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## Leaders reject 'Andover Taxpayers' Bill of Rights'

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

The selectmen and Finance Committee recommend Town Meeting voters reject a resident's plan aimed at limiting town spending and creating better contracts.

Both boards have recommended against all five articles written by Bob Pokress, which Pokress has called "the beginning of what I will call the Andover Taxpayers' Bill of Rights." The articles asked for more financial information to be communicated to residents, and

to limit town spending, such as by ending the practice of paying workers for stockpiled payments of unused sick time.

This month, the two committees have been voting on dozens of articles on the Town Meeting warrant, suggesting that voters either support or disapprove each article.

A \$225,000 ambulance was among the close to 30 requests the two boards are in favor of, as of Wednesday morning, Townsman deadline. The five articles by Pokress were among the 10 on which they recommended disapproval.

The way Pokress' articles were worded, they could not be legally adopted into bylaws, said Selectman Alex Vispoli — especially the ones dealing with union contracts.

"We went over and over it, and met extensively in an effort to try and address (Pokress') concerns," said Selectman Mary Lyman. "When it comes down to execution, we can't do it exactly that way."

"Bob's a bright guy with the interest of the town and taxpayer at heart. He had ideas and concepts that were very good," said Vispoli. "Fundamentally, Bob brings up

a lot of great points that I think you'll see us starting to adopt, one of them being the effect on some of these large-ticket items on the tax bill. Clearly, it's something we need to highlight."

The two boards plan to discuss and vote upon every warrant article before the end of the month.

"We're in this tenuous stage right now," said Lyman. "The anxiety level is extremely high ... delaying Town Meeting gave us more time, but also gave us more warrant articles. The

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## Teachers union: No deal

### Some members call for concession on salary

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

The leaders of the Andover Education Association, a union of 900 Andover teachers and other school personnel, have refused the School Committee's request to reopen their contract, an effort school leaders say is needed to prevent service cuts and layoffs.

About 25 AEA leaders met with the School Committee on Tuesday afternoon, April 14, to discuss the possibility of accepting a smaller raise than they are guaranteed in their contract for next year.

"AEA union leadership is not open to considering discussions about wage freezes, or other measures," said School Committee member Dennis Fargue.

"The level of services in town is a decision that needs to be made by citizens at Town Meeting. There is several million in reserves (the town's stabilization account)," said teachers union President Tom Meyers. "It is solvable by the community making their decision to move some of the reserve funds over to meet current needs. We would urge the community to maintain the quality system that Andover's been accustomed to by not making cuts."

The school district is trying to close a \$3.2 million shortage in its operating budget for next year. Superintendent Claudia Bach sent out 123 layoff notices on Tuesday, April 14, as a way to cut \$800,000 in teacher salaries from the budget shortfall. About 55 of those people could actually be in line for a layoff.

"Their intransigence is disgraceful," said Abbot Street resident Ron Hill, of the AEA. "The kids

*"There are a tremendous number of teachers that want to do the right thing."*

Health teacher Cheryl Todisco, who says a 'large group' of teachers proposed a pay freeze

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## ConsCom wants cash to buy more land

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

The town is negotiating to buy two parcels of open space in Andover and expects to ask Town Meeting voters for the money to complete the deals.

The Conservation Commission is not ready to talk about where those parcels are located — yet. But members say they will be ready to announce the locations of the land parcels at Town Meeting, which is set to begin May 26. They want voters to approve an \$800,000 article that would set aside the money to buy conservation land.

"We're in negotiations," commission member Howard Kessler said. "It's ongoing, and we're dealing with two different landowners."

He said these tough economic times are resulting in some pretty good land deals in town.

"We've got some good opportunities to buy," Kessler said.

If approved by voters, the money goes into the town's conservation bond fund. Money from that fund has been used to purchase reservations in town during previous years. The

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## Getting into the swing of spring



John Clement, from left, Langsy Thavaone, and Efrain Rolon spend their lunch hour at the driving range at Sarkisian Farms in West Andover.

AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

## Reflective refuge turns 100

Quietly, the chapel at West Parish is now a centurion

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

His plan was to construct an attractive 50-acre garden cemetery complete with a chapel in a rural patch of then woody Andover. Visitors would be able to pray and remember loved ones peacefully because his master plan called for the cemetery chapel to be quietly set back from the main road.

One hundred years ago this year, William M. Wood, the president of the American Woolen Company, paid for and built what may be one of the most tranquil spots in town: the secluded chapel at West Parish cemetery, reachable off Route 133.

Andover has grown tremendously with more people and roads and development since

Wood imagined the place. But, the chapel at West Parish remains close to those reflective, refuge roots.

"He (Wood) wanted a historical chapel, one that would last for years to come. So, everything we do regarding the chapel has us thinking, 'What will this be like in 100 years?'" said Lynne Capozzi, chairwoman of the seven-member volunteer board that takes care of the chapel and cemetery with grounds superintendent Mark Atwood.

"The chapel is so special, so beautifully constructed," added Preservation Commission Chairwoman Karen Herman. "The Tiffany windows, the reflective pond..."

Herman lists the chapel as

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West Parish Chapel in Andover will soon turn 100.

ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photos



This stained-glass window is inside West Parish Chapel.

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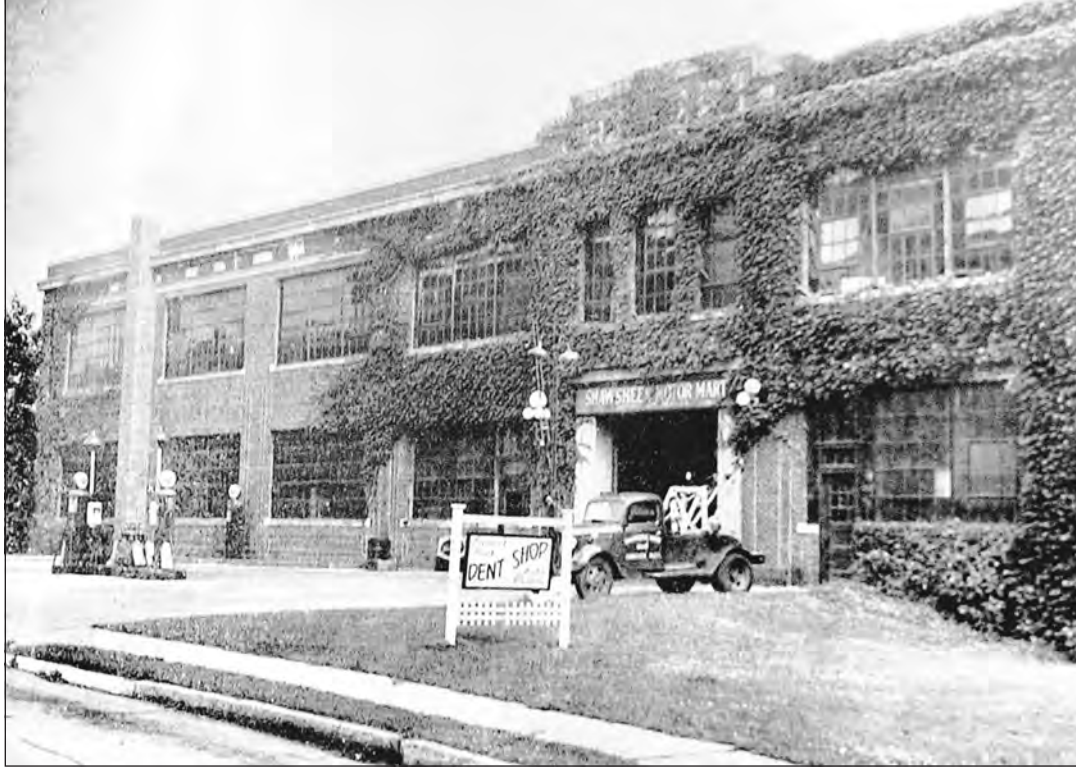
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# In Brief

## PAST & PRESENT



**THEN:** Shawsheen Motor Mart in 1939 was the Ford Agency for Andover, authorized service of automobiles and trucks. Tractors were also sold there. This photo was taken from the book "Andover: What it Was, What it Is."



