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**Cherish Brunet, 31, of Andover, and Cheryl Forbes, 36, of Tewksbury react to winning an "extreme makeover."**

PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo



## Two win \$10,000 extreme makeovers

BY BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

It's just like a reality show — minus an annoying host and celebrity bickering. This week, Cherish Brunet and Cheryl Forbes won a local extreme makeover giveaway, and soon will begin a rigorous fitness and beauty regimen. In November, after three months of personal training and skin, teeth and hair treatments,

*Now, three months of training begin for the Andover and Tewksbury mothers*

the two women will reveal their new looks at a "coming out celebration" at Glory Restaurant.

The makeovers are the brainchild of a

group of local businesses, including Indra Salon and Fitness Together in Andover and Tewksbury dentist Nitish Nahata. After the three-month transformation is over, the two makeover recipients will have received treatments valued at close to \$10,000.

Brunet and Forbes were chosen for the makeovers on Monday morning, Aug. 11,

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## Needs a name

TIM JEAN/Staff photo

15-month-old Leo Kirtley-Filipo smiles after he overcomes his fears of the big new polar bear sculpture in front of Memorial Hall Library. The names of the bears will be decided by children's votes submitted until Aug. 20.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Grace Shepley, of Andover, and her two children Barbara, 10 months old, and Christopher, 3, fill out a ballot to name the bears on the new polar bear statue.

## Library visitors picking names for polar bears

BY BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

The four polar bears depicted in the sculpture in front of Memorial Hall Library will soon have something in common with Yogi Bear and Winnie the Pooh. They'll have names.

Library patrons have the chance to pick the monikers of the polar bears in Vermont sculptor Jim Sardonis' work "Vigilance."

The sculpture, which depicts a mother bear and her three cubs, was installed on the library's front lawn, near Main Street, in June. Library staff have created a list of 41 possible names for the bears, and people can vote for their favorites on the library's Web site or by filling out a ballot at Memorial Hall Library in Elm Square.

People can vote as many times as they'd

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## Muffling the noise

### \$10 million approved for I-93 sound barriers

BY BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

The town has assessed Donald Wade's home on Bridle Path Road for \$120,000 less than what he believes it is worth. The reason? Noise from Interstate 93, he said, which passes just several hundred feet from his property.

"I couldn't sell it," said Wade, who has lived at 18 Bridle Path Road for nearly three decades. "It's awful, what the highway has done to the residents."

Relief is in sight, however, for some Andover residents like Wade who have been affected by highway noise.

Included in the state transportation bond bill approved by Gov. Deval Patrick earlier this week is a \$10 million appropriation for noise barriers east of Interstate 93 along the northbound side from Route 129 in Wilmington to Route 133.

The money is by far the largest single amount among \$11.9 million in state capital and transportation projects that promise to benefit the town.

Wade said the new barrier should add value to many homes abutting I-93. The state highway department hopes to construct a sound barrier along the northbound side of I-93 between Dascomb and Hansom roads in 2010.

A final design for the barrier is expected by late 2009, with construction starting in spring 2010 and potentially concluding by the end of the year, according to Kevin Walsh, director of environmental services for MassHigh-

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## State cash to fix town bridges

### Other Andover projects also supported

BY BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

A total of \$12.5 million for Andover projects is expected to be approved by Gov. Deval Patrick this week.

Patrick already has signed capital and transportation bond bills that will benefit the town, according to Becky Deusser, a deputy press secretary.

An environmental bond bill, which includes two Andover projects totaling \$600,000, was expected to be signed by Patrick today, Aug. 14, Deusser said.

"This is part of the state's responsibility to help cities and towns in these difficult economic times," said State Sen. Sue Tucker.

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## On leave from the Navy destroyer USS Cole

BY BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

At 22, Greg Morissette is a world traveler, having been to Spain, Latvia, Poland, Oman, the United Arab Emirates and many other countries aboard the USS Cole, a Navy destroyer.

Morissette, a 2004 Andover High School graduate, is a Navy petty officer second class. He has served aboard the

Cole for three and a half years.

"I have a tally somewhere of all the places I've been," he said, breaking into a smile. "It's a long list of places in four years."

Morissette was home in Andover earlier this week, finishing a week-and-a-half visit with family and friends while on leave following a six-month deployment at sea.

The first thing he likes to do when he's

home on leave is eat a good steak, he said. This time, he did so off the grill at a family cookout. Besides catching up with friends and family, he's also played a pickup game of soccer with his dad and visited Boston.

The thing he misses the most as he's deployed for six months at a time is his family: his dad Garry, stepmother Sarah



Courtesy photo

Petty Officer Second Class  
Greg Morissette.

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# NAMES: You have till Aug. 20 to vote

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like, but the polls will close Aug. 20, said Emily Classon, community services librarian. The names that receive the most votes will be announced at the library's Safari Ice Cream Social on Aug. 22, the finale to its summer reading program for youth.

"It's something fun to do, and it's a way for folks to get to know our polar bear family," Classon said. "Once they have names, they'll be a part of everyone's family in Andover."

"Vigilance," a 7-foot long, 4-foot tall sculpture of white granite, was commissioned and paid for by the Memorial Hall Library Board of Trustees and was not funded by the taxpayers.

Library staff and trustees had been talking about naming the polar bears ever since the statue arrived, said Classon. They wanted the community to be involved, and came up with the voting contest, inspired by zoos that name their baby animals in the same manner.

"We wanted people to have more involvement with the bears," Classon said. "The contest" allows the community to become more involved with our wonderful polar bear family, because it is interactive art.

"Every child I've seen that walks out there is excited to see it. I think people are surprised to see polar bears standing there, and when kids find out they can climb on them, they run right over," she said. "Everyone talks about how beautiful they are and unique to Andover."

Library staff and trustees suggested the 41 names available to voters, said Classon, and many of them are Inuit

words, or variations on words for snow, ice and other arctic terms.

As of Tuesday afternoon, front-runners were Aurora for the mother bear, and for the cubs, each with 11 percent of the vote, Siku, which means ice, Qannik, which means snowflake and Iluq, the word for frost.

Ever since the contest began, library patrons have been talking about their favorite names and "voting very actively," said Classon.

Besides online voting, there are two ballot boxes at the library, one in the children's room and one in the reference section. The library's Volunteers — teenage helpers — have been counting the ballots, and entering them so the results can be displayed on the library's Web site.

On a recent afternoon, library visitors looked over the suggested names and cast their votes. The two ballot boxes, decorated with pictures of polar bears, were filled to the brim with paper votes.

Katja Grober, 14, said her top picks were Aurora for the mother bear and Kakertok and Nukka for the cubs.

"I like polar bears, and the sculpture is so cute. It symbolizes family," said Katja of her reason to vote. "They'll be sitting

in our town forever, and it's nice to be part of naming them."

Downstairs in the children's room, Janelle Lewis and her daughter, Evelyn, were deciding on which names they liked best.

"We're leaning toward Pearl for the mother bear," said Janelle.

Evelyn, who is "almost 4," said her favorites were Ursula, Nukka and Snowflake.

"It's very creative," said Janelle Lewis of the naming contest. "They're reaching out, and getting the community involved. It makes us feel like a part of the library."

The two ballot boxes have had to be emptied several times, said Beth Kerrigan, coordinator of children's services. The last time they emptied the ballot box in the children's room, it took three Volunteers to carry all the ballots upstairs, she said.

"The minute they see (the ballot box), they want to vote," said Kerrigan of youngsters in the children's room. "It's been a really good, positive experience. The contest has gotten community involved. It makes them feel like they have something to say about it. It's a fun thing to see and be involved in."



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

15-month-old Leo Kirtley-Filipo, reaches out to touch the new polar bear statue in front of Memorial Hall Library. The names of the bears will be decided by children's votes.

Kerrigan said she's seen families purposely leave through the front door, just so children can visit the polar bears.

The naming of the polar bears fits right in with the statewide summer library theme of Wild Reads, said Kerrigan. They've been doing animal-themed activ-

ities all summer and the children's room is decorated with animals.

At the Safari Ice Cream Social, when the bears will be named officially, youngsters will be given prizes for keeping track of books they've read over the summer, as well as plenty of ice cream.

## HOW TO VOTE

- Online, at [www.mhl.org](http://www.mhl.org)
- In person at the library, Elm Square. There are ballot boxes in the children's room and upstairs in the reference section
- Vote as many times as you like, but the polls close Aug. 20

## SAFARI ICE CREAM SOCIAL

- End of summer reading program event for kids and families, winning polar bear names announced.
- Aug. 22, 1 p.m.
- Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square.
- Pre-registration required, call 978-623-8400.
- Kids, be sure to bring your reading log.

## HERE ARE YOUR CHOICES FOR THE FOUR POLAR BEARS DEPICTED IN "VIGILANCE":

- For the mother bear: Aga (mother), Ahnah (wise woman), Akna (mother goddess of childbirth), Anana (beautiful), Arnaaluk (spirit of the woman under the sea), Aurora (mom), Juneau, Karrin, Nanuq (polar bear), Patience, Pearl or Ursula.
- For the cubs: Ash, Aput (snow), Buniq (sweet daughter), Cranbeary, Churchill, Flake, Grace, Hope, Iggy, Ike, Iluq (frost), Ivory, Joy, Kakertok (white), Kesuk (water, sky), Klondike, Lulu, Mauja (deep snow), Massak (soft snow), Miki, Nukka (younger sister), Panik (daughter), Qaniit (falling snow), Qannik (snowflake), Sesi (snow), Siku (ice), Snow, Snowflake or Sos (bear).

# MAKEOVERS: Few men applied, none made the final cut

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after finalist interviews and deliberation by the judges, a panel of business owners donating their services for the makeovers.

Brunet, 31, an Andover mother of three, and Forbes, 36, a Tewksbury mother of two, were selected from more than 100 applicants.

"I'm so excited. This is insane, crazy," said Forbes after her name was announced as a winner.

"This is very surreal," agreed Brunet. "I'm shocked! I'm very excited, and so ready to get started."

On Monday, seven finalists were invited to Indra Salon for interviews. From surviving cancer to looking for a job, each candidate had a different story and different reasons for wanting a makeover.

In the interviews, the women talked about wanting to look good

for an upcoming high school reunion, setting a healthy example for their kids and families, re-entering the work force after raising children and just "never having time" for themselves.

In the style of a reality television show, the panel of business owners deliberated on their favorites, and announced the two winners to the eagerly awaiting finalists.

"Every one of you is a great candidate, it's been such a hard decision. It's been a pleasure to meet you all," said Jose Batistine, co-owner of Indra Salon, before he announced the winners with Nitish Nahata.

Organizers had initially planned on awarding a makeover to one male and one female winner. But few men applied, and none of them made the cut as a finalist, said April Graffeo, who co-owns Indra

## EXTREME MAKEOVER: ANDOVER EDITION

Two winners, Cherish Brunet and Cheryl Forbes, will receive makeover treatments as part of a program organized by several Andover businesses. Over the fall, they will receive:

- Three months of personal training, nutrition counseling and health evaluation from **Fitness Together**.
- New hairstyle and high-end beauty services from **Indra Salon**. Depending on what they're looking for, treatments could include a facial, eyelash extensions, hair color correction, a makeup lesson and hair extensions.
- Teeth whitening from **Dr. Nitish Nahata**, a dentist at Cooper, Spiller & Nahata and Associates in Tewksbury.
- A new outfit from **Dresscode** for the "coming out celebration" in November at **Glory Restaurant**.

with Batistine, so they gave both makeovers to women.

Brunet and Forbes will begin three months of personal training and nutrition counseling from Fit-

ness Together, beauty and skin treatment from Indra Salon and teeth whitening by Dr. Nahata. Each will be given an outfit from

Dresscode, an Andover boutique, for the unveiling party.

Brunet, who has had three children in four years, said she "jumped right in" to apply for the free makeover after reading about it in the Townsman. Before she had children, Brunet had taken ballet since age 3 and taught dance as an adult. But motherhood has changed her body and hasn't given her time to dance anymore, she said.

"Oh, I needed a makeover," she said, with a smile, of her reason to apply.

Forbes had sent in a makeover application herself, not knowing that her husband had also secretly nominated her for the contest. In Monday's interview, she admitted that she wears a baseball cap over her hair most days, and looks forward to a new style.

"It's hard to put that out there, and admit you have things you don't like about yourself. I had to come to terms with it," she said of filling out the makeover application.

As the judges deliberated to pick the two winners, the finalists chatted and introduced themselves to one another. Several finalists are teachers in the Andover public schools.

Each of the seven finalists received a gift box full of beauty supplies and a \$50 gift certificate to Indra Salon. Fitness Together and Nahata also planned to give the runners-up some complimentary services, they said.

The business owners agreed they hope to make the makeover giveaway an annual event.

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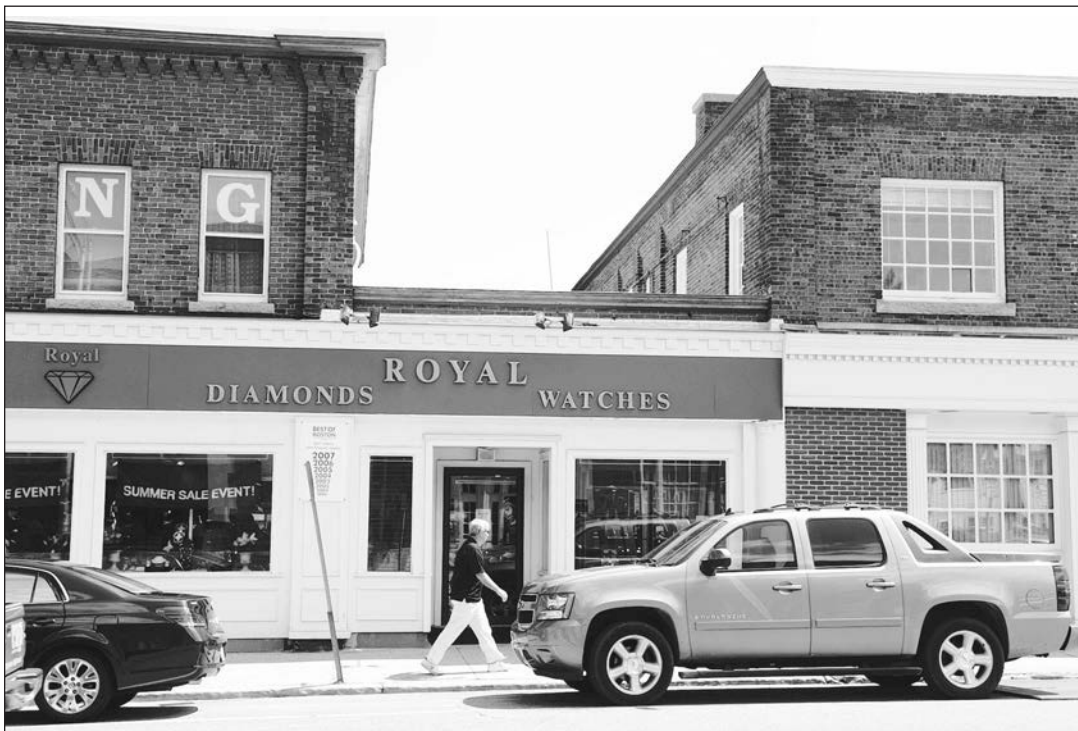
# In Brief

## PAST & PRESENT



Courtesy photo

**THEN:** In the 1950s, this spot on Main Street was the home of Elander & Swanton Inc. The store was owned by Carl Elander and Stanley Swanson who occupied three Main Street locations.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

**NOW:** The former Elander & Swanton is now home to Royal Jewelers.

## YMCA awarded grants for after-school programs

The JCPenney Afterschool Fund has awarded three grants of \$10,200 each to the Merrimack Valley YMCA to help more children participate in safe, life-enriching after-school programs. These funds are earmarked for after-school child care programs at the Y's Andover/North Andover, Lawrence and Methuen branches.

This gift is one of 340 similar grants being awarded by the JCPenney Afterschool Fund to YMCAs around the country. JCPenney Afterschool Fund's total national contribution exceeds \$3.5 million.

The grant award is specifically targeted to help YMCAs provide financial assistance to youth who are not currently participating in an after-school program because

their families lack the necessary financial resources, or those who are currently participating in a program, but who are at risk of leaving due to lack of funds.

"The JCPenney Afterschool Fund is firmly committed to supporting youth-serving organizations like the YMCA that are dedicated to providing safe, meaningful programs during the crucial hours of 3 to 6 p.m., when studies show that youth are at a greater risk of involvement in crime, drug abuse and other destructive behaviors," says Jodi Gibson, president of the JCPenney Afterschool Fund. "By combining resources, we can help reduce the number of unserved youth and ensure that students of all backgrounds and income levels are able to benefit from after-school programs."

