me to do well."

He has the confidence of his coach.

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THURSDAY	THU. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly cloudy	A little rain	Mostly cloudy	Partly sunny; breezy	Mostly cloudy	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy
<b>High: 61°</b>	<b>Low: 42°</b>	<b>High: 56°</b> <b>Low: 43°</b>	<b>High: 55°</b> <b>Low: 43°</b>	<b>High: 59°</b> <b>Low: 46°</b>	<b>High: 63°</b> <b>Low: 45°</b>	<b>High: 67°</b> <b>Low: 48°</b>	<b>High: 68°</b> <b>Low: 53°</b>

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**Soccer hero supports school**

The New England Revolution's Doug Warren will be at the Kaps Salon and Men's Store on Thursday, May 1 in Andover. The Revolution soccer goalkeeper will be on hand at an event to help raise money for Melmark New England for Autism.

Warren will be at the 5 Main St. store from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., according to a release about the event. Between 100 and 200 people are expected to attend this private, ticketed event to help raise money for school, which moved to Andover last year. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available for purchase at Kaps, Dish, Elements and Melmark New England. For more information, call Jen at 617-230-3529.

**Famous rods**

In between all of the trade talk about metal, bamboo and transcendent bathtubs (some in the \$30,000 range), during the recent HGTV show "Kitchens & Baths 2008," was an interview with Andoverite Nancy Boughton of Cheever Circle. She won the "Best New Bath Product" at the recent Kitchen and Bath International Show in Chicago last month.

At the Chicago show, thou-



LORI STEIGERWALD/Courtesy photo

**A towel rod designed by Nancy and Nat Boughton of Andover won "Best New Bath Product" at the recent national trade show for kitchens and baths.**

sands of people apparently oohed and ahed over her bath towel rods, which are clear and feature her collected seaglass inside the rod (Townsmen, April 24). The HGTV show aired Sunday, April 27, with Boughton holding a rod filled with marbles and telling viewers it would be great for a kid's bathroom. The show reported the rods sell for \$189. And, to think it all started because this avid beachgoer tired of filling Mason jars with her seaglass.

— Judy Wakefield

**Learning sport can be a blast**

The Andover Youth Services Spring Golf League is back for its fourth year. Players will enjoy six weeks of team competition in addition to instructional practice sessions with members of the AHS Varsity Golf Team. Players will improve their all-around golf game including: driving, chipping, putting and iron play, according to AYS. The winning school will receive the Andover Middle School Golf Cup. The program begins with a qualifying round for each school May 7 to 9 and will conclude on June 19 with the individual stroke play tournament followed by a cookout.

Teams will be made up of the top 10 players from each middle school's qualifying round. Teams will compete each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in match play against the other schools. Head coaches may schedule separate practice times and golfers are encouraged to play on their own time.

The \$185 cost of registration will also cover course fees, a team shirt, range balls, entry into the individual and league championships and the season ending cookout. For more information, visit: [andoverouthservices.com/sports/golf.php](http://andoverouthservices.com/sports/golf.php)



File photo

**Andover Youth Services will offer a golf program again this year. Here Nicole Boudreau, 13, watches as Matt Doiron, 14, practices for last year's Andover Youth Golf Tournament.**

or call 978-623-8241.

**Chamber Music gala**

A Little Night Music, this year's Andover Chamber Music Series gala and auction, will be this Saturday, May 3 at 7 p.m. at the Lanam Club, 260 North Main St. The event will benefit ACMS

concerts and outreach programs such as the ACMS collaborative program with the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club, Music for All.

The series describes the night as an intimate evening of music including the Mozart Flute Quartet in D and the Schubert Quintet in C will be performed by Lucy

Chapman (Stoltzman) and Megumi Stohs, violins, Carol Rodland, viola, Jan Muller Szeraws and Josh Gordon, cellos and ACMS artistic director and founder Julie Scolnik, flute.

The public is invited to attend. Tickets are \$85 or \$75 for subscribers. To RSVP, call 978-474-6222 or e-mail [LeslieKaplan@andoverchambermusic.org](mailto:LeslieKaplan@andoverchambermusic.org)

**Annual Walk for Life comes to town May 10**

Andover will be one of three locations for a local center's 16th annual Walk For Life on Saturday, May 10.

The Pregnancy Care Center, which has three locations, in Haverhill, Amesbury and Newburyport, is beginning one of its three walk in from the Free Christian Church at 31 Elm St. in Andover. The walk routes are two miles each and will occur from 9 to 11 a.m., rain or shine. The other two routes will begin at Hope Community, 11 Hale St., Newburyport; and St. John the Baptist, 110 Lincoln Ave., Haverhill.

Free T-shirts will be given to walkers reaching \$150 in pledge donations. To register online go to [www.firstgiving.com/pecmv](http://www.firstgiving.com/pecmv), or to receive a walker pledge form, call the Pregnancy Care Center at 978-373-5718, ext. 53.

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