**NOW:** Still servicing cars, the building is now home to Auto Use.

### Harris honored in Washington

On Monday, April 20 the late Cpl. George Harris will be honored along with 122 other Vietnam veterans in Washington D.C.

Monday's event, dubbed "In Memory," will honor those veterans who died prematurely due to emotional and physical damage caused by the war but were not eligible for entry on the Vietnam Memorial. George Harris was a Corporal in the Marine Corps during the war. He then served as one of Andover's polling wardens from 1978 until his death in 2005. The flag pole in front of Town Offices is dedicated to both George Harris and his father, Edward, who was a colonel in the U.S. Army for 30 years and a town selectman from 1977-1983.

- Will Ewing

### 'Heroes Among Us'

The Andover Veteran's Office is creating historical books of Andover veterans. The project targets specific veteran populations and writes a book on them. The first book is planned for release Veterans Day 2009 and will highlight living World War II veterans who were awarded the Purple Heart or other significant medals such as the Silver and Bronze Star. The Andover Patriotic Holiday Committee plans to hold a reception for these veterans on Friday, April 24, at 9 a.m. at the Andover Senior Center. The veterans may be interviewed and photographed for the book from 9 a.m. to noon.

### Helping people with disabilities

Northeast Independent Living Program's 17th Annual Legislative Breakfast will be held at the Massachusetts School of Law, 500 Federal St. in Andover on Friday, April 17, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. State senators, representatives and local officials will join their colleagues in local and federal government and meet with constituents to discuss important issues affecting the lives of people with disabilities and their families, according to organizer Jim Lyons. This year's theme is "2009: Supporting People with Disabilities in the Community."

## QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



IT'S EASILY ABOUT \$600,000 worth of work. That's what it would cost to do what they do

— *Andover Senior Center Director Kathy Urquhart on the 300 senior volunteers who volunteer under the town's Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-off Program in exchange for a \$675 property-tax credit.*  
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THERE'S PRESSURE, BUT IT GETS YOU READY FOR the real world.

— *Charlie Shi, 18, one of five Andover High School students set to take part in a national business contest in California during which contestants can be given 10 minutes to come up with a marketing plan for a fictional company.*  
Story in Education, Page 6.

WE DON'T WANT TO eventually lose our populations that we have ... All our actions, or lack of action, impact these habitats.

— *Chris Ward, part of an effort to take a kind of turtle census at the Ward Reservation and Harold Parker State Forest.*  
Story in Townspeople, Page 16.



## NEWS CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, APRIL 16

**Board of Assessors,** Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., assessors conference room, 9 a.m.

**Joint meeting of Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee,** School Administration Building, School Committee room, 7 p.m.

**Housing Authority,** 100 Morton St., 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 21

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

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

**Board of Assessors,** Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., assessors conference room, 9 a.m.

**Finance Committee,** Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-

floor conference room, 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 23

**Disability Commission,** Memorial Hall Library, the hall, 7:30 p.m.

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# School Committee chooses its leadership

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

The five-member Andover School Committee, which has welcomed three new members during the last two elections, will stick with the same chairwoman for another year.

At its April 7 meeting, the committee unanimously voted to keep Debra Rahmin Silberstein as chairwoman for a second year, and elected Dennis Forgue as secretary.

Forgue takes over the secretary position from former member Tony James, who did not run for re-election when his term expired last month.



Debra Rahmin Silberstein



Dennis Forgue

high functioning and effective team that's capable for providing leadership through these difficult but transforming times."

Dr. Ken Seifert, Andover resident and former superintendent, addressed the committee at its April 7 meeting, encouraging them to become the "most effective School Committee in the history of our town."

The School Committee chairwoman is responsible for setting meeting agendas and taking votes, as well as fostering communication between committee members, school

administration and the community, said Silberstein. The secretary is charged with making sure meeting dates and times are publicly posted and that minutes are recorded at each meeting. The secretary also presides over a meeting if the chairwoman is absent, said Forgue.