Complementing the JCPenney Afterschool Fund's support of the Merrimack Valley YMCA is a separate gift from JCPenney of 18 JCPenney gift cards worth \$50 each for children receiving financial assistance from the JCPenney Afterschool Fund grant to help with the purchase of school clothing and supplies for the new school year.

"The generous support of the JCPenney Afterschool Fund and JCPenney enhances our efforts to serve as many children as possible with meaningful, high-quality after-school programming," says Stephen C. Ives, president/chief executive officer of the Merrimack Valley YMCA. "They believe, as we do, that children are our greatest asset, and that by working together we

### Pond life for free

Residents will not have to pay any fee to visit Poms Pond on Sunday, Aug. 17, the last day before it closes for the season.

The Department of Community Services plans to open the pond for free and have a make-up for a rained out concert in the Park. The band known as Four Guys in Tuxes will play from 1 to 3 p.m. at Poms Pond, located in Recreation Park off Abbot Street. The pond will be open from noon until 6 p.m.

"It is a great chance for anyone not familiar with Poms Pond to come on down and check it out," according to Mary Donohue, DCS director.

### AYS wrestling clinic

Andover Youth Services is proud to present the STAND wrestling clinic on Aug. 19 and 20. The clinic will teach participants form, technique and how to wrestle like a pro. The STAND clinic is open to students in fourth through eighth grade and will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. both days. Cost is \$60. Participants will need to bring two pairs of shorts, two T-shirts and a pair of sneakers. For more information, contact AYS at 978-623-8241.

### August health clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer a mini clinic on Monday, Aug. 25, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, including Aug. 20 and 27. No appointment is necessary.

### 'Networking at Nevins'

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce together with the MSPCA at Nevins Farm, Jonson Veterinary Hospital and Borrelli's Italian Deli will present "Networking at Nevins Farm" Business Networking Mixer on Wednesday, Aug. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. at MSPCA at Nevins Farm in the Education Room, 400 Broadway, Route 28, Methuen. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. The cost is \$10 for members and \$25 for nonmembers.

Call 978-686-0900 for more information.

## QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



I DON'T WANT AGENDAS. I DON'T WANT AXES TO GRIND. I don't want people who feel they want to go in with a fight to win.

— Town Moderator Sheila Doherty on what she is looking for — or not looking for — in people to fill two openings on the nine-member Finance Committee. *Story, page 5.*

I DIDN'T THINK I HAD A CREATIVE BONE IN MY BODY. I'm absolutely amazed by what you can do, what you can create with fabric.

— Andover resident Betsy Abbott, self-described art quilter, whose quilts are part of shows around the country. *Story in Townspeople, page 13.*

WHEN YOU START PLAYING MUSIC, that's sort of the dream.

— David Tanklefsky, vocalist and guitarist for the Andover-based band Grimis, on the national tour the band is about to begin. *Story in Arts, page 15.*



## NEWS CALENDAR

|                           |   |  |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| <b>MONDAY, AUG. 18</b>    | Board of Health, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., first-floor conference room, 6 to 9 p.m.       | room, 7:30 p.m.  |
| <b>TUESDAY, AUG. 19</b>   | Board of Assessors, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., assessors conference room, 9 a.m.           | <b>WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27</b>  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20</b> | Conservation Commission, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m. | Board of Registrars, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., town clerk's office, 5 to 8 p.m.            |
| <b>MONDAY, AUG. 25</b>    | Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.         | <b>MONDAY, SEPT. 8</b>   |
| <b>TUESDAY, AUG. 26</b>   | Planning Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, noon               | Housing Partnership Committee meeting CANCELED (was at 7 p.m.)                                 |
|                           |   | <b>TUESDAY, SEPT. 9</b>  |
|                           |   | Planning Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.           |
|                           |   | <b>THURSDAY, SEPT. 11</b>  |
|                           |   | Council on Aging, School Administration Building, third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.          |
|                           |   | Triad, Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., 9:30 a.m.  |
|                           |   | Conservation Commission, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m. |

## Merrimack Valley Energy Summit

As residents face the everyday struggle with the high cost of energy for cars and trucks, businesses, buildings and homes, the Merrimack Valley Chamber has been working to help people address how to reduce energy costs.

On Monday, Sept. 8, at 8:30 a.m. the Merrimack Valley Chamber will host an Energy Summit at Salvatore's Riverwalk Conference Center, 354 Merrimack St., Lawrence. Guest speakers include: Massachusetts Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Ian Bowles; the state House of Representative Chairman of the Joint Committee on Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy Brian Dempsey; and a panel of local experts to assist with questions regarding transportation options, alternative energy options for buildings, and current energy conservation programs.

This Energy Summit is sponsored by the Merrimack Valley

Chambers Manufacturer's Roundtable but open to all Merrimack Valley Chamber members. The summit is sponsored by Covanta Energy and The Eagle-Tribune Publishing Co.

A hot breakfast buffet is included at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$20. Secretary and chairman is at 9 a.m. Panel presentation with audience questions to follow.

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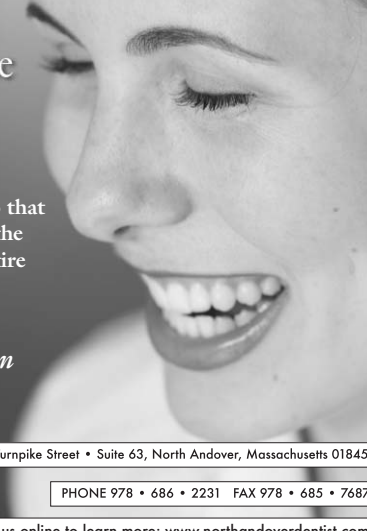
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Kyra Morissette, 8, left, and Laura, 11, second from right, giggle as they get their photo taken with their brother, Greg. Their father, Garry, looks on. Greg has been assigned to the USS Cole for about three years and is home on leave.

ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

## LEAVE: Morissette weighing re-enlisting

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and his three younger siblings, Nick, 20, Laura, 11, and Kyra, 8, he said. They keep in touch — even when he's out at sea — via e-mail, he said.

The USS Cole is a guided missile destroyer and always travels in a "strike group," a bunch of ships that deploy together, said Morissette. The destroyer is the first line of defense, against submarines and other enemies, for the aircraft carrier it accompanies.

The Cole returned to Norfolk, Va., on July 18 after its half-year deployment with a British strike group, said Morissette.

This was the first time a U.S. warship participated in a foreign nation's battle group, according to a Navy release. The Cole was involved in operations off the coast of Lebanon and docked in Muscat, Oman and Jebel Ali, the United Arab Emirates, according to the Navy.

The USS Cole is most recognized for being the victim of a terrorist attack on Oct. 12, 2000, almost one year before Sept. 11, 2001. While refueling in Aden Harbor, Yemen, the Cole was attacked by suicide bombers using a small boat with explosives on board.

The explosion killed 17 crew members and wounded 39. It also punched a 40-by-60-foot hole in the hull. The guided-missile destroyer was brought back to the United States and underwent \$250 million in repairs at Northrop Grumman's Ingalls shipyard in Mississippi, according to published reports.

Morissette was on board the Cole for its first deployment after the ship was repaired, and again in 2006, when the ship returned for the first time to the area in Yemen where the attack took place.

While deployed, he doesn't think about being in danger, said Morissette, chalking it up as "part of the job."

"We have to go, and do what has to be done," he said.

In July, Greg's father, Garry, came on board the Cole for a two-day "Tiger Cruise," when the Navy invites families of sailors for the last leg of their journey. Garry, a retired Navy pilot, who served for 23 years — eight on active duty and 15 in the reserve — was proud to see his son at work, he said. As the ship came in to Norfolk, he watched his son run a crew of sailors helping to navigate the Cole into harbor.

"It was pretty impressive to walk on board for the first time," Garry Morissette said.

His lasting impression of his two days aboard the Cole?

"He's not my little boy anymore," he said, smiling.

During his senior year at AHS, Morissette enlisted, signing a five-year contract with the Navy. Since then, he's advanced about halfway up the rank structure, Morissette said.

Morissette is an operations specialist and works in the combat information center on the Cole, monitoring radar and weapons systems, and keeping track of other ships and aircraft in the area, he said. Separate from the bridge, where the ship is navigated, the combat information center is like the ship's "brain," he explained.

The Navy has been a good career choice for Morissette, who said he's happy and doing well on the Cole.

"When I came in four years ago, I was lost, I didn't know where I was (in life). The Navy helped me to grow up, taught me leadership, made me a more honest person, and proud to serve your country."

Because his father is a Navy veteran, enlisting was "always in the back of my mind" through

### PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS GREG MORISSETTE

- Stationed for more than three years on the USS Cole, a Navy destroyer.
- Morissette is an operations specialist, and works in the Cole's combat information center, the "brain" of the ship.
- The USS Cole is 505 feet long and has a crew of more than 275 sailors.
- He gets 30 days of paid leave each year and is deployed for six months at a time.
- Favorite places he's visited with the Navy: London, Athens and Rome.
- Food he misses the most while he's deployed on the Cole: steak-and-cheese subs.
- Things he and his fellow sailors do to pass the time at sea: play cards, work out, or attend morale-boosting events, such as ice cream or movie nights.
- First thing he does when he comes home on leave: eat a steak, whether at a restaurant or a family cookout.
- What he was surprised by, when he was first stationed on the Cole: how big the ship is.
- Advice to current Andover High School students: "Don't think that college is your only option," said Morissette.

high school, he said.

"My dad drove me toward the Navy, but didn't push me," he said. "I'm glad that he opened up that option."

Andover High prepared him well for the Navy, said Morissette, who played hockey and soccer in high school.

Morissette was one of two graduates out of the 404 students who went into the military from the AHS Class of 2004, he said. Joining the military was not talked about as an option at the school, he said. He never saw a recruiter on campus, and found a Navy recruiter himself to talk to about enlisting, he said.

"(My AHS peers) would be surprised at how well I'm doing, seeing that I didn't go to college. Surprised at what the military can do, the benefits, opportunities created," said Morissette.

Morissette's contract with the Navy will come up in November, 2009, and he's still weighing his options, he said. He could re-enlist with the Navy, on the Cole, or anywhere else in the world, he

said, either sea or shore duty. If he chooses, the Navy will also pay for him to go to an in-state college, through the GI bill.

"I've been doing so well, I've got a lot of options going," he said.

### A NAVY FAMILY

Michael Burke, Andover director of veterans' services, on Garry and Greg Morissette:

"They're a great family — talk about Navy history in the family. The son is following right in Garry's footsteps," he said. "It's awful nice to see a family that has some patriotic ties, across the generations. Garry started serving in 1978, and he saw several conflicts, now his son is seeing a whole new generation of service."

On the number of Andover people serving:

"There's a great breed of new veterans (in Andover) that we're seeing step up and answer the call," he said. "They've seen what their parents have done, the rewards of military service, and how it changes the character of what it is to be a citizen. They're confident in knowing it's a great opportunity."

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# Two replacements sought for Finance Committee after Wright, Bradshaw departures

BY BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

Andover will soon have two new financial watchdogs.

Town Moderator Sheila Doherty wants to fill a pair of openings on the nine-member Finance Committee before Sept. 1.

The positions opened up after the departures of committee members Margaret Bradshaw and Harold Wright on July 1. Bradshaw's three-year term expired, while Wright said he resigned from the Finance Committee for personal reasons.

Doherty said qualified candidates for Finance Committee must understand both the budget process and history of Andover and be versed in conflict resolution.

"The sole purpose of the Finance Committee is to report to Town Meeting," said Doherty. "I don't want agendas. I don't want axes to grind. I don't want people who feel they want to go in with a fight to win."

Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden said she would like the two new members to be sworn in before the committee's next meeting, tentatively scheduled for Sept. 10.

"I would like the new people appointed before our meeting in September so they have a chance to learn as much as possible about town finances and get to know the people on the committee before we get into budget season," said Marden. "There's always a learning curve and it just takes time."

Doherty said she has notified Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and school Superintendent Claudia Bach of her intentions to fill the two positions by the end of the month. She plans to speak with the chairmen of the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee before making the appointments.

"I've got some people that I have approached," Doherty said regarding potential replacements for Bradshaw and Wright, a former Andover fire chief. "I think it's a responsibility of the moderator that I don't take lightly and I don't want to overlook any potential individuals who would really be a service to the town."

Both Marden and Doherty referred to Bradshaw and Wright as valuable members of the Finance Committee.

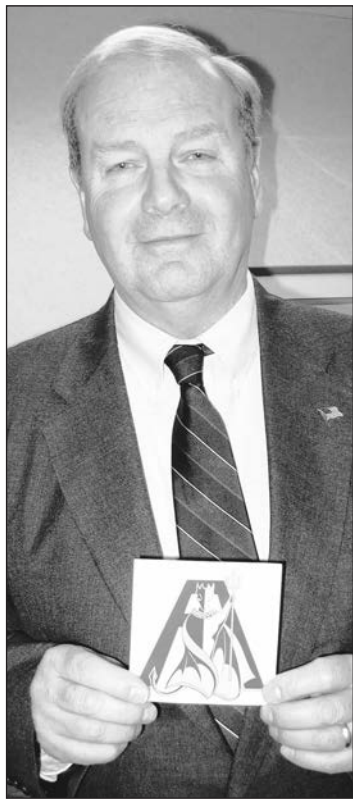
"Both of those individuals brought some phenomenal gifts to the table on that board," said Doherty, but she added the openings provide an opportunity to bring "new blood" to the committee.

"I want someone who can see the big picture of the town budget," said Doherty. "Moving forward, it's going to be more important that we have a single goal."

Doherty said the upcoming budget planning for fiscal year 2010 will pose a challenge to new committee members.

"I think it's always a challenge," said Wright, who joined the Finance Committee in 2001. "It was a challenge for me when I came on."

Wright said a good candidate



NEIL FATER/Staff photo

Harold Wright, holding a decal of the Blue Devil that used to be the Andover High School mascot, brought to the Finance Committee a knowledge of the town as a native and former fire chief.

for Finance Committee will have a strong sense of the town and its current financial situation.

"It's not easy in this day and age because you have to say 'no' to a lot of people, a lot of the time," said Wright. "You can't spend what you don't have."

## Andoverite helps college voters connect with media

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

Young voters often feel left out of media commentary about election topics and therefore, many believe their voices are unheard.

So says the Student Association for Voter Empowerment, so the nonprofit group is doing something about it.

With the help of Andover resident and key organizer Noelle Petrillo, SAVE hosted a forum in Washington, D.C. late last month where voters in the 18-to-24-year-old range turned the tables on an A-list of media types. Rather than ask the questions, the high profile journalists responded to the young voters' charges of neglect.

Petrillo, an Andover High graduate, is now 20 and attending Boston College. As the director of public relations for SAVE, she brought attention to this event, which about 250 young voters attended.

"It's been the most exciting summer, ever, for me as I am part of a small team and we put this very interactive event on," she said. "It's been a great experience."

Her group secured appearances by MSNBC's Joe Scarborough, the New York Times' Thomas Friedman, PBS' Judy Woodruff, Newsweek's Eleanor Clift, the Washington Post's David Broder, and Mike McCurry, the former White House press secretary to Bill Clinton, for a forum titled, "Asserting the Youth Voice."

Discussion centered on this question: What can we as young voters do to make our voices heard, affirmed and recognized in the journalistic community?

Petrillo said most of the participants are interns spending the summer in Washington, D.C., working for a cross-section of nonprofit, media and government groups.

"Each was miked (wearing a



Courtesy photo

Andover High graduate Noelle Petrillo with MSNBC's Joe Scarborough.

microphone) and there were some great questions," Petrillo said. "It was a diverse audience, some conservative, others liberal, and great to have that face-to-face contact with the media."

It was also thrilling for SAVE staffers to meet privately for 30 minutes with Friedman, the national best-selling author of "The World Is Flat," Petrillo said.

All in all, it was a successful event, Petrillo said, adding that it's great to be involved with something in which you really believe. A self-described conservative, she said she is undecided about whom she will vote for in the election. She just hopes fo-

rumers like this will help younger voters speak up and get more media coverage for their opinions.

"This forum was hands-on, face-to-face contact with the media," she said, "and a step that will hopefully have them take us seriously."

SAVE is a national nonprofit organization, founded and run by students, with a mission to increase youth voter turnout by removing access barriers and promoting stronger civic education. The group's six staffers are based in Washington, D.C., while there are more than 30 college chapters in more than 15 states.

# Hamburg recall hits local market

BY BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

*Whole Foods ground beef purchased between June 2 and Aug. 6 could have E. coli, says health worker*

Customers of Whole Foods Supermarkets — including the location at 40 Railroad Street in Andover — are being advised to throw out any ground beef products purchased at the store between June 2 and Aug. 6.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced last week a seventh confirmed case of E. coli contamination has been linked to ground beef from Whole Foods, supplied by Colorado-based Coleman Natural Beef.

Such beef is no longer being sold.