Silberstein was nominated to remain chairwoman by Dick Collins, and Forgue was nominated as secretary by new member Annie Gilbert.

Forgue said he was happy to accept the responsibility, and honored he was nominated as he begins his second year on

the committee.

"We're in a significant fiscal crisis, and we need to do things differently. I'm very pleased with Annie (Gilbert) and David (Birnbach) coming to the committee, and I look forward to helping to lead the schools in a way we can get through the fiscal crisis in a very positive way," said Forgue.

The change in leadership usually takes effect at the first School Committee meeting after Town Meeting, said Silberstein. This year, Forgue will become the secretary immediately, because the position

was vacant once new members were elected March 24 and James left the committee.

Silberstein is in her fifth year on the committee; her term expires in March 2010. Forgue is serving his first term, which expires in March 2011.

After the committee gets through budget discussions and Town Meeting in May, they will focus on forming a district-wide strategic plan, said Silberstein.

Silberstein and Forgue's terms as chairwoman and secretary last until 2010 Town Meeting.

## ON CAMPUS

The following Andover students have been named to the academic honor roll for the fall term at Northfield Mount Hermon School.

Svetlana Dmitrievna Koltseva received high honors, Thomas Ryan Kavanagh received honors, Christopher David Johst received honors

An international leader among college preparatory boarding schools, NMH offers a rigorous academic program, leadership opportunities, diversity of community, and the best of the traditional and innovative in education. NMH, established in 1879, enrolled 612 students this year, and 250 in summer school, from 30 states and 25 countries.

Alexandra Schiff of Andover, has been named to the dean's list at the University of Hartford for the 2008 fall semester.

The University of Hartford is an independent institution of higher education, offering educational and career programs of study in its seven schools and colleges.

The following Andover students were named to the 2008 fall semester dean's list at Simmons College in Boston: Meaghan Downes-Berry, a senior and a biopsychology major; Athena Lynch, a freshman and an undeclared major; Katherine Fionte, a freshman and an undeclared major.

To qualify for dean's list status,

undergraduate students must obtain a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

Simmons College is a private university located in the heart of Boston. It offers an undergraduate education for women, and renowned coeducational graduate programs in health sciences, education, liberal arts, social work, library and information science, and communications management, as well as the nation's only MBA program designed specifically for women.

Suffolk University names the following students from Andover to its dean's list for the fall semester of the 2008-09 academic year:

Heather Maloney, Alexandru Pisc, Natalie Pinta, Olivia Daher, Jaime Morocco, Troy Isenhardt, Andrew Ciampa, Allison Ryans, Justin Malins, Zachariah Zatet, Zachary Lebowitz, Andrew Brickley, and Samuel Spector.

The following area students attained dean's list at Curry College for the fall 2008 term: Sarah Dukeshire of Andover.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a 3.30 grade-point average, have no incompletes, and have no grade lower than a C for the semester. Full-time students must carry 12 or more graded credits for the

semester; part-time students must be matriculated, carrying six-11.5 graded credits for the semester, and must have earned a cumulative total of 15 graded credits in consecutive semesters.

Curry College is a 130-year old, private, four-year, liberal arts institution located on 135 acres in Milton. Curry extends its educational programs to a continuing education branch campus in Plymouth.

Curry offers 20 undergraduate degrees as well as graduate degrees in business, education, criminal justice, and nursing, with a combined enrollment of approximately 4,100 students. The student body consists of approximately 2,000 traditional undergraduate students, 1,650 continuing education and 450 graduate students. Curry College students come from 40 states and 32 countries. Over 1,450 of its students reside on the Curry campus. The largest majors are business management, communication, nursing, criminal justice and education. The college offers a wide array of extra-curricular activities ranging from 13 NCAA division III athletic teams to an outstanding theatre program.

Miami University has announced Marisa Laine Evans of Andover has achieved the dean's list for the first semester of the 2008-09 school year,



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

An IRS worker goes through paper tax returns at the IRS building on Lowell Street in Andover.

## It's a taxing time of year

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

The Andover IRS facility is teeming with activity today, one day after the April 15 deadline to file income taxes.

The Route 133 facility employs about 3,000 people during peak tax time in the spring, and processes federal tax returns from residents of Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire and the District of Columbia. It is the only center that processes IRS tax returns in the state.

"It's really busy," said Peggy Riley, IRS media relations specialist, of the Andover facility. "The week leading up to deadline, and right after deadline is the busiest. People that owe money tend to file later, and people with refunds coming tend to file earlier."

To help with last-minute filers, the Andover post office's automated postal center on

Steven Street stayed open until midnight on April 15.

As of April 3, the Andover IRS facility had processed 516,875 paper returns and 1.5 million returns were filed electronically via the Internet. Overall, the IRS expects the Andover facility to receive more than 3 million returns and 194,000 extensions, said Riley.

"As more and more people come comfortable doing things online, we've seen more

e-filing. People are doing banking, everything online, and it's a natural extension to be able to file (taxes) on the Internet. They know it's a secure system, really easy to use and it guides you through the whole process," said Riley.

"I ask that people keep in mind that an extension is an extension to file, but not to pay," said Riley. "It's still important to file on time, or file your extension on time, to avoid a penalty."

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## Business

# Automotive Leasing Incentives Better Than Ever.

By JOE GILDROW  
Staff writer

SALEM, NH – Perception would have that some of the sweetest leasing deals have all but dried up. This couldn't be farther from the truth. In fact, Emmett Horgan of Rockingham Toyota Scion Nissan Honda pointed out that the manufacturers Rockingham represents has the lowest lease rates in years, with little or no money down.

"They're motivated, and they're making it attractive with incredible leasing incentives. We offer some no money down, sign and drive leases" He said.

Vehicles that were once difficult to attain, are now being offered at unbelievable monthly leases. The Toyota Prius which was impossible to get at the height of the gas crunch is now being leased for as low as \$247 per month with no money down. The Toyota Corolla, one of the most popular cars in the world leases at \$228 per month with no money down.

While most domestic dealerships are shying away from or getting rid of leasing altogether, Rockingham Toyota Scion Nissan Honda is push-

ing out leases at a record pace. "Leases are great because they provide flexibility in payments to fit anybody's lifestyle" says Emmett Horgan. "If affordability is the key, with a small cap cost reduction, you can lease a brand new Honda Civic for as little as \$99 per month. If you're looking for something to carry a large family around there is the Honda Odyssey you can lease for only \$259 per month.

Will leasing work for you? The allure of leasing is that you don't have to pay for or finance the entire cost of a vehicle. You're simply paying for the use of that vehicle for a specific period of time. You need to consider what works for you as far as monthly payment, miles driven and number of months of the lease term.

Typically your down payment and monthly charges will be much lower with a leased vehicle than with one purchased outright. That's why you can usually obtain a much better vehicle for less money down. "Like the all new Nissan Maxima which can be leased for \$279 per month or the Altima for \$179 per month" says, Eric Campbell Sales Manager.

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# Education

## Guide for the next principal

By Ken Seifert



The next principal of the Andover High School will be Jonathan Harris, currently an educator in Austin, Texas. I have not had the privilege of meet-

ing him. However, I know how he feels to be coming to a new community. On three occasions, as principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent, I had a similar experience.

You come into a strange town, know very few people, and the students, staff and parents have a few questions. What kind of person are you? What changes are in store for us? Do you like music and art? Are parents allowed in the school? What are your academic standards? What do you really know about our town? How long will you stay? Are you soft or tough on the kids?

There are at least 100 more before the newspapers have a private meeting with you. The press is a little different. They will ask hard ball questions and some soft ball questions.

All other people have questions for you, but keep them private. It takes about six months before you guess what the questions are. Half the town already has drawn conclusions on what they believe the answers to be. You begin to take a few risks with some answers.