E. coli is a bacteria that is found naturally in the human system, said Joanne Martel, Andover's assistant health director, but the 0157:H7 strain, which has been linked to ground beef supplied by Coleman, can be harmful.

"It (E.Coli) is a germ that normally lives in your bowels anyway, but this is a particular strain that can cause illness and can lead to further problems with the kidneys. Some germs are good and some are not," Martel said. "Be safer than sorry. Our advice is to get rid of it (product purchased between those dates), throw it away."

"I understand the prices of food are not what they used to be, but you just don't want to take the chance," she said.

E. coli is killed when the internal temperature of ground beef — such as the center of a burger — reaches 160 degrees. But if you have ground beef from Whole Foods, purchased between June 2 and Aug. 6, saved in your freezer, don't try and cook it, she said, just throw it out.

The first signs of illness from E. coli include stomach cramps and bloody diarrhea, said Martel, who is also a public health nurse. Anyone experiencing these symptoms, regardless of whether they've eaten ground beef from Whole Foods, should talk to a doctor, she said.

To complicate matters, Whole Foods has been selling hamburgers on special this month, as part of a "Mid-Summer Madness Sale." Between July 16 and Aug. 12, packages of eight burgers were on sale for \$8.

Whole Foods has removed all ground beef products from Cole-

man Natural Beef, which also operates under the name Nebraska Beef, Ltd. In a press release from its Austin, Texas corporate headquarters, Whole Foods stated that consumers who return to the store with a receipt or packaging (with the meat thrown away) from a ground beef purchase between June 2 and Aug. 6 will receive a full refund.

This week, the Andover Whole Foods location posted a letter on the top of its meat case explaining the E. coli issue and its voluntary recall of the ground beef products.

The seven Massachusetts cases of illness from E. coli involved people from 3 to 60 years old. They live in Essex, Middlesex and Suffolk counties. The single E. coli case in Essex County was a 3-year-old boy, who was reported sick on July 10, according to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

In interviews with the DPH, all seven people revealed they ate ground beef products from Whole Foods Markets during the month of July. At least five of them were hospitalized.

Because of patient confidentiality, state and local health departments cannot say whether the Essex County E. coli case was reported in Andover, said Martel.

"Because Whole Foods is not one of the big chains, that link (between those that got sick and the ground beef) was kind of blaring as the state was doing their investigation. It was easier to pinpoint," Martel said. "It's not the store's fault, necessarily, but the distributor. It goes back further than the store, back to slaughterhouse."

Health inspectors from the state and town health departments and from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration have stopped by the Railroad Street store, because the E. coli issue involves Whole Food stores in several states, said Martel.

"We've done regular inspec-

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

■ The Andover Health Department has posted an E. coli fact sheet on the town Web site, which includes details about the bacteria, symptoms to watch for and suggested precautionary measures.

■ Visit [www.andoverma.gov/health](http://www.andoverma.gov/health) and scroll down to the "health topics" section. The E. coli fact sheet is the third item on the list

■ Copies of the fact sheet are also available at the health department in Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St.

tions at Whole Foods and talked with the management. We're working together. They've been cooperative," she said.

The Andover Health Department hasn't received any calls from residents concerning Whole Foods and E. coli, she said.

### Keeping safe with food

Although there have been several cases of food contamination in the public eye this summer, including concerns about beef, tomatoes and spinach, the food supply overall is very safe, said Joanne Martel, Andover's assistant health director.

"Food protection is a very big thing we do in public health," she said. "We want to make sure the food supply is safe."

"The food supply is safe in this country, even though we keep hearing of these incidents ... we have food-borne illnesses throughout the year. People just get sick, this isn't anything people are doing wrong. These things happen, not every day, but they do happen."

Martel emphasized that people can keep from getting sick with proper food storage and preparation.

Her advice? "Hand washing, hand washing, hand washing!" she said.

"You should always wash and cook foods properly, thoroughly. Don't cross-contaminate by using the same cutting board for raw meat and vegetables, and don't take your steak off the grill and put it back on the plate you used to take it outside (raw) to the grill," she said. "Everything has to be done properly, from farm to table. We're all in this together."



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## BUSINESS IN BRIEF

### NECC employee receives recognition

Susan Pelletier of Andover recently received Northern Essex Community College's Performance Recognition Award.

The Performance Recognition Award was started by NECC President David Hartleb as a way to recognize the many and varied contributions of the college's nearly 700 employees.

Employees are selected each quarter based on recommendations from supervisors and co-workers.

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Pelletier, an administrative assistant in the business, math, science and technology department, was nominated by several of her co-workers who lauded her for her dedication, professionalism, work ethic, loyalty and knowledge of her job.

They say she lives by the creed "success is what counts." Despite recent challenges, she continues to work in a friendly, cooperative, courteous manner with her usual high work standards.

She has worked at NECC for 16 years.



Courtesy photo

**Susan Pelletier of Andover recently received Northern Essex Community College's Performance Recognition Award from Northern Essex Community College President David Hartleb.**

### Lia Sophia names top sales advisers

Lia Sophia recently announced top honors for its Excellent Beginnings Program Achievers for their outstanding sales accomplishments and professionalism. Having just joined the fashion jewelry business, some local advisers earned this accomplishment in their first 15 weeks by attaining certain sales levels and by sharing Lia Sophia with other new advisers. Among those honored were Dorothy Janeczak of Andover.

Bonni Davis, vice president of Lia Sophia, said, "This immediate success is a result of their hard work and dedication. Lia Sophia is fortunate to have them as part of our team and we look forward to celebrating their future successes."

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La Vigne has 26 years of experience in the life insurance industry. Prior to joining Bancnorth Investment, he worked as national sales manager for the Wirehouse life insurance channel of Nationwide Financial, and as national account manager for Aetna Life Brokerage. La Vigne has earned distinction as a chartered life underwriter, a chartered financial consultant and a certified financial planner.

A Scituate resident, La Vigne is a 1972 graduate of the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. He is a seasonal resident of Savannah, Ga.

Gretchen E. Troiano has joined TD Banknorth Commercial Lending Division as a vice president in the branch at 61 Main St. in Andover. In her role as a commercial lender in the Structured Finance group, she provides a range of lending services to business customers throughout the region.

Troiano has 10 years of experience in lending and banking. Prior to joining TD Banknorth, she served as a vice president in commercial lending at BankBoston.

An Andover resident, Troiano volunteers at the YMCA, the Andover Rotary Youth Exchange Program and as a CCD teacher at St. Augustine. She received a bachelor of science degree in management from Tulane University in 1983, and a master of business administration from Northeastern University in 1988.

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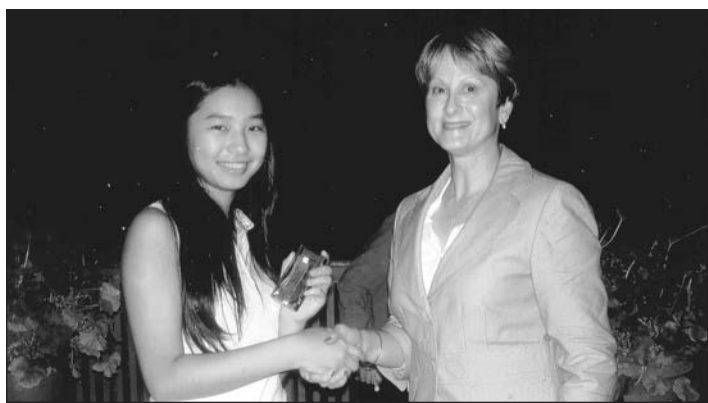
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# Education

## Her own silver medal



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West Middle School's Chuyu Deng, left, with her French teacher Lori Bellingreri.

## West Middle's Deng scores near top in national French competition

Chuyu Deng, who attends West Middle School, is one of the best French students in the country.

She ranked nationally in the 73rd annual Le Grand Concours, a competition sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French, according to Lisa Narug, national director.

Students were evaluated for their listening, reading, grammar and culture skills in French. More than 100,000 students in all 50 states competed in the 2008 event. Chuyu, an eighth-grader, was honored with a silver medal at the school's Celebration of Learning for having scored in the 99.8th percentile nationally. She is a student of Lori Bellingreri.

Other West Middle School participants in this year's contest, in addition to Chuyu Deng, were: Jessica Adam, Tara Benson, Sara

Bustos, Joshua Chevalier, Mari-an Crockett, Alex Davidson, Sara Freedman, Mackenzie Halford, Marianna Heckendorn, David Iannalfo, Anne Juan, Alex La-Hood, Kathleen McGinty and Justin Partyka.

AATF President Marie-Christine Koop said that students who distinguish themselves in this national French competition not only demonstrate their superior skills in the language, they join the ranks of future leaders who, through their awareness of various cultures, will contribute to the improvement of international relations and world peace.

And they represent excellent ambassadors for their schools and French teachers who strive to produce responsible world citizens, Koop said in a press release.

## BOOK REVIEW: 'CHILDREN JUST LIKE ME'

### At any age, a childhood favorite remains worthy

BY MARI MIYACHI  
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

I eagerly anticipated the arrival of the Olympics. As I do not follow the international achievements of any particular American athlete, this is a cherished time when I watch Olympians compete in exciting, albeit rarely watched sports like swimming, gymnastics and table tennis. I thoroughly enjoy tracking the medals won by each country, from the behemoths like the USA, Russia and China; to smaller nations like Morocco, South Africa and North Korea.

So in this spirit of international relations, I pulled out an old childhood favorite for this week's review. "Children Just Like Me" by Barnabas and Anabel Kindersley spotlights the lives of children of all ages from countries across the globe.

The Kindersleys spent two years traveling the world, meeting kids. Some lived in high-rise urban apartments, others in seaside cottages, others in remote villages — they even met a family of nomads! Chock full of pictures and details about the children's homes, families, foods and schools, "Children Just Like Me" provides a glimpse into the everyday lives of average kids from Vietnam, Alaska, Hungary and more.

My own copy of Children Just Like Me was obviously loved. Its cover shows tears and crinkles from wear and some pages are scribbled on with my young, messy script. Indeed, I

would spend hours as a young girl flipping through this book's pages, carefully reading every word and gazing at every picture. I was fascinated by 9-year-old Celina, who lives in the Amazon rain forest of Brazil. Her house is made of mud bricks, she doesn't own a pair of shoes, her face and body are painted every day, and she sleeps in a hammock. All these facts, accompanied by pictures of Celina's school, brother, friends and village, stunned the 7-year-old me. Growing up in the suburbs of Massachusetts, I was amazed by what struck me as an adventure-filled life for Celina.

A few pages from Celina's story is the life of 9-year-old Rachel of France. While I was once quite envious of Rachel's impressive jewelry collection, I was most thrilled by the fact that Rachel lived in a chateau. To my 7-year-old mind, a chateau was equivalent to a castle, and a castle was where a princess lived!

Continuing to reminisce of my childhood fantasies, I happen upon 12-year-old Suchart of Thailand a couple of pages later. Suchart, who is a Buddhist monk, has one particular statement that resonated to me as a child: "I don't have any toys, but I love to play soccer with the other novices. There is a television here that we can watch once a week, but I don't really like television." At the time, I truly wanted to board a plane to Thailand to give Suchart some of my own toys, and I could not even begin to wrap my mind around how he did not enjoy TV. It was only years later that I

began to understand the beautiful simplicity of Suchart's life.

But this book was not named in vain. While I was fascinated by the many differences between my own life and the lives of these children, I was pleased by the similarities, and remain amazed by these shared traits. Celina shares a story about her fear of the forest at night, a fear I could certainly relate to, as I often asked my mother to scare away the monsters outside my window before I went to sleep.

One of Rachel's quotes reads: "One thing that I have always wanted to do is swim with dolphins." I, too, had always dreamed of snorkeling through coral reef and swimming with dolphins.

And like Suchart, I often enjoyed meals of rice, string beans and chili.

This attitude, of celebrating both our similarities and differences, is valuable to people of any age. With a plentiful amount of pictures and text, an appealing format, and a wonderful message to engage readers of any age, I give Children Just Like Me a 10 out of 10.

Reading this book as a 16-year-old, I find it just as fascinating and valuable as when I picked it up at age 4, and I encourage any child, teen or adult, in the spirit of the Olympic Games, to pick up a copy.

Mari Miyachi is an Andover resident and student at Phillips Academy who reviews books for young adults.

### ON CAMPUS

The following students from Andover were among the Class of 2008 graduates from Cornell University during the commencement ceremonies on May 25: **John Yang Wang**, master's degree in engineering in computer science; **Scott Aaron Silverstein**, bachelor's degree

in civil engineering; **Andrew Ivanovich**, bachelor's degree in operations research and engineering; **Vincent Joseph Errico**, bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering; **Roman Michael Kichorowsky**, bachelor's degree in biology and society; **Jaideep Singh Chawla**, bache-

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# A back-to-school primer

Some students might not be ready to admit it, but it's almost time for them to get ready to head back to classes.

Bancroft and High Plain elementary schools planned to hold open houses for new families yesterday, Aug. 13.

Next week, the *Townsman* will publish its Back to School special section. Here is some basic school-by-school information until then:

**Shawsheen Primary School**  
Principal Moira O'Brien, 978-623-8850  
Open house Thursday, Sept. 25, 6 p.m.; PTO Harvest Fest family event Sunday afternoon, Sept. 28

**Bancroft Elementary School**  
Interim Principal Francine Goldstein, 978-623-8880  
Open house for new families was Aug. 13.

**High Plain Elementary School**  
Principal Brenda O'Brien, 978-623-8900  
An open house for all new stu-

dents was held Wednesday, Aug. 13. On Aug. 21, the High Plain Elementary PTO will have an evening open house for all students and families. The "get to know you" night will have games, activities and ice cream. "This will help with back-to-school jitters," the principal said.

**Sanborn Elementary School**  
Principal Patricia Barrett, 978-623-8860  
Orientation for new families, Aug. 28, 9 to 10 a.m. for a breakfast and information session. Older students will lead tours of the school. Also, a welcome back pizza night is scheduled for second week of school.

**South Elementary School**  
Principal Colleen McBride, 978-623-8830  
Date of orientation: Friday, Sept. 5, 6 p.m., new family Popsicle night for grades 1 through 5 (rescheduled due to South's roof repairs); Sept. 11 parent breakfast at 8:15 a.m., schoolwide event to

meet the new principal.

**West Elementary School**  
Principal Liz Roos, 978-623-8800  
Orientation for new families, Wednesday, Aug. 27, 9 a.m. The principal and assistant principal will have "story hours" with students, reading to kids.

**Doherty Middle School**  
Principal Theresa McGuinness-Darby, 978-623-8751  
Back-to-school night Thursday evening, Sept. 25. Parents are invited to come and follow their child's schedule, and meet their teachers.

**West Middle School**  
Principal Steve Murray, 978-623-8700  
■ Sept. 9, 6 to 8 p.m., the PAC will host a schoolwide ice cream social for students and families

■ Back-to-school night schoolwide open house, rescheduled for Oct. 1, 6:30 to 8 p.m.  
■ In October, three "morning coffee" events will be held, each at 8:30 a.m.: Oct. 16 (sixth grade); Oct. 18 (seventh grade); and Oct. 19 (eighth grade). Parents are invited for coffee and a chance to meet WMS administrators, ask questions, and learn about the school, said Murray.

**Wood Hill Middle School**  
Principal Patrick Bucco, 978-623-8925  
Sixth-grade open house and orientation Friday, Aug. 22. The event will be an afternoon cook-out, and a letter will go home with details, Bucco said. Upperclassmen "student ambassadors" will be on hand to give tours of the school and answer questions.

**Andover High School**  
Principal Peter Anderson, 978-623-8632  
Freshman orientation is Monday, Aug. 18, 9 a.m.-noon; parents' night is planned for Sept. 24, 7-9.

## ON CAMPUS

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degree in hotel and restaurant administration; **Sandra Curtis Comstock**, doctorate in community and regional planning.

Andover resident **Susan Wilson Berube** was awarded the Victor J. Mill Award at Merrimack College's 58th commencement exercises. Berube graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal arts.

The Victor J. Mill Award is awarded annually to the first-ranking student in the Division of Continuing Education. A Lawrence businessman since 1946, Victor J. Mill Jr. succeeded his father as president and CEO of Lawrence Pumps Inc. Mill is also a former trustee of Merrimack College.

Berube was also the recipient of the Dr. James J. St. Germain Award granted to the first-ranked Division of Continuing Education senior pursuing graduate studies presented at the continuing education reception recently. Berube will enroll in the Master of Elementary Education program at Merrimack College. The mother of two is currently a teaching assistant at LLL — Learning Loving Living Preschool Inc. — in Andover.

**Jeanne M. Lothrop** of Andover participated in the Career Discovery Internship Program at Bates College. In April, Lothrop interned with Dr. Joren C. Madsen at Massachusetts General Hospital. She gained experience in the operating room and with organ transplantation.