I think the greatest gift for all concerned is to give to the incoming principal a book to read, "To Mr. Harris: A Field Guide to Andover High and Our Community."

It is really a simple book, but most valuable.

The students get together and agree on what works in the schoolhouse today. They write a chapter about what they think needs to be changed and why. They say what traditions they want to keep, and what should be discontinued and why. Minority reports are very welcome. Suggestions would be valuable.

The staff gets together and pursues a similar process, if with a different focus and from different viewpoint. The parents can alter the form but the message should be consistent.

The guide should not be restricted to these three groups. The Andover police chief should tell the new head man what the police reality is in dealing with the group soon to be Harris' Herd. There will be good news, and some bad. It is up to the chief to assist the new guy in the best way possible so he can succeed and make the police's job easier. The Department of Public Works is absolutely a contributor. The clergy can offer some religious and moral thoughts.

For anyone else in the town who wants the new principal to succeed, we could establish AdvicetoanImportantEducator.com.

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Alyssa Silva and Elizabeth Tverskoy attended the state Marketing/DECA Conference and are headed to the national finals in California. They will be focused on the area of buying and merchandising management.

Courtesy photo



Charles Shi: Accounting Applications



Kevin Yang: Marketing



Greg Joyce: Restaurant and Food Management Service

## On your mark, get set... market! 5 students head to national business competition

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

How does a teenager develop on-the-spot marketing skills? By being given just 10 minutes to come up with a marketing plan for a fictional sports management company.

Charlie Shi said there's nothing like it. Shi, 18, is one of five Andover High School students set to take part in a national marketing contest in California at the end of the month.

It's time for the Distributive Education Clubs of America to host its annual event, which focuses on students with interest in marketing, management and entrepreneurship.

"It's real world learning, and that's better than learning from a text," Shi said. "There's pressure, but it gets you ready for the real world."

This will be Shi's second appearance in the DECA finals, as he went last year.

"It's just great experience for me," said the AHS senior, who plans to study finance in college.

Andover High has sent qualified students to DECA National and International

Conferences for the past 25 years.

"We're very proud of our business students and congratulate all of them for their professionalism, dedication and commitment to excellence," said Business teacher Joe Spanos.

He agreed that the real-life approach to the DECA does prepare students for the working world.

Here are business students heading to Anaheim, Calif.: **Qianli (Charlie) Shi** (Accounting Applications), **Kevin Yang** (Marketing Management), **Greg Joyce** (Restaurant & Food Service Management), **Alyssa Silva** and **Elizabeth Tverskoy** (Buying & Merchandising Management).

These students recently competed and qualified at the District DECA Conference: **Tom Dempsey, Ellis Henegan, Turalloy Jackson, Greg Joyce, Donny Hunt, Emily Lemay, Justin Lippa, Qianli (Charlie) Shi, Alyssa Silva, Matthew Somma, Nicholas Terzakis, Sarah Thiele, Elizabeth Tverskoy, Simon Vorhees, Ioannis (Yianni) Wallingford & Kevin Yang.**

These students competed at the state DECA conference: **Ellis Henghan, Emily Lemay, Tom Dempsey, Matthew Somma, Sarah Thiele, Simon Vorhees, Nicholas Terzakis and Ioannis (Yianni) Wallingford.**

### WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE THE DECA FINALS

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Cosmic navigator lands at Circles of Wisdom in Andover

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER



**Gahl Eden Sasson**

A California-based author of a just-released book is coming to town for what is billed as a book signing. But when Gahl Eden Sasson lands here tonight, Thursday, April 16, for the first of three Andover appearances at Circles of Wisdom this weekend, his focus will be on talking and interacting with the crowd, he said. Sasson said he will zoom in on astrology and Kabbalah and offer tips on how they can help people change for the better and create their own destiny. That's the topic of his new book, "Cosmic Navigator" (Weiser Books, \$21.95).

Uma Thurman, Forest Whitaker, Patricia Arquette and John Cusack. His first book "A Wish Can Change Your Life" was on Madonna's 2007 book club list. Sasson believes your astrological sign has the power to show you why you are the way you are. But, he doesn't want

people to lock themselves in, he said.