Lothrop, a senior neuroscience major, is a dean's list student. She spent the fall semester of 2006 in Mombasa, Kenya, through the School for International Training. The daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Lothrop, 70 Porter Road, she is a 2004 graduate of Andover High School.

The following local residents were among the students from Providence College who received undergraduate degrees during the college's 90th commencement exercises: **Elizabeth Crowley**, bachelor of science in marketing; **Mathew Fabiani**, bachelor of arts in business economics; **Matthew Miller**, bachelor of science in marketing; **Maria Savoca**, bachelor of science in management, magna cum laude.

**Marc A. Colangelo** received a bachelor of science in business administration during Nichols College's commencement ceremonies for the Class of 2008.

Fourteen Merrimack Valley women, most of whom are paraprofessionals in local public schools, earned their bachelor's degrees in teaching as part of the first class to graduate from the Fitchburg State College bachelor's degree competition program at Northern Essex Community College. The graduates included **Susan LaCroix** of Andover, who

earned a bachelor's degree in early childhood education.

The graduates were honored at a ceremony at Northern Essex on May 15.

For the past five to seven years, these graduates combined their jobs as well as family responsibilities with taking evening courses, as many as three a semester at Northern Essex. After completing an associate degree in either elementary education or early childhood education, the graduates transferred to Fitchburg State College but continued to take courses on Northern Essex's Haverhill Campus as part of an innovative partnership between the two colleges. With their bachelor's degree in teaching and having completed all requirements for a teaching license, all graduates have begun looking for teaching jobs for the fall semester.

Jeri Bayer, director of Northern Essex's education programs, praised the graduates for their persistence. "You were determined and worked so hard under difficult circumstances, young children, growing children, marriage, separation and divorce. I have so much respect for all of you."

**Sarah Sintros** of Andover received her bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude from Suffolk University in a commencement ceremony recently held at the Bank of America Pavilion in Boston.

**Kevin Leary** and **Patrician Sullivan** were named to the dean's list for the spring 2008 semester at Champlain College. Leary is majoring in multimedia and graphic design and Sullivan is majoring in business. To be named to the dean's list, a student must achieve a semester grade point average of 3.5 and complete at least 12 credits of classwork.

Each summer, undergraduate students from across the country are selected to take part in the Summer Medical and Research Training Program at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. **Jennifer Wang** of Andover is taking part in the program this year.

The nine-week employment/educational program for students interested in exploring a career in scientific research pairs undergraduate students with BCM mentors to conduct biomedical research in a broad range of areas. Students also attend daily seminars that span the spectrum of biomedical research and GRE preparation workshops and participate in various career development activities.

**Christine Marie Vispoli** of Andover has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2008 semester at the University of North Carolina Asheville. The dean's list is made up of full-time students who have achieved between 3.5 and 3.99 grade point average.

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**■ POLICE LOG**

**ARRESTS**  
 Tuesday, Aug. 5 — At 7:10 p.m., Damien Medina, 27, of 132 Bailey St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.  
 Wednesday, Aug. 6 — At 12:22 a.m., Raoul Webb, 58, of 704 Centerbrook Drive, Brandon, Fla., was arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation, operating under the influence of liquor, and a motor vehicle lights violation.  
 At 10:27 p.m., Lisa Harrison, 44, of 37 Maple Ave., was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.  
 Friday, Aug. 8 — At 7:07 a.m., Jackson Korba, of 55 Lucerne Drive, was arrested and charged on a warrant.  
 At 2:53 p.m., Lee Keith, 66, of 382 Ocean Ave., Apt. 1003, Revere, was arrested and charged with lewd, wanton and lascivious conduct.  
 At 6:12 p.m., Louis Cimmino, 28, of 128 South St., Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with distribution of a class B substance and possession of a class B substance.  
 Saturday, Aug. 9 — At 9:49 a.m., James Gillespie, 48, of 77 Millpond, North Andover, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and a number plate violation.

At 12:48 p.m., Douglas Da Cunha, 24, of 47 Olive St., Apt. 2, Somerville, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and operation of an uninspected motor vehicle.  
 At 4:46 p.m., Jonathan Liriano, 23, of 51 Hammond St., Roxbury, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, suspended registration and a height-modified motor vehicle.  
 At 7:08 p.m., Lisa Harrison, 44, of 37 Maple Ave., was arrested and charged with open and gross lewdness.  
 Sunday, Aug. 10 — At 4:16 a.m., Alexi Lopez, 29, of 54 Pilling St., Haverhill, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, a second offense of operating under the influence of liquor, failing to stop for police and a motor vehicle lights violation.  
 Monday, Aug. 11 — At 2:45 p.m., a 16-year-old male was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

**THEFTS**  
 Tuesday, Aug. 5 — At 8:20 a.m., the theft of two potted plants was reported on Mary Lou Lane.

Thursday, Aug. 7 — At 3:11 p.m., a theft was reported on Webster Street.  
 Friday, Aug. 8 — At 7:17 a.m., a Elm Street resident called to report a past theft.  
 At 3:43 p.m., the theft of several items was reported from a home on North Main Street.  
 Saturday, Aug. 9 — At 7:45 a.m., a resident came to the police station to report a theft.  
 Sunday, Aug. 10 — At 10:16 p.m., a guest reported money missing from the safety deposit box at the Comfort Suites on Riverside Drive.  
 Monday, Aug. 11 — At 11:01 a.m., a fraud/bad check was reported on North Main Street.

**BREAKS**  
 Monday, Aug. 11 — At 8:25 p.m., breaking and entering was reported on Buxton Court. Someone poked a hole in a screen, to use an electrical outlet in a vacant apartment. An investigation is taking place, said Lt. William MacKenzie.

**AUTO INCIDENTS**  
 Wednesday, Aug. 6 — At 11:03 a.m., motor vehicle vandalism was reported on North Street.  
 At 5:52 p.m., theft of a computer

bag from a motor vehicle parked at Whole Foods was reported on Railroad Street.  
 Friday, Aug. 8 — At 3:13 p.m., a motor vehicle theft was reported on Dascomb Road.  
 Saturday, Aug. 10 — At 9:47 a.m., a North Main Street resident reported an item was stolen from his motor vehicle while it was parked in Shawsheen Plaza on Thursday, Aug. 8.  
 Monday, Aug. 11 — At 8:51 a.m., larceny from a motor vehicle was reported on Old River Road. A guest at the Wyndham had his or her vehicle broken into overnight.  
 At 10:36 a.m., larceny from a motor vehicle was reported on River Road. A guest at the La Quinta had a vehicle window smashed.  
 At 8:18 p.m., larceny from a motor vehicle was reported on North Main Street. The caller reported his vehicle was broken into and someone tried to steal his stereo system.

**INCIDENTS**  
 Tuesday, Aug. 5 — At 3:53 p.m., a disturbance involving a man with a knife was reported on Colonial Drive.  
 At 5:41 p.m., a possible unattended death was reported.

At 6:27 p.m., identity fraud was reported on Kathleen Drive.  
 At 10:26 p.m., mischievous activity was reported on Westwind Road when four males rang a doorbell and ran away from a home, according to the police log.  
 At 10:42 p.m., a disorderly disturbance was reported on Post Office Avenue.  
 Wednesday, Aug. 6 — At 3:12 p.m., cruiser damage was reported on Woburn Street. The police cruiser was turning around to make a motor vehicle stop of a driver who had gone through an intersection without stopping. As the cruiser made the turn, it scraped a street sign, said Lt. William MacKenzie.

At 10:06 p.m., an intoxicated female was reported on Elm Street.  
 Thursday, Aug. 7 — at 4:44 a.m. a Gavin Circle resident called to report two National Grid trucks idling and blocking the street for two hours. The trucks were working on a power outage.  
 At 11:13 a.m., a Dascomb Road caller reported a suspicious vehicle, driving slowly around a parking lot, looking at vehicles.  
 At 1:55 p.m., a Tewksbury Street

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# NOISE: Barrier will be 4,500 feet long

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way. "Our goal is to cut the noise in half on any noise barrier (project)," said Walsh. "The barrier protects those homes closest to the highway."

The noise has gotten so bad that Wade said he can't entertain guests in his back yard. "Forget it," said Wade. "When you've got some of the large trucks and motorcycles, you've got to yell and scream to talk."

Walsh said the barrier will be 4,500 feet long and run from north of the Dascomb Road overpass to Hansom Road. The barrier, made of a wood and concrete aggregate material with an uneven surface so that it reflects less noise, will be constructed 10 feet from the roadway.

Residents of Cardinal Drive and Starwood Crossing already have expressed disappointment that their neighborhoods will not get relief from the highway noise.

Both streets are located immediately east of Interstate 93, but beyond the stretch of highway designated for the noise barrier project.

Walter McNamara, a resident of 7 Cardinal Lane for 36 years, said there are six homes on his street, which runs parallel to the I-93 off ramp near the Dascomb Road exit.

A sound barrier in the area would make a "world of difference," McNamara said.

*Residents of Cardinal Drive and Starwood Crossing already have expressed disappointment that their neighborhoods will not get relief from the highway noise.*

"The trucks come down and they're very, very loud," said McNamara, referring to the commercial vehicles that make regular trips to Dascomb Road businesses.

With the bond bill signed by the governor, Andover Rep. Barry Finegold said the potential exists in the future for highway noise relief in other parts of town east of I-93. No other sound barrier projects along I-93 are in the MassHighway design process.

"We do hope some day that sound barriers will be built in that stretch, but we can't make any definitive promises," said Finegold. "But it's a step in the right direction."

A waiting list exists for highway noise barriers in the state and any future project in Andover would probably need to become a part of that wait, Walsh said.

"We still need to go by our primary list," said Walsh.

# FIX: Numerous projects in the works

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Along with a \$10 million appropriation for noise barriers along Interstate 93, there will be state money available to improve Andover bridges and sidewalks.

A total of \$600,000 will be made available to repair and rehabilitate town-owned bridges. The state inspected all Andover bridges several years ago, according to Assistant Town Manager Steve Bucuzzo.

"All the bridges over the Shawsheen that are town-owned are deficient in some shape or form," said Bucuzzo. "All the bridges require some work."

Primarily, the money will be used to fix the Andover Street bridge over the Shawsheen River, which was repaired several years ago, according to Public Works Director Jack Petkus.

"Now the deck has got some serious problems," said Petkus.

Bucuzzo said the Andover Street repair work is currently in the design phase.

Petkus said there also will be minor repairs made to the Balmoral and Stevens street bridges.

"Many of the bridges have not been repaired for many, many years," said Andover Rep. Barry Finegold. "It's well over due to get it done."

Another \$203,000 from the state will be used to complete the sidewalk replacement project along

North Main Street that was started last year, said Finegold. Bucuzzo said the sidewalks have been replaced from Shawshen Square to Shawshen Plaza on North Main Street.

"It wasn't enough funding to complete the project," said Bucuzzo of the previous appropriation. "It went to a certain place and stopped. He was committed to getting the money to finish the project."

Other projects that will be paid with state money include:

■ Youth center prep: \$500,000 for infrastructure improvements related to pedestrian safety, vehicle access and parking for the proposed Andover Youth Center behind Doherty Middle School.

■ Relocating salt shed: \$600,000 for the relocation of the salt storage shed in Andover operated by MassHighway, which is now within the Fish Brook watershed district.

■ Removing arsenic: \$500,000 to help finance the arsenic remediation plan on land near the Ledge Road landfill.

■ Protecting forest: \$75,000 to increase the existing water supply capabilities of a water tank at Harold Parker State Forest. Bucuzzo said the improvement will help firefighters when fighting forest fires there. The improvement was requested in last year's capital improvement plan but was not funded, he said.

# Aug. 27 last day to register for state primary

The Massachusetts State Primary will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 16, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Precincts 1, 7 and 8 will vote at the Andover Senior Center on Whittier Court. Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9 will vote at the Collins Field House at Andover High School on Shawshen Road.

The last day to register to vote or change party affiliation for the primary is Wednesday, Aug. 27. The town clerk's office will be open to register new voters from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mail-in voter registration forms are available at all four town post offices, Memorial Hall Library and the Town House (20 Main St.). Andover residents who will be 18 on or before Sept. 16 may register to vote in this primary.

Mail-in registration forms must be postmarked by Aug. 27 for the registration to be valid for the primary.

This election will be a four-party primary: Democratic, Republican, Green-Rainbow and the Working Families Party. Registered voters who are not enrolled in a party at the time of the election will vote by choosing a party at the polls.

Residents who have changed their residences or who did not reply to the 2008 Annual Town Census are encouraged to call the town clerk's office and verify their voting status at 978-623-8255, according to the town clerk. Voters who changed their address in town must notify the town clerk's office in writing to vote at the new address.

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"Every IT department needs the ability to forensically analyze digital evidence to protect themselves against lawsuits, to track hacking activities and recover lost information. In criminal justice, digital evidence has become an element in most criminal activity. Any CJ, paralegal or pre-law students need to understand digital evidence, how it can be recovered and what is recoverable. Recent court cases have included critical evidence derived from email, Google searches and recovering lost information from cell phones and computer systems," said NECC computer science professor Russ Gouveia.

While earning a certificate, the student will learn how to properly collect, authenticate, analyze, document and present evidence. This hands-on program is designed to enhance careers for IT and criminal justice professionals and develop skills in computer forensics. Other careers in computer forensics include public careers with law enforcement agencies or with

private security and forensics companies.

Law enforcement agencies use computer forensics to collect and analyze evidence in their investigations. Private companies also use computer forensics to investigate matters as well as internet abuse, unauthorized disclosure or corporate information, industrial espionage, and damage assessment.

Computer Forensics I is scheduled to run Wednesdays from 3:30 to 8 p.m. including lecture and lab this fall. The certificate program includes such courses as Information Security, Computer Forensics, Evidence and Courtroom Procedures, Criminal Law, Introduction to Information Technology.

For additional information contact Bill Heineman, acting dean of the business, math, science & technology department at Northern Essex Community College at 978-556-3339 or [whineman@necc.mass.edu](mailto:whineman@necc.mass.edu) or visit the college's website, [www.necc.mass.edu](http://www.necc.mass.edu).

# Lowell General begins treating patients in new heart center

The Heart and Vascular Center at Lowell General Hospital has opened for patient care.

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comes as the hospital accelerates its commitment to meeting the community's increasing health-care needs. The new center provides the most advanced, state-of-the-art facility for the region's 18 cardiologists to diagnose and treat heart and vascular conditions," the hospital reported.

# OBITUARIES

## Theresa R. Kelly

MEDFORD — Theresa R. (Denico) Kelly, of Medford, formerly of Somerville, died Friday, Aug. 8, 2008.

She was the beloved wife of the late Gerald D. Kelly; loving mother of Daniel F. Kelly and his wife Sandra of Andover and Marie Kelly of Medford; sister of Canaille Escott of Somerville and the late Isabelle Gersony, Peter Derrico, Catherine DeMattia,

Mary Weymouth, Anthony and Joseph Denico; dear grandmother of Emily, John and Sarah Kelly; sister-in-law of Lorraine Derrico, Mary O'Connor, Virginia Curry and George Weymouth. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Theresa was a retired employee at Middlesex Superior Court, Cambridge.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral procession

from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.), was Tuesday at 9 a.m., followed by a funeral Mass in St. Clement Church, Somerville at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends invited. Calling hours were Monday, 4 to 8 p.m. Interment at Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. If you wish, donations may be made to the Jimmy Fund, 10 Brookline Place West, Brookline, MA 02445. For more information, visit [dohertyfuneralservice.com](http://dohertyfuneralservice.com).

## Joseph J. Misenti, 82



ANDOVER — Joseph J. Misenti, 82, of Andover, died Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008 at his home.

He was born in Lawrence, Aug. 3, 1926.

Joe worked for the Town of Andover Highway Dept. retiring in 1993. Prior to his work with the highway department he was a

mechanist with United Shoe Co. He was a member of St. Augustine Church. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving during World War II.

He was the widower of Joyce H. (Sterling) Misenti. Survivors include three sons, Stephen Misenti of Andover, John Misenti of Andover and James Misenti of Atkinson, N.H.; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was father of the late Joel Misenti.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends were invited to a funeral service on Saturday, Aug. 9 at 10 a.m. at Burke-Maglioizzi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover. Calling hours were Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Burke-Maglioizzi Funeral Home. Burial in St. Augustine Cemetery. Contributions to American Cancer Society, Centralized Memorial Processing Center, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. For more information go to [www.burkemaglioizzi.com](http://www.burkemaglioizzi.com).

## Melvin A. Nicoll, 83

ANDOVER — Melvin A. Nicoll, 83, died Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at the Zephyrhills Hospital in Florida.

He was born in Ballardvale, a part of Andover, and was a long-time Andover resident until he moved to Florida in 1981.

Before moving to Florida, he worked for the Tyer Rubber Co. and the town of Andover.

He is survived by two daugh-

ters, Sandra McCarthy and her husband Christopher, Sharon Nicoll, all of Andover, two sons, James Nicoll of Vermont, Douglas Nicoll of Western Massachusetts, and predeceased by his former wife, Cecile R. Nicoll, two sisters, Ruth Warner and Doris Hoyer, and several nieces and

nephews, as well as three grandchildren, Andrew, Caitlin, and Zachary.

He resided in Florida with Margaret Hall, his partner of 24 years.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral service was held at the Hodges Funeral Home and the burial was in the Chapel Hill Gardens and Mausoleums.

## Ruth L. Stebbins, 84

LAWRENCE — Ruth L. (Herrmann) Stebbins, 84, of Lawrence, died Sunday, Aug. 10, 2008 at her home.

Born in Holyoke, Nov. 12, 1923, she taught kindergarten for the Andover public schools for 28 years until her retirement in 1990.

She was a member of the Andover Teachers Association.

Survivors include her husband, Albert J. Stebbins Jr. of Lawrence; four children, Elizabeth Mignault and her husband Edwin of Concord, N.H., Albert J. Stebbins III and his wife Sonya of Batavia, Ill., Cynthia A. Danforth and her husband Stephen of Andover, Jeffrey W. Stebbins and his partner Lap Tran of San Diego; five grandchildren, Taylor and Alanna Mignault, Jen-

nifer and Stephanie Danforth and Stephen Danforth II; brother, Donald Herrmann of Omaha, Neb.; three sisters, Claire Culver of East Hampton, Barbara Benoit of S. Hadley, Betty Pomeroy of S. Hadley; several nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are invited to a memorial service on Thursday, Aug. 14, at 11 a.m. at South Church, 41 Central St., Andover. Memorial visitation were held on Wednesday, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Burke-Maglioizzi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover. Cremation will take place at Linwood Crematory. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ruth's memory may be made to: Creative Search Education Core Group, P.O. Box 446, Andover, MA 01810. For more information, go to [www.burkemaglioizzi.com](http://www.burkemaglioizzi.com).

# Visitors explore China's past

Many people are visiting China for the Summer Games.

In China, they may see an army that doesn't eat, sleep or move. Impossible, you say? Well, think again.

The Terracotta Army is made up of over 8,000 soldiers, 130 chariots pulled by 520 horses and 150 cavalry horses.

The statues date back to 210 B.C. When the emperor Qin Shi Huang died, the figures were buried with him.

Historians think the army was built to help Qin rule in the afterlife.

Qin was known as the first emperor. Construction of the burial city began while the emperor was still alive. His tomb is near the ancient capital city of Xi'an. Xi'an is about 700 miles southwest of Beijing.

Local farmers drilling for water found the terracotta warriors in 1974.

No two figures are alike. The life-size figures are 5.5 feet to 6.5 feet tall. The generals are tallest.

The army includes horses, chariots, officials, strongmen, musicians and acrobats.

The terracotta figures are made of clay.

Government laborers and other local craftsmen made the figures. Each part is marked with the name of the workshop. These workshops also made tiles and other everyday items.

The workers made individual body parts like the head, arms and legs. Then, they put



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the parts together and painted them.

The finished figures were lined up in military formation in long corridors.

The buildings had solid-packed dirt walls, brick floors and wooden roofs. Clay and dirt was put over the roof to seal the tombs.

The statues have been through a great deal in 2,200 years.

Historians say enemies raided the tomb area five years after the emperor died. They set fire to the wooden structures.

Over time, dirt built up over the damaged tombs. So far, four buried pits have been located.

In the pits, the figures were broken and surrounded by the burned remains of the original structure. Most of the paint was gone. Only one figure was found unbroken.

Many warriors have been put back together. Scientists are studying ways to best preserve this treasure.

Now, people can see the ancient marvels and get a glimpse of China's past.

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# Opinion

## And the living's ... easy?

The summer of 2008. What a weird one. Since when did Andover become a tropical zone?

Seemingly each morning we awaken to a forecast of powerful thunderstorms, and every "weather event" ends up packing all the violence Mother Nature can muster: Thunder, lightning, flash flooding, damaging winds. Three homes on Binney Street suffered significant damage last month when a state culvert became clogged, resulting in a kind of flash flood. Other homes have seen huge old trees come down.

Enough already.

It's time for a break before all we have left of this summer are soggy memories and unused sunscreen.

We may be in luck, with the forecast actually promising a stretch of summer-like conditions into the weekend. We deserve it, don't we? So let's take advantage using the parks, trails, Poms Pond and conservation land that make Andover special. The kids might not want to believe it, but the last weeks of summer are approaching.

## Different life-path strokes for different folks

More than 90 percent of Andover High School graduates go on to college. That's a wonderful fact, given the importance of knowledge and advanced education.

But there are other options for people to keep in mind, a fact that can be forgotten in a driven community such as this. In Andover, it's almost assumed that everyone should enter college the fall after they graduated.

However, during this decade, there has been a slight trend of more Andover High graduates taking a year off before proceeding immediately to college. A brief pause can be scary for parents, but can help some who take it to realize what they really want to do with their life.

Andover High 2004 graduate Greg Morissette says entering the military proved to be the right option for him right after high school. He just returned home to Andover on leave from a tour aboard the USS Cole, a Navy destroyer, and said, "When I came in four years ago, I was lost, I didn't know where I was. The Navy helped me to grow up, taught me leadership, made me a more honest person."

For others, pursuing a trade — such as becoming a plumber, carpenter or electrician — might lead to a far more successful life than becoming another liberal arts student might.

As admirable and advantageous as advancing to college can be, as a poet named Frost believed, it's clear that the best path to a productive, happy life is not always the most traveled.

## WEB QUESTION

### Which country will come out on top?

**Last week's poll:** Resident Kevin Sullivan runs 100-mile races. Your reaction?

The top choice, with 36 percent of the vote, was "Nice to read about — but no way I'm running 100 miles!"

Runner-up, with 27 percent of the vote, was: "Makes me realize what I can do, but within limits."

The choice "other" was third place, with 18 percent of the vote, and fourth place was a two-way tie between "Amazing and inspiring. I plan follow his lead and reach high" and "My idea of a marathon? Several hours of my favorite TV re-runs."

**This week's poll:** The 2008 summer Olympic games in Beijing, China began with flair, artistry and fireworks in the opening ceremonies on Friday, Aug. 8. Which country

do you think will win the most medals at the Beijing Olympics?

(As of Townsman press time, the U.S. ranked first, with 29 total medals, but China was a close second, with 27 total medals and Korea was third with 13)

- France
- Russia
- China
- The United States
- Other
- Japan
- Australia
- None of the above
- I don't follow the Olympics.

To vote, visit [www.andover-townsman.com](http://www.andover-townsman.com) and scroll to the bottom of the home page. To offer additional comments for publication, send them to editor Neil Fater at [nfater@andovertownsman.com](mailto:nfater@andovertownsman.com).

## BIG BOY TOYS



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Max McNeely, 4, of Andover climbs around on an Andover DPW front-end loader during the third annual Andover Monster Truck Day on Aug. 8. The event, hosted by Andover Memorial Hall Library and Butler Bank, allowed kids to climb inside and get up close to police vehicles, fire trucks, an ambulance and several large public works trucks.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Generosity of Bible school nets playground

Editor, Townsman:

The Professional Center for Child Development in Andover and Lawrence made some cherished new friends with the children at Andover's Vacation Bible School. Each year during the VBS week in late July, the group chooses a local nonprofit or charity to focus on and work for. This year the Professional Center for Child Development was fortunate enough to be asked to participate.

Andover Baptist Church, Free Christian Church, South Church and Saint Michael Parish in North Andover gathered to plan this week for the children. As the PCCD parent and community liaison, I was asked to come to one of the planning meetings and tell the group a little about the Professional Center and they were able to fill us in on the VBS service project for the summer of 2008. The group chose to work toward some items for our center's new playground. Children of all abilities love to play!

The Professional Center for Child Development serves families and children birth through 7 years. All are welcome, from the typically developing toddler and the child who may have a delay in his or her speech to a child who has complex health care needs.

The children at the Vacation Bible School learned about the children at the PCCD during a short presentation on the first day. Throughout the week they gathered offerings and donations for the playground. Youth participation in service projects such as this helps to shape the values and character of the community. We appreciate the children and the special group of adults who brought us into their hearts. I was asked to join them on Friday, Aug. 1, for the closing

songs and donation presentation. We met in the Sanctuary at Free Christian Church on this hot day — but, I still had chills running down my spine from the generosity of the children and families of the Vacation Bible School.

Ellen McGrail Waddill  
Parent and community liaison  
Professional Center  
for Child Development  
32 Osgood St.

### We can save ourselves, by saving

Editor, Townsman:

Is America becoming a bad credit risk? It's becoming tough to convince investors that we can pay our bills. The home mortgage debacle is creating more and more of a black hole for cash than many experts realized. Every day it seems that billions more are being written off; some published reports suggest that the total red ink resulting from the subprime mortgage debacle may reach \$1 trillion.

So here we are. It has become more difficult to get a home mortgage. Even college students are coming up short with school loan programs drying up everywhere. I have heard many say, "What are our elected leaders going to do about this? We demand some action!"

Maybe "we" are looking in the wrong places and asking the wrong people to help. I suggest that we all look in the mirror and find the solution staring back at us. We can get America back on track if we have faith in ourselves.

We need to recall our roots as a great nation — the belief that being thrifty and saving for a rainy day will get us through the bad times. Let's commit ourselves to the challenge. Open a savings account and pay yourself \$10 each week.

Does this mean some discipline and sacrifice? Maybe a little.

But look at the numbers: there are about 350,000,000 Americans. With each American saving \$10 per week, we can provide about \$3.5 billion per week and well over \$175 billion a year to our banking system — a great financial shot in the arm. Just think about it: We can save ourselves out of trouble and not rely on the developing world or Wall Street to keep us financially solvent.

While we are saving ourselves, we can teach our children how to save: Buy each child a piggy bank and lead by example. It's high time to start cutting up the credit cards and to stop living in a fantasy world of unending credit and insurmountable debt.

There was another who, during his lifetime, led by example and helped people help themselves. Source: the Gospel of Luke (9:10-17); timeline: a little more than 2,000 years ago; place: the city of Bethsaida, Kingdom of Judea; situation: how to feed 5,000 people. Putting aside the strenuous objections of the apostles, Jesus took five loaves and two fish, blessed them and distributed them to the multitudes, and all were satisfied.

While the exact details of what happened on that hill over 20 centuries ago may be a matter of individual belief, I believe that we can all agree that Jesus set an example for all by offering and sharing. We can do the same by saving \$10 a week.

Let us all have the courage to have faith in ourselves and our fellow citizens. If we could have the courage to share, then Luke's beautiful Gospel story will become more than just words to be read from a holy book.

John Zipeto  
14 Canterbury St.

### Late-night, noisy dumping must end

Editor, Townsman:

We are Andover residents living on Burnham Road directly behind the old landfill on High Street. For several years the peace of our neighborhood has been shattered by the noise of trucks dumping sand, gravel and other materials in the High Street area. The abrupt slamming of the tailgates as the trucks dump their loads is particularly loud and startling. Recently, at 2:50 a.m., we were awakened by this loud noise. In the winter we will suffer again when trucks dump snow in the same area, sometimes late at night or early in the morning.

Complaints to town officials and contractors do not seem to have any effect. We live in a residential area, and pay our fair share of property taxes. No resident should have to endure these disruptions. The time has come to complain loudly and clearly and to urge the town to find a suitable area, preferably in an industrial zone, for this activity.

Enough is enough!  
Jason and Phyllis Andrews  
Burnham Road

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## ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

### 100 YEARS AGO: 1908

#### "Cricket: Andover, 66; Moore, 18"

The Andover Cricket team administered a crushing defeat to the Moore Spinning Team of Lowell on last Saturday afternoon on the local crease. The visitors were unable to hit the excellent bowling of Bruce and Black, the former getting eight wickets and the latter two. The fielding of Black was without doubt the best seen here this season excepting all of his four chances. Gouch and Gordon also fielded well.

J. Haddon, H. Callahan and W. Haddon batted finely for the winners with 13, 12 and 12 respectively.

### 75 YEARS AGO: AUGUST 1933

#### "Editorial: Youthful Vandalism"

A group of parents met at the police station last night as a result of the destruction of windows and other property on Buxton Court by their sons during the last two years. Destruction of property is a criminal offense whether it is done

by irresponsible young men or by adults, and there is no call for all the howling and wailing put up by some of the parents of the miscreants during the week. It is quite right that the parents should receive the warning reprimands rather than their sons, but if they are unwilling to control the destructive inclinations of their children thereafter, the police force will have to take a hand.

The property on Buxton Court is only one example of the juvenile delinquency which has run rampant in this town lately. The high school building has been the scene of many thefts during the past few years, and more recently Andover's young men seem to have developed a childish liking for tearing up signs on the school lawn and for otherwise damaging the public property. It must make them feel pretty big to be able to smash a sign or steal ice cream, mustn't it? It must give the parents of these youths much pride to know that their sons have progressed so far as to be able to stone a squirrel in the park or to let the water overflow in a school basement, mustn't it? With such fine upright sons as these, the parents

must certainly have justifiable reason to complain if the police department feels that their youthful energy is being expended in the wrong direction, mustn't they?

The parents will be angry, of course, but the rest of Andover should be pleased to know that the police force is attempting to put a stop to this wholesale destruction of public property. It is about time something is done to give these overgrown children a correct sense of right and wrong, to show them that smashing windows is not quite as smart as they seem to think it is. Possibly making an example of one or two of them would help.

### 10 YEARS AGO: AUGUST 1998

#### "'Lull' in demand prompts layoffs at Raytheon"

What company officials describe as a "lull" in demand for Patriot and Hawk missiles has prompted Raytheon Systems Company to begin laying off about 260 employees from its Andover facility.

The director of media relations said the layoffs, most of them in manufacturing positions, would be

conducted over the next 30 days. ... She said the company is aggressively seeking contracts with Greece and South Korea and that "most of the growth in this sector is international."

Raytheon employs about 3,500 in Andover.

#### "Mobil cleanup plan now open to public"

Residents concerned with the groundwater cleanup project slated for the Mobil gas station on Lowell Street now have the opportunity to review the plan and make comments.

Through their environmental representative agency, the Department for Environmental Protection is taking public comment on the Immediate Response Action plan to clean up traces of gasoline at the Mobil Service Station at 309 Lowell St. The plan is available for public review and the environmental company handling the cleanup will take comments on it until Aug. 16.

—Compiled by Sarah Hallowell, summer contributor

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## ■ POLICE LOG

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resident called to report a large dump truck stuck in utility wires.

At 7:40 p.m., a resident called to

report an apparent domestic situation. Police reported that the son of the 90-year-old woman across the hall was trying to get his mother ready for a hospital visit. She is hard

of hearing, so the man was speaking loudly.

Friday, Aug. 8 — At 3:37 a.m., a Park Street resident called to report loud noises; skunks were found at a

nearby Dumpster making the noise.

At 8 p.m., an officer confiscated alcohol and spoke to parents about a gathering of youths found on Abbot Street.

At 11:16 p.m., a Maple Avenue resident reported that her house had been broken into sometime that afternoon; the officer advised that it did not appear to have been a house break.

Saturday, Aug. 9 — At 6:39 p.m., a

Haggetts Pond Road resident called to report a group of people swimming and using canoes in Haggetts Pond. An officer was unable to locate any swimmers.

At 6:58 p.m., a resident called to report a suspicious female acting strangely and exposing herself on a neighborhood lawn.

Sunday, Aug. 10 — At 2:30 a.m., a noise complaint was reported on Essex Street, continuing for two

days. An officer found that no one was home at that address and the radio was left on accidentally.

At 8:28 a.m., a Gray Road resident called to report a raccoon in an intersection, acting oddly. An officer responded and the animal was put down.

At 10:49 and 10:50 p.m., a Crescent Drive resident called to report fireworks being set off.

— compiled by Bethany Bray

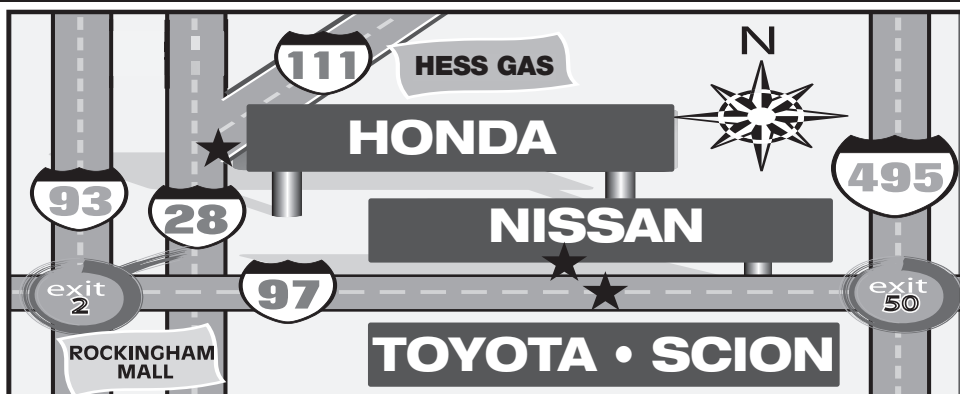
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# Townspeople

## Winthrop Newman versus the School Committee

Bill Dalton



Winthrop Newman (1906-1987) came from a distinguished Andover family, and he was a student of the town's history. Almost a decade after the Andover School Committee changed the high school's name from "Punchard High School" to "Andover High School" in 1957, Mr. Newman wrote a series of articles declaring that the committee's action was illegal because the name change could only be done by a Town Meeting vote; therefore, the correct name for the school was still Punchard High School.

Newman was a graduate of Phillips Academy where Mark Newman, his great-great-grandfather (by my calculation), had been principal from 1794 to 1810. Mark Newman started the Andover Bookstore, ran a successful printing business, and was one of the seven original trustees of Abbot Academy. Winthrop Newman's father, Charles H. Newman, was an active professional photographer from 1889 to the 1930s, and the Andover Historical Society owns approximately 6,000 of his photographic plates and many positives of his photographs. Any professional picture you see of Andover in that era was likely taken by him.

Winthrop was an intelligent, gregarious man who loved history and the town. From the 1950s through the 1970s, he enjoyed being downtown and talking with friends. Many called him by his nickname, Winkie, which was probably acquired from a younger relative who had trouble pronouncing "Winthrop." Newman had a lifelong problem with a bad leg, and he had a distinctive limp that accompanied him.

The Dantos family, who owned Pete's (the Andover Spa), lived next to the Newman family, which was at 121 Elm St. Phidias Dantos says, "Winthrop was very well read and was able, although with pain, to walk downtown, where he would spend time in the library. He would hold court around the square and regale younger people with stories of old Andover. He was often called the 'unofficial town historian.' He was a sweet, lovable man who never said a bad word about anyone. Quite often, after he had finished his rounds around the square, he would come into the store where I would treat him to an ice cream soda and give him a ride home. He was like an uncle to me."

In the mid-1960s, Newman wrote a tightly researched, seven-part series for The Eagle-Tribune. The newspaper described Newman as "a close student of Andover affairs" and attached the headline "An Act of Love Revoked" to the series. Using the detail of a historian, Newman told the story of Benjamin Punchard's rags to riches life and the history of Punchard Free School before concluding with the major premise of the series: The name change of the high school was illegal.

Newman stated the School Committee did not have any right to change the name because a Town Meeting on March 3, 1902, had created the name. It had voted that the School Committee establish a high school and "said school to be known until otherwise ordered as the Punchard High School." This naming of the school for Punchard was the "Act of Love" in the newspaper's headline, and the revocation of the love was the action of the School Committee in 1957 when it dropped the name "Punchard."

Jim Batchelder, who furnished the Newman articles to me, believes they were published in 1965 or '66. Batchelder is the head teacher in the Andover High School fine arts department and a longtime volunteer at the Andover Historical Society. He knows as much about the town's history as anyone I know. Batchelder says, "Many high schools in the area began to change their names after World War II: Manning (Lynn), Tenney (Methuen), and Johnson (North Andover) to name a few. The Andover School Committee in 1957 felt that the name 'Andover High School' better reflected a more contemporary view of the nation and had a better recognition factor for people and colleges outside the region."

I must note, however, that the other schools were named for historical figures but not historical figures who had paid for the original high school, as Punchard had. Nevertheless, I agree that the 1950s were not a time of sentimentality regarding history. World War I, The Spanish flu pandemic, The Great Depression, World War II, and the Korean War had purged many people of a need to relish the past.

Please see DALTON, Page 14



## 'PAINTING' WITH FABRIC



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Betsy Abbott of Andover works on a quilt in her living room. Abbott is a semifinalist in the American Quilter's society national show this month in Nashville, Tenn. Above left is Abbott's work "Fidelity," depicting a pair of osprey. Above right is "Praise for the Morning," depicting a sunrise.

## Andover quilter's work shown all around the United States

BY BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Betsy Abbott dreamed of quilting for years before taking a beginning quilting class at a local community college. Now, nine years later, she has several prize-winning quilts in shows around the country.

"I didn't think I had a creative bone in my body," Abbott said with a laugh. "I'm absolutely amazed by what you can do, what you can create with fabric. I consider myself a landscape artist, using fabric as my medium."

Abbott mostly creates free-form quilts, different from traditional quilts that have geometric, repeating patterns. Although she respects and admires traditional quilting styles, she said, she enjoys the open-endedness of creating a quilt without a pattern.

"I love color, I love fabric. There's something very tactile about it (quilting). This art form allows me to hold, move and manipulate cloth. That's why I fell in love with it," she said.

Abbott has been selected as a semifinalist in the American Quilter's Society annual Quilt Expo in Nashville, Tenn., held Aug. 20 through

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Betsy Abbott

23. Her quilt "Shag Rock" was chosen from a field of 472 quilts, and will be displayed and judged with quilts from all over the world.

She also had two quilts selected for the Images 2008 quilt show in Lowell: "Praise for the Morning," which depicts a sunrise, and "Fidelity," a scene with two osprey, created in memory of her parents. The Lowell quilt show is part of the four-day Lowell Quilt Festival. Abbott was notified that one of her two pieces won a third-place prize, she said.

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## Q&A with Betsy Abbott

The Townsman sat down with Abbott last week to discuss quilting.

**Talk about "Shag Rock," the quilt in the AQS show in Tennessee.**

"Shag Rock" is of five cormorants on a rocky coast. Some people think cormorants are ugly — they have a long neck and are all black. In the water, they're extremely fast and sleek. Their feathers absorb water (they don't have the oil glands that ducks and other water birds do), so they have to spread their wings out to dry.

They look so ungainly and awkward, hanging themselves out to dry on rocks, it makes me smile.

**What was your first quilt?**

The first quilt I made was in the first quilting class I took (an introduction to traditional quilting at Northern Essex Community College). It was a quilt sampler. We picked contrasting fabrics, and did seven different patterns.

**How has quilting changed you?**

The class just unlocked something in me. ... Quilting is a whole new way of seeing for me. It has heightened my way of seeing.

I'll see something, and say, "How would I depict in cloth, that light shining that leaf there?" It

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## Two Andover Girl Scouts earn organization's highest achievement

### Both complete service projects for local churches

Andover Girl Scouts Annelise Jayne Mesler, 19, and Amberly Tenney, 18, were recently honored by the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts for completing their Girl Scout Gold Award projects.

The young women were recognized at a recent ceremony by Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Chief Executive Officer Ruth Bramson, and numerous fellow Girl Scouts.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest achievement in Girl Scouting, like Eagle Scout designation in Boy Scouting. To receive the Gold Award, Girl Scouts between the ages of 14 and 17 must design and implement service projects that build on their experience in leadership, community service, career planning and personal development.

#### ABOUT GIRL SCOUTS OF EASTERN MASS.

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts serves 45,500 girls and 17,000 volunteers living in towns and cities spanning the eastern part of the state from the border of New Hampshire, south to the Cape and islands. Programs and services are delivered to girls through 28 program centers in 178 communities.

Annelise Jayne Mesler, a member of the Andover High School Class of 2008, created a curriculum for her church Sunday school about the different seasons of the church for her Gold Award project. This work included six large wall hanging calendars and a 20-page curriculum packet. She also led a teacher training session and several children's worship services.

Amberly Tenney, a member of the

Phillips Academy Class of 2008, created a lending library for the West Parish Church. She took all of the church's books, videos and magazines and entered them into a computerized database, categorized them, and organized them into a library. The library is up and running in the church's parlor, and is being used by people both from the church and from the community at large.

—Bethany Bray



Courtesy photos

Andover Girl Scout Amberly Tenney poses in the library at West Parish Church. Tenney created and organized the library — more than 100 hours of volunteer work — to earn her Girl Scout Gold Award.



Annelise Jayne Mesler recently completed a Sunday school curriculum.



## DALTON: Newman's fight

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The problem with Newman's thesis was that it came years too late. By the time he wrote it, the issue was moot. Several classes had graduated from Andover High School, and the new school with its new name was creating traditions of its own. Whether the School Committee had made a mistake or not, the name change was an accomplished fact.

So, what about the Punchard Trust, the legal entity Mr. Punchard used to create the high school? Careful asset management over the past several years has resulted in the principal of the trust increasing to \$570,000. Earl Efinger, the longtime chairman of the Punchard Trustees (who donate their time), says the trust gives an average of \$10,000 annually for programs at the high school (such as the marching band) and an additional \$17,000 in scholarships.

And how do we remember

Benjamin Punchard today? There is Punchard Avenue and a small plaque in the high school. (Presumably, the auditorium at the old high school, now the West Middle School, is still called the Punchard Auditorium.) All in all, the town could do more to ensure that Punchard is remembered for what he was and what his money still does for the youth of the town. At the same time, the town can create an attractive asset for the community. A statue of Mr. Punchard could be placed at the end of Punchard Avenue near the entrance of the Town Office Building, the structure that used to bear his name. I'd bet the Punchard Trust would support an effort to fund it through private donations. It might be a good subject for the Town Meeting to discuss.

Previous columns regarding Benjamin Punchard and Punchard High School can be found in the Andover Townsman's on-line edition.

## Take me out to the ballgame



Courtesy photo

Dunkin' Donuts hosted youth from the Greek Orthodox Youth Organization of Andover at the Boston Red Sox game on July 27 against the New York Yankees. They sat in the "Dunkin Dugout" in the Fenway Park bleachers. Top row, from left: David Hudson (North Reading), Andrew Hudson (North Reading); Christopher Goodwin (Andover) and Mikayla Goodwin (Andover). Bottom row, from left: Scott Stevenson, Kevin Stevenson, Alana Gudinas and Corina Gudinas (all of Atkinson, N.H.), Valerie Nikolopoulos, Jenna Nikolopoulos and Gabriella Goodwin (all of Andover).

## QUILTS: Andover resident's prize-winning works in shows around country

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Abbott lives on South Main Street with her husband, Don Abbott. For each of her quilts, she envisions a design, and meticulously cuts shapes out of different fabrics, piecing them together and pinning them on a large board.

Stepping back from the design, Abbott changes, adds and moves pieces until the quilt matches the idea in her head. Working several hours a day, she can spend anywhere from five to seven months to finish one of her quilts, depending on its design, she said.

Abbott has learned her technique through trial and error, and during several quilting classes she's taken since her first course at Northern Essex Community College in 1999. She also gains inspiration, insight and ideas from talking with other quilters at shows and in a quilters guild, the

*"Quilting has undergone such an amazing transformation. Since the early 1970s, people have begun to rediscover quilts. There has been a shift, a revitalization, of quilting from craft to art."*

Betsy Abbott

Watertown-based Quilter's Connection.

Quilting has changed and grown as an art form in recent decades, Abbott said.

"Quilting has undergone such an amazing transformation. Since the early 1970s, people have begun to rediscover quilts. There

has been a shift, a revitalization, of quilting from craft to art," she said. "There are over 30 million quilters in the U.S. right now. It has completely revitalized the textile industry in this country, which was all but dead. Lowell, Lawrence, this whole area was born of textiles."

Betsy and Don Abbott have two grown children and four grandchildren. They moved to Andover in 1992, and she worked at the Andover Bookstore for 16 years before retiring last year. Don Abbott works in the development office at Phillips Academy, and has plans to retire at the end of this month.

One of Abbott's first quilting projects was to make a storybook quilt for each of her four grandchildren. Using storybook illustrations as a template, she made each grandchild a quilt picturing a scene from a children's fable or nursery rhyme.

## Q&A: Betsy Abbott talks about her craft

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makes you look in a very different way, you're noticing things in a very different way.

Part of the fun is looking at a piece of fabric, and seeing something else in it.

### What inspires you?

The kinds of quilts I like to make, I'm making out of my own experiences. (She and her husband vacation each year on Monhegan Island, Maine, which has inspired several quilts of ocean scenes.)

In a visual way, being able to share stories is very important to me. I think all quilts tell a story. There is a story behind the decision to make one quilt over another.

My quilt "Fidelity" is of two osprey, which have always been important birds to me and my parents. The two osprey represent my

parents, one on a nest and one flying toward her. I made it in their honor, in their memory.

It (quilting) is a chance to express something personal.

### Why do you enter your quilts in shows?

I enter shows for the chance to meet other quilters; it's fun to share. Not to win.

I enter to keep myself growing and learning from other quilters, and get feedback from the judges.

When I mail quilts (to submit them for a show), I kiss them goodbye and tell them to do their best.

### To you, how is quilting an art form?

Quilting is definitely an art form. I consider myself an art quilter. It's like any other art you might choose — some people are painters or poets.

Quilting is an expression of an artistic self I didn't know I had. It's a way for me to express my artistic self, and sharing that is important.

It brings people together.

### What do you wish people knew about your art?

There is a whole world of artistic expression being created through cloth.

Quilts are not just for beds. It's much, much more than that. People are most astonished by how quilting has become a way to express a whole range of artistic expression.

### Do you have advice on how to get started?

Take a class at a local adult education center. Quilting classes are offered at many senior centers, quilt shows, community colleges, fabric stores — and the Lowell Quilt Museum offers classes too.

Small, simple venues are a good place to begin to learn and will introduce you to other quilters.

Put yourselves with other people (quilters); join a quilters guild.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, AUG. 14

**Evening Labyrinth Walk** at the Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center in North Andover from 7 to 8:45 p.m. led by retreat leader Paul Millin. Walking the Labyrinth is a moving prayer practice in which the body can help bring together mind and heart in a fresh unity. Registration fee: \$15. Call 978-682-8815 or e-mail thestaff@rollingridge.org to register.

**Gerry Johnston** will perform classic guitar music with Broadway favorites and other popular tunes at 7 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover. For more information, call the Rogers Center box office Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 978-837-5355.

**Free outdoor concert:** The public is invited to a free lawn concert, 5 p.m. at Ashland Farm at North Andover, 700 Chickering Road. A complimentary barbecue cookout will be served and the music begins at 6 p.m. To RSVP or for more information, call Ashland Farm at North Andover at 978-683-1300.

**"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"** at the North Shore Music Theatre in Beverly at 7:30 p.m. For tickets and more information, visit [www.nsmf.org](http://www.nsmf.org).

### FRIDAY, AUG. 15

**"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"** at the North Shore Music Theatre in Beverly at 8 p.m. For tickets and more information, visit [www.nsmf.org](http://www.nsmf.org).

### SATURDAY, AUG. 16

**"Wild about Crafts"** program at Memorial Hall Library from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Adults and teens are invited to learn about new crafts, work on projects, and complete free "make and take" projects. Participants should bring their own craft supplies and register by calling 978-623-8401, ext. 49, or e-mailing [eclasson@mhl.org](mailto:eclasson@mhl.org). For more information, call 978-623-8401, ext. 31, or visit the library's Web site at [www.mhl.org](http://www.mhl.org).

**New gallery opening:** The Griffin Museum of Photography celebrates the opening of its new gallery at the Stoneham Theatre with an exhibit of the work of Fran Forman, "Alchemy of Memory," running through Aug. 30 in the Griffin Museum's Atelier Gallery. A reception with the artist is today from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Forman is a visiting scholar at the Women's Studies Research Center at Brandeis University and also teaches workshops in digital montage. The Stoneham Theatre is at 395 Main St., Stoneham; [www.stonehamtheatre.org](http://www.stonehamtheatre.org).

**"BREAK! The Urban Funk Spectacular"** at the Firehouse Center for the Arts, Newburyport, 8 p.m. The performance traces the history of hip-hop dancing over the past 30 years and pays tribute to each new contribution to the phenomena. Tickets are \$22 for students/seniors, \$27 for members, \$29 for nonmembers, and can be purchased by calling the box office at 978-462-7336 or online at [www.firehouse.org](http://www.firehouse.org). For more information about the show, visit [www.breakshow.com](http://www.breakshow.com).

**"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"** at the North Shore Music Theatre in Beverly at 2 and 8 p.m. For tickets and more information, visit [www.nsmf.org](http://www.nsmf.org).

**Ipswich River canoe trip:** Take a naturalist-guided canoe trip at Mass Audubon's

Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary in Topsfield, 1 to 3 p.m. Includes instruction on canoeing basics, education about the animals that make the river their home, and an ice cream break. Advance registration is required. All equipment will be provided. Participants must be able to swim, and children should be at least 6 years old. \$16 adults, \$14 children (discount for Mass Audubon members). For more information or to register, call 978-887-9264.

### SUNDAY, AUG. 17

**Four Guys in Tuxes** play from 1 to 3 p.m. at Poms Pond in Andover. This is a make-up for a rained-out concert. The pond will be open from noon to 6 p.m. For more information, call Mary at 978-623-8277.

**Dog-walking hike:** Enjoy a dog-friendly, casual stroll of Weir Hill in North Andover with author of "Best Hikes with Dogs: Boston and Beyond" Jenna Ringelheim and Property Superintendent Chris Ward. Learn about the property's history, geology, and management as well as tips on responsible dog walking. Ringelheim will share her insights on dog walking and her book will be available for sale. This free hike will leave the Stevens-Street entrance of Weir Hill at 10 a.m. and wrap up by noon. Directions are available at the Trustees Web site, [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org).

**Antique tractor pull:** Smolak Farms will host an antique tractor pull, with members of the Essex County Tractor Club, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Includes tractor pulls in several weight classes, live music, barbecue, children's games, hayrides and a flea market. Kids will be admitted free; adult admission is \$5. The farm is located at 315 South Bradford St., North Andover. More information at [www.smolakfarms.com](http://www.smolakfarms.com).

**"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"** at the North Shore Music Theatre in Beverly at 2 p.m. For tickets and more information, visit [www.nsmf.org](http://www.nsmf.org).

### MONDAY, AUG. 18

**Davis Bates and Roger Tincknell** concert at Memorial Hall Library on August 18 at 10:30 a.m. for ages 4 and up. This concert features favorite stories and songs to get you moving, clapping and singing along. Limited tickets available beginning Aug. 11. For more information, call 978-623-8401, ext. 39, or visit [www.mhl.org/kids](http://www.mhl.org/kids).

**Auditions** will be held for "The Diary of Anne Frank" from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover. Callbacks will be held Aug. 19, and production dates are Oct. 24-26. For more information, visit [www.actingout.biz](http://www.actingout.biz) or e-mail [actingout@earthlink.net](mailto:actingout@earthlink.net).

### TUESDAY, AUG. 19

**"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"** at the North Shore Music Theatre in Beverly at 7:30 p.m. For tickets and more information, visit [www.nsmf.org](http://www.nsmf.org).

**Free pranic healing clinic** offers no-touch energy treatments at the Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Route 133, Andover from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Contact Miriam Smith at [mgsenergy@comcast.net](mailto:mgsenergy@comcast.net) or 978-683-6129. Walk-ins welcome.

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Courtesy photos

Andover's Grimis will kick off a two-month U.S. tour with a CD release show Aug. 17 in Cambridge.

# Andover band embarking on two-month US tour

By BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

*David Tanklesky, vocalist and guitarist for Grimis, will file reports from the road, keeping residents informed about life on tour.*

Members of the Andover band Grimis will hit the road this weekend, promoting their new album with a two-month tour of the United States.

The tour kicks off Aug. 17 with a CD release show at the Middle East Upstairs in Cambridge.

After their set, the band will pile into a 1986 Chevy van and begin the journey. Among the 24 dates planned on the tour are gigs in Chicago, Denver, Salt Lake City, Seattle, San Francisco, New York City and Washington, D.C.

"This will be our first time really out there," said David Tanklesky, vocalist and guitarist for the band. "When you start playing music, that's sort of the dream."

Grimis' new self-titled album consists of 11 tracks. Recorded in North Reading, the project took a year and a half to complete, Tanklesky said. Grimis also released albums in 2002 and 2004 while its members were at-



Grimis will release their third, self-titled album this month.

tending Andover High School.

"It feels like it's the best record that we've made," said Tanklesky, who described the new release as having a warm, folksy sound while still retaining the band's original jazz influences. "It just feels great. It took a lot to get done."

But seven years after Grimis formed, the band is at a crossroads, according to Tanklesky. Its members are unsure if their upcoming tour will be their last "big thing" together, or if it will spark something new for the group.

Grimis will not be joined on the tour by fourth member Lyle Brewer, who is studying guitar in Boston.

Both Tanklesky and bassist Andrew Doherty graduated from college this spring.

"We've sort of reached a point of growth — not to say it's do or die — but we feel we've made songs we're proud of and encompass everything we've done to this point," said Tanklesky. "We're going to go out and our wildest dream is that it's going to catch on."

Grimis will set out without the luxury of knowing if they'll be paid for a given night's performance. Tanklesky said the band will sell records and merchandise and hope to receive the occasional cut from venue door sales.

"Getting paid will be secondary," said Tanklesky. "It's kind of our chance to take a little bit of time and see if we can get out there and do it."

Having toured as far west as Chicago before, Tanklesky said the band knows what to expect playing for different crowds each night: On their last tour, Grimis played a packed Ohio club one night, only to be greeted by 10 people the next night.

"That's just how it is," said Tanklesky. "We've all been able to take it as it comes."

Tanklesky expects to file dispatches from the tour, portions of which will be available in the Townsman and on its Web site. After that?

"Maybe come back and just get right back out there, turn around and keep playing," said Tanklesky.

# In step with a local dancing queen

## After Vegas competition, Ariel Prochilo off to dance school

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

As the dance craze continues to shake American television this summer, a true local dancing queen is tuning in just like the rest of us.

However, Andover dancer Ariel Prochilo knows a lot more than the typical television viewer, because her dancing resume is more than 14 years long already. Tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 15, she leaves her Andover home for the Ann Lacy School of

American Dance at Oklahoma City University, where she will major in dance performance.

Her favorite dance show on television is "So You Think You Can Dance." She said such shows have introduced people around the country to her favorite art form.

"There's some great talent on TV, and I think it's great that people can see how hard dancers work and what's involved," said Prochilo, who was captain of the dance team at Andover High School, where she

graduated last June.

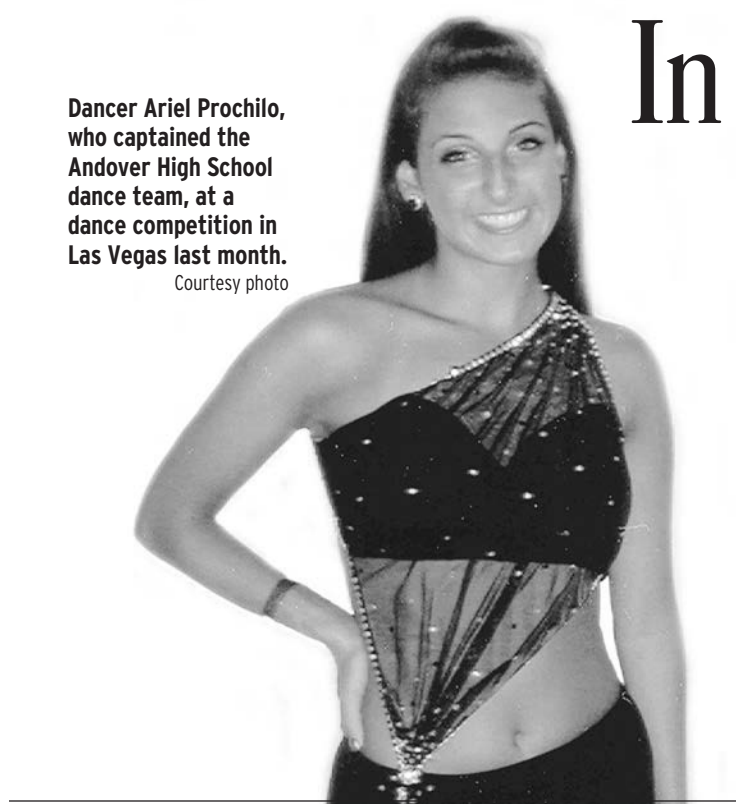
She's been training in all genres of dance at the Donna Miceli Dance Center in Lowell, where she was a member of the school's resident dance companies. She has performed in two professional productions, "Cats" and "West Side Story," at the Palace Theater in Manchester, N.H.

Prochilo, 18, earned the Elite Dancer Award at West Coast Dance Explosion's regional event in February held in Rhode Island, where she was selected

from among 250 dancers.

The title allowed her to compete for another title in Las Vegas, Nev., last month. She was among 35 dancers chosen from across the United States and Canada to compete. She selected a jazz dance routine and, although she did not win, she said it was a great experience for her.

The daughter of John and Cheryl Prochilo of Fossen Way, she wants to pursue a career with a dance performance company or on Broadway.



Dancer Ariel Prochilo, who captained the Andover High School dance team, at a dance competition in Las Vegas last month.

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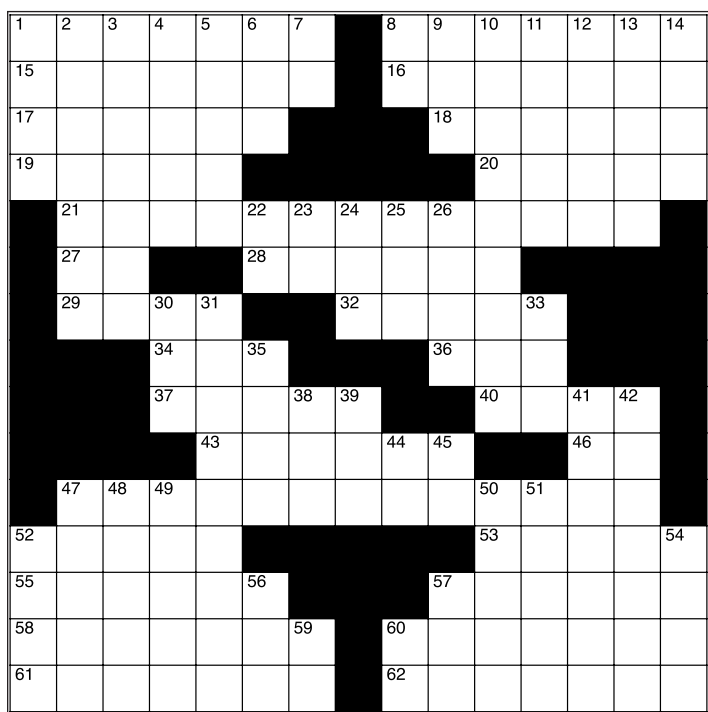
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- 8. Programmers
- 15. Separate knitting
- 16. Famous Irish stone
- 17. \_\_\_\_\_ Keach, actor
- 18. Ascended
- 19. Works with a mortise
- 20. Evade
- 21. Potter's best friend
- 27. Lincoln's state
- 28. Mounds of stones
- 29. Rotating mechanisms
- 32. William's character in Aladdin
- 34. \_\_\_\_\_tard: condiment
- 36. Autonomic nervous system
- 37. Former French monetary unit
- 40. Notable exploit
- 43. Debacle
- 46. The "Show Me" state
- 47. Network for "The Daily Show"
- 52. Traditional literary themes
- 53. Play again
- 55. Warnings
- 57. 1st woman circumnavigator Kay
- 58. Greek seaport
- 60. Unhurried
- 61. Burned with hot water
- 62. Orbs

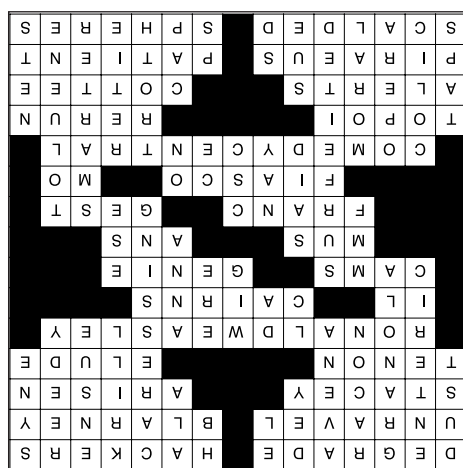
**CLUES DOWN**

- 2. Intestinal
- 3. Trail cereal
- 4. Radar beacon
- 5. Oats
- 6. Partridge star Susan
- 7. Chicago commuter train
- 8. Halfback
- 9. Pie \_\_\_\_\_ mode: dessert
- 10. Fondly touching
- 11. Food for baleen whales
- 12. Result
- 13. Thin in tone
- 14. Auld lang \_\_\_\_\_, good old days
- 22. Not caps
- 23. Ducktail (slang)
- 24. Hairpiece
- 25. Before
- 26. Heroine of "The King And I"
- 30. Magnetomotive

**CLUES DOWN**

- 31. Fed to excess
- 33. Point midway between E and SE
- 35. Stated
- 38. Negative
- 39. Reciprocal of a sine
- 41. More intelligent
- 42. Methylbenzene
- 44. Cerium
- 45. Atop
- 47. Acute abdominal pain
- 48. Classical music for the stage
- 49. Lesson of a story
- 50. Pledge of fidelity
- 51. Knot again
- 52. Lights out
- 54. NJ basketball team
- 56. Institute legal proceedings against
- 57. Baseball headgear
- 59. Sioux Falls state
- 60. A note to appended a letter

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# CALENDAR

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**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20**

**Free movie screening:** "The Lady Eve" 6:30 p.m. commentary, 7 p.m. screening at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover. For more information, call the Rogers Center box office Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 978-837-5355.

**"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"** at the North Shore Music Theatre in Beverly at 2 and 7:30 p.m. For tickets and more information, visit [www.nsmst.org](http://www.nsmst.org).

**THURSDAY, AUG. 21**

**The Harry James Orchestra** will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Stoneham Theatre. The Harry James Orchestra, directed by Fred Radke, was formed in 1939 by Harry James, and the then-little-known Frank Sinatra. Tickets for all shows are \$42 for adults and \$37 for seniors. To purchase tickets or for information, visit or call the box office at 781-279-2200 or visit [www.stonehamtheatre.org](http://www.stonehamtheatre.org). The box office is open Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 6 p.m.

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**Live country music:** Tom Russell makes his Newburyport debut on the stage of the Firehouse Center for the Arts at 7:30 p.m. Russell has released 24 albums and one DVD of original material. His recordings have ranged from folk, cowboy, roots and rock to the far reaches of "outsider Americana," and has also been recorded by dozens of the world's finest roots and country musicians. For more information and tickets, visit [www.firehouse.org](http://www.firehouse.org).

**FRIDAY, AUG. 22**

**Circo Comedia**, starring Jean Saucier and Patrick Cote from Montreal, features

distinctive humor, acrobatic tricks, daring feats, magic and eccentricity. Performing at the North Shore Music Theatre at 9:45 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Tickets are \$17 and \$12, ages 4 and up. For tickets, visit [www.nsmst.org](http://www.nsmst.org), call 978-232-7200, or purchase in person at the theater at 62 Dunham Road, Beverly.

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**SATURDAY, AUG. 23**

**Evening of Rock:** Concert to benefit the Friends of the Parker River Wildlife Refuge and the Plum Island Airfield at the Plum Island Airfield, Hangar No. 1, Newbury, 5 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person, food and beverages included. Note that this event is 21-plus. For more information or tickets, visit [www.eveningofrock.org](http://www.eveningofrock.org).

**Firefighters Combat Challenge:** Merrimack Valley Hospital in conjunction with Haverhill Firefighters Local 1011 will host the second annual New England Firefighters Combat Challenge from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The event will be held on the hospital campus located at 140 Lincoln Ave. in Haverhill. Highlights of the event include the Firefighter Combat Challenge, a Kids Challenge, the Adult and Child CPR Challenge sponsored by ZOLL Medical, the Cutters Edge Truck Co. Challenge, and \$4,000 in cash prizes plus merchandise that includes a GPS device.

**Artist reception:** Lorna Ritz will be at the Firehouse Center for the Arts gallery from 3 to 7 p.m. Complimentary refreshments and a chance to meet the artist. For more information, visit [www.firehouse.org](http://www.firehouse.org).

**Merrimack Valley 20-Something Singles Dinner:** Meet other singles in their 20s from the Merrimack Valley at Focaccia Restaurant in Wilmington at 6 p.m. No charge except the cost of your meal and drink. To RSVP and find more information about the group, visit <http://singles.meetup.com/2368/>.

**Luau Ice Cream Social** at St. Michael

Church/St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall in North Andover at 5 p.m. Cost is \$3 per person; tickets must be purchased in advance at the Pastoral Center. Event includes ice cream, music, door prize and raffles. For more information, call Anne Marie at 978-683-5982.

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**ONGOING**

**"Moments In Time,"** a photography exhibition by John F. Zipeto, through Aug. 29 at the Chase & Lunt Insurance Co. Gallery, 47 State St., Newburyport. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. This is part of the Wings Exhibition program sponsored

by the Newburyport Art Association.

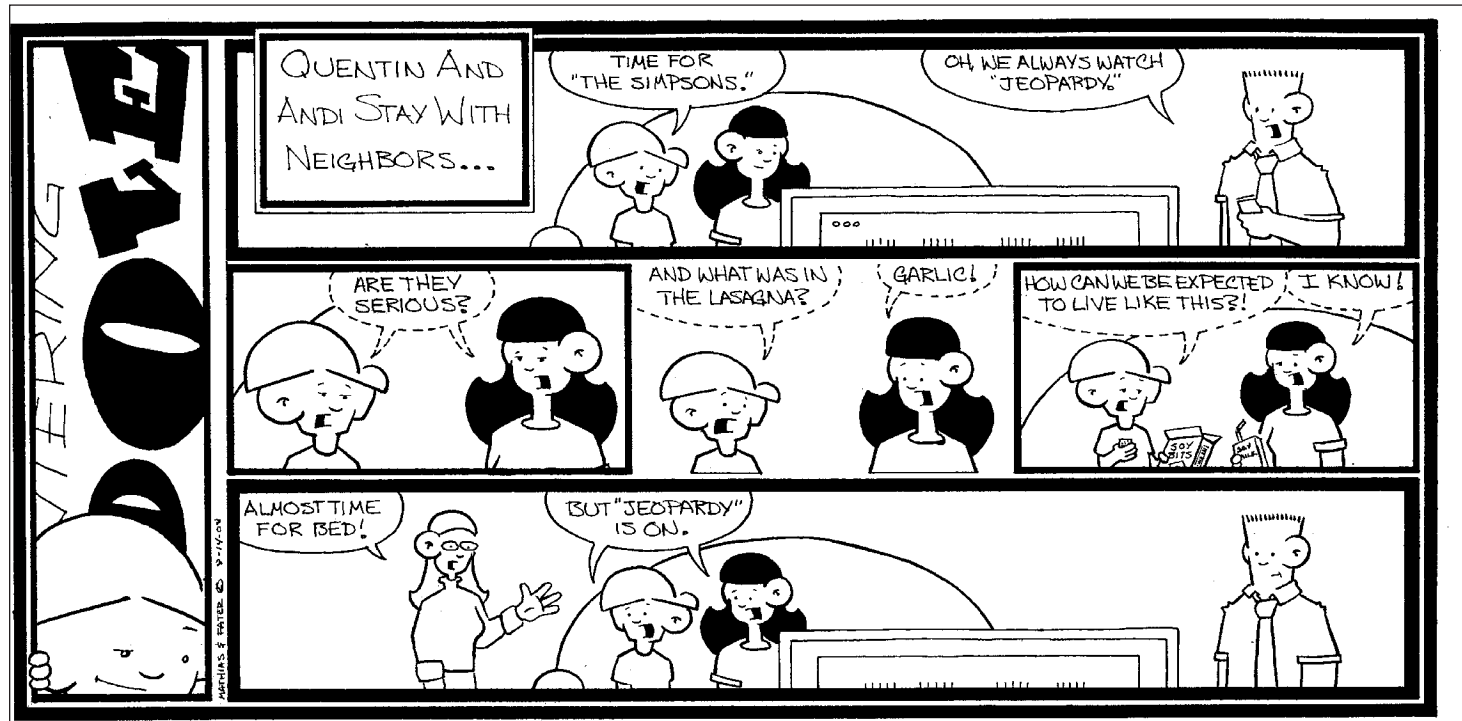
**Merrimack Valley Philharmonic's** 2008-2009 season, conducted by George Monsour, will feature four performances at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College: Sunday, Nov. 9, Debussy, Ravel and Prokofiev; Sunday, Dec. 7, Family Holiday Concert with the Andover Choral Society, directed by Allen Combs; Sunday, March 1, 2009, Mendelssohn and Schubert; Sunday, May 3, 2009, Richard Rodgers, William Grant Still and George Gershwin. All performances are at 2:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale in September. Subscriptions available. For information, call 978-685-3505 or visit [www.mvpmusic.org](http://www.mvpmusic.org).

**Andover Chamber Music's** 12th season opens on Sept. 13. Eight concerts are scheduled with five in the Andover/North Andover area, two in Cambridge and one in Lowell. Five-concert series season subscriptions for the Andover-area concerts are \$140 and \$125. Single tickets to all concerts are \$30 and \$25, depending on location and seating. Student rush and group sales are available. For tickets and for more information, call 978-474-6222 or go to [www.AndoverChamberMusic.org](http://www.AndoverChamberMusic.org).

**Trails and Sails:** The Essex National Heritage Commission presents its seventh annual Trails and Sails: "A Weekend to GO! Experience Essex Heritage," Sept. 26-28. Designed to showcase the unique array of historic, cultural, and natural resources within the Essex National Heritage Area, the weekend includes more than 200 free events spread out over 135 locations throughout Essex County. Involving non-profit and community organizations, as well as recreation-based businesses, the weekend offers guided hikes, walks, sails, paddles, as well as historical tours and special art happenings for all ages, skill levels and interests. Visit [www.trailsandsails.org](http://www.trailsandsails.org) or call 978-740-0444 for information.

**The Lawrence Farmers' Market** will be held every Wednesday through Oct. 29. The market will feature extended hours this season, from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The market is located on Appleton Way between Essex and Common streets, near City Hall at 200 Common St.

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# Sports

## Catching up with hoops captain Connor Arnold

By HECTOR LONGO  
STAFF WRITER

The doubters will be out there for the Andover High basketball team this season. After all, the Golden Warriors did graduate a whopping eight seniors, including all five starters, from last year's squad. But Connor Arnold and crew made big strides to silence the critics this summer.

The Golden Warriors advanced to the Hoops for Hope Summer League final on Aug. 4, pushing defending Massachusetts Division 1 state champion Central Catholic to the brink before falling 69-65. They beat defending New Hampshire Division 1 state champion Salem in the semifinals.

Arnold scored 11 points in the semifinals and a team-high 22 in the finals. It capped off a stellar summer for the senior-to-be.

"Until this summer, I never started a game, in freshmen, JV, nothing," said Arnold.

Arnold isn't just a Golden Warrior starter now. He's a captain and an emerging star, averaging well into double figures for the summer, for a team that continues to turn heads.

During the Hoops for Hope tourney, the Andover Townsman caught up with the 6-foot-3 Arnold:

**You graduated all five starters and a couple key reserves, but Andover hasn't missed a beat. How?**

Basically, we're a bunch of guys who sat behind those seniors all season long. We all have something to prove, not only to the league but to ourselves.

**Instead of names on the back of the summer league team jerseys, each player has the initials, "W.I.N." What's that about?**

"What's Important Now?" The past doesn't matter, neither does the future. Take care of business right now.

**How do you guys keep your egos in check?**

Coach (Dave) Fazio says, look for your shot second.

**You scored 30 points your entire junior season, you had far more than that in your first three summer league games.**

We have a lot of unselfish guys on our team making myself and Kevin Polanco look pretty good out there. It doesn't matter who scores, it matters who wins.

**What's gotten into you?**

Being named captain was pretty special to me, I felt like I had to show I was worthy of it. I just really went right to the gym and kept working on my game.

**When exactly did this new attitude develop?**

It kicked in the moment our season ended last year. We had a tough year (11-12) and it ended too soon. I didn't want my senior year to end like that. I was ready to do anything I could to stop that from happening.

**How has your game grown?**

Coming up, I was strictly a jump shooter. I've worked hard on all the other parts of my game — going to the basket, passing, defense — to become more complete.

**What have you noticed over the years about Andover basketball?**

It's got great tradition, something I grew up in attending HoopTown, Coach Fazio's camps. I saw how important basketball was to the players who coached me. A lot of people around this program take a lot of pride in it.

**With all the hoop, do you have time to hit the books?**

My brother Rory, who's now at NYU, set the bar pretty high for me academically. I made high honor roll last year and I do pretty well.

**For Connor Arnold, it goes hoop, school and ...**

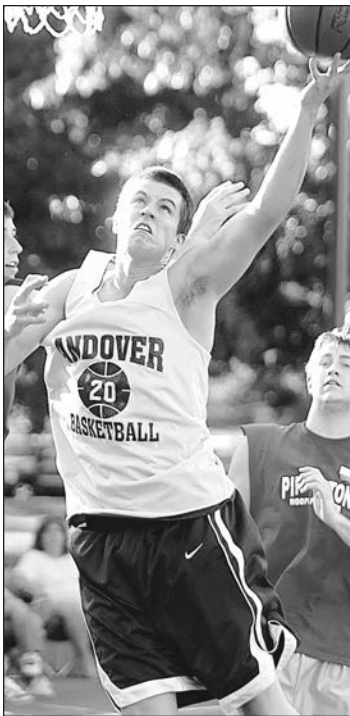
Absolutely family. My dad (Jim, who founded the Hoops for Hope League) is all about basketball, and he's there at every game. But my mom (Beth) is always there for me, too. And she's the one making the money for us, too. I really respect that.

**Your dad played for Andover in his day and ULowell. What does he say about his playing days?**

He compares his team to mine and says they were a lot tougher. I don't know about that. He says he was more athletic than I am but I have more talent.

**He also coached that 1988 Andover Little League team to the World Series in Williamsport. Why aren't you on the diamond?**

I played football, basketball and baseball coming up. When I got to high school, he pushed me



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

**Andover's Connor Arnold drives to the basket for a layup against Pinkerton during the Hoops for Hope season. Arnold has emerged as a leader for the Golden Warriors this summer.**

away from football because of the chance of getting injured. He also thought I should choose between the other two to concentrate on one, so I chose basketball.

**OK Connor, super job. To finish up, let's play favorites: TV show, movie, Web site, book and food?**

"The Simpsons," "Happy Gilmore," ESPN.com, "To Kill a Mockingbird" and buffalo wings.

**Editor's note:** We neglected to ask Connor about his favorite music. Let the record show that his cell phone ring tone features the piercing bass guitar riffs from Led Zeppelin's "Kashmir."

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## Farrell dominates for Andover High, Post 8

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

### BY THE NUMBERS

Farrell's stats have been eye-popping since the start of the high school season

| Team          | W | L | Innings | ERA  | Strikeouts |
|---------------|---|---|---------|------|------------|
| Andover High  | 6 | 1 | 53 2/3  | 2.36 | 71         |
| Legion Post 8 | 7 | 0 | 43 2/3  | 0.48 | 46         |

time. He is still young and has a lot of growing to do. He kept improving this summer with his breaking stuff, because you need more than a fastball."

At 6-foot and 200-pounds, Farrell throws a slider and a change-up. But his go-to pitch is his fastball, both two-seam and four-seam, which has touched the low 90s.

"The fastball is my pitch," he said. "When I get hitters down in the count, I throw a high fastball or slider to make them chase it."

That combination of performance and potential has made colleges stand and take notice. Duke, Auburn, Boston College and Notre Dame all sent scouts to watch him in a game. Schools such as Brown, Dartmouth, Arizona and Stanford have also shown interest.

"The first game I pitched that I saw the scouts, I really wasn't used to it," said Farrell. "I was all over the place. Now I see them just about every time I pitch. I'm used to it, but I still get some jitters when the (radar) guns come out, though."

He also pitched for the Northeast Team in the elite Area Code Baseball Games in Long Beach, Calif., last week. According to its website, over 300 players that competed in the Area Code Games have gone on to appear in at least one Major League game. In five innings over three nights, he did not allow a hit or a run.

He was named to the showcase for high school underclassmen after participating in a tryout at Bentley College in front of scouts from colleges and professional teams such as the Yankees,



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

**John Farrell prepares to fire a pitch for Andover Post 8 against Sudbury in the American Legion tournament. After a breakout high school season, Farrell has emerged as the ace for Post 8 this season.**

Red Sox and St. Louis Cardinals.

Farrell, who started pitching when he was 8-years-old, will also finish the summer with a private tryout for the Colorado Rockies.

With a year left of high school, he has made no decisions on his future. But academics will play a part in the choice for the stellar student-athlete. He ranks in the top five percent of his Andover High class of over 400. He scored a 1,660 the three-tier SAT on his first attempt, but he plans to take them again.

**Father knows best**

Farrell credited his father, John Farrell III, with helping him increase his arm strength.

The young ace and the former high school catcher throw long toss four to five times a week during the offseason and work out together in the weight room, mostly with a medicine ball.

"My father is always working with me two to three hours a day," said Farrell. "I wouldn't be the pitcher I am today without him."

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**FOUND:** Cat, female, tiger, vicinity Auburn St., Newburyport, very friendly. Call Animal Control, (978) 463-0549

**FOUND CAT:** Long haired female, black brown, shorted tail very friendly. August 4th, Rte. 133 Georgetown Call (508) 801-3480

**FOUND:** Cat, male, young, tabby, vicinity Woodman Way, Newburyport. Call Animal Control, (978) 463-0549.

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**LOST:** A Nikon Coolpix digital camera on July 26th, 2008 in the vicinity of the Lobster Shanty or Salem Cycle Shop. If found email gtfirmin@y-ahoo.com or 412-913-0020

**LOST:** Baby's gold ID bracelet, Friday afternoon, July 25, 2008, vicinity downtown Andover, perhaps behind City Hall. Call (978) 475-7505.

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**LOST DOG:** Small all white male Cairn Terrier mix, blue collar, lost 6/13, River, Rd. Andover, near Lawrence line. Named Jack. Missed greatly. 603-425-8200/603-893-2314

**LOST - Female Cat,** petite. Black/Grey Tabby with tan/whisper stripes. White chest, underbelly, legs and face. Black on pink nose with tear on top of right eye. Missing since 7/9 from near the Beverly/Wenham line on IA. REWARD. If seen, please call 978-479-2490.

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## Town Talk

### Town offers guided introduction to camping

Andover has the answer for residents who would like to try camping but need some help getting started.

The town's Conservation Commission is offering a special, escorted camping program on town conservation land.

"We will be camping on improved rustic land from time to time accompanied by conservation members," according to Bob Decelle, project manager for the commission.

The proposed dates for camping are Aug. 22 and 23, Sept. 19 and 20, Oct. 17 and 18 and Nov. 14 and 15.

Preregistration is necessary. For further information contact Bob Decelle at [camconservation@live.com](mailto:camconservation@live.com).

### Poison-ous is ticket for representative

It was all about the hair back in the 1980s, and apparently, for State Rep. Barry Finegold, the music of a rock band known for its hair — Poison. Finegold called radio station WAAF last Friday morning to razz the disc jockey for not showing at a benefit golf tournament.

Finegold was needed for calling in on taxpayer time.

Eventually, the two talked about music. Finegold had seen the band Poison the night before and reported it was a great show filled with listeners in their 30s and 40s, so he felt right at home.

—Judy Wakefield

### Donate blood today, receive a sweet reward

A Red Cross blood drive is planned for today, Aug. 14, from noon to 7 p.m. at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St. To sweeten the deal, all donors will receive a coupon for a free carton of Friendly's ice cream.

Through the month of August, Friendly's has teamed with the American Red Cross, and all donors at American Red Cross blood drives throughout New England will receive a coupon for Friendly's ice cream. The coupons can be redeemed at Friendly's restaurants until Sept. 30. Coupons are not redeemable at grocery stores.

"Our blood inventory is currently low. Summer is a time when blood donations tend to dip due to travel, summer activities and the absence of high school and college blood drives," according to Donna

Morrissey, American Red Cross director of public relations and corporate affairs for the Northeast division. "Because summer and ice cream just naturally go together, we hope this token of appreciation will encourage donors to come out and give the gift of life at this crucial time of year."

For more information, or to donate at a drive other than the one in town today, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org).

—Bethany Bray

### Andover filmmaker nominated for an Emmy

The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences recently announced it has nominated Melanie Perkins of Andover for an Emmy Award for her documentary titled, "Have You Seen Andy?"

"Have You Seen Andy?" is a feature-length documentary about Perkins' search for answers to the unsolved disappearance of her childhood friend Angelo "Andy" Puglisi, who vanished from a public swimming pool in Lawrence in 1976.

The film is nominated for an Emmy in the Outstanding Investigative Journalism, Long Form category. "Have You Seen Andy?" first aired on HBO's Cinemax Reel Life

series in the summer of 2007.

Winners will be announced at the 29th annual News & Documentary Emmy Awards on Monday, Sept. 22, in New York City.

—Bethany Bray

### Little Sprouts take big step for diabetes

On Saturday, Oct. 11, staff and families from Little Sprouts, an Andover early education center, will be walking six miles in a Boston event to raise money for the American Diabetes Association.

"We currently have a 4-year-old preschooler in our Andover center that has Type 1 diabetes," community outreach specialist for Little Sprouts Jessica Todisco said. "He and his family have inspired us to raise awareness and actively support the research and funding for diabetes."

Little Sprouts hopes to raise \$2,000 through the walk, said Todisco. To donate, visit [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org) and click on the "Step Out walk to fight diabetes" logo. From there, select Massachusetts from the list of states, and select the Oct. 11 Boston walk. Click on "advanced search" and type Little Sprouts in the "team name" field.

—Bethany Bray

### Sliding away



TIM JEAN/Staff photo  
Vincent Trommer, 4, of Andover, keeps cool as he goes down the "slip and slide" at the Merrimack Montessori School in Haverhill.

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