"Seeing it (astrology) as way to help yourself become who you want to become is what matters," said Sasson, a professor of astrology, kabbalah, mythology and comparative religion.

He will encourage listeners to stop using their astrological signs as an excuse for their behavior. For example, Aries are considered stubborn and aggressive. To help themselves change, Aries need to step into the role of another astrological sign for a week, then another, and so on, Sasson said. There are 12 zodiac signs to be explored.

"The book helps you use the

zodiac as an ally in a program of self-improvement," he said. "You focus on yourself but also become someone else, say a Sagittarius or a Cancer ... The book teaches you to navigate the wondrous complexity of the zodiac institution."

So, how does Kabbalah get involved? The answer is simple, Sasson said, as "astrology and Kabbalah are very connected."

It's all about "sharing the same light," he said. Kabbalah is a Hebrew word that means "to accept" or "to receive."

"Kabbalistic interpretations of astrological charts adds another dimension," he writes in his book. "It attaches an ancient and universal spiritual

### FINDING THE "COSMIC NAVIGATOR"

Events at Circles of Wisdom, 90 Main St., Andover; 978-474-8010:

- Meet Author Gahl Eden Sasson Thursday, April 16 7 to 8:30 p.m. free event
- Workshop on "The Power of Your Name" Friday, April 17 7 to 9 p.m.

"The Wedding of Astrology and Kabbalah"

- Kabbala-based discussion about overcoming crisis Saturday, April 18 noon to 4 p.m.
- Private astrological readings available throughout weekend

component that will enable you to tap into the collective energies of the astrological signs in order to carve out your own path or destiny." The book is published in

nine languages, and the author lectures around the world, including at Tel Aviv University and the University of Judaism in Los Angeles, Calif.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, APRIL 16

**ARTIST DISCUSSION**, on Insecta Poetica now on exhibit through May 1, features various insects in a wide range of complementary styles and mediums by five distinguished artists, 5-7 p.m., The Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; 978-685-2343; www.essexartcenter.com.

**EXHIBIT'S OPENING RECEPTION**, Frank Lloyd Wright: An American Master, Endicott College in Beverly, 5-7 p.m., with Victor Sidy, dean of the Frank Wright School of Architecture, free, open to the public. The gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and by appointment. Exhibit will be presented through July 2.

**UNDERSTANDING PARKINSON'S DISEASE**, with Dr. Janice Funk, 8 a.m., Marland place, 15 Stevens St. in Andover; 978-475-4225 x110.

**EXHIBIT OPENING**, The Eyes Wide Open New England exhibit features over 170 pairs of army boots, and a multimedia presentation exploring the history, cost and consequences of the Iraq War, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Merrimack College, lawn between McQuade Library and Sakowich Campus Center. Rain location is inside Sakowich Campus Center. http://www.Afsc.Org/eyes

**OPEN HOUSE**, Bradford Christian Academy, formerly Bradford College, Route 125, Haverhill, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; www.Bradfordchristianacademy.Org.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 18

**GAME DAY**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Ballard Vale United Church, Clark Road, \$10 per family, call Department of Community Services to register, 978-623-8274.

**GENTLY USED CHILDREN'S EQUIPMENT**, toys, clothes, books at NVMOM's spring sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Central Congregational Church, 1 Worthen St. in Chelmsford. Admission is \$1, free for children younger than 14. Cash only. Sponsored by the Nashoba Valley Mothers of Multiples, a non-profit organization. Visit www.nashobavalleymom.org or call 978-376-2939.

**PERENNIAL TALK**, with Bill Cullina at Garden in the Woods in Framingham, introducing his newest publication, Understanding Perennials: A New Look at an Old Favorite, free admission

**LIVE MUSIC**, with the female trio, Red Molly, New Moon Coffeehouse in Haverhill; www.redmolly.com/photos.html

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19

**SOLOIST LINDA D'AMORE**, 3 p.m., Marland Place, 15 Stevens St. in Andover; 978-475-4225, ext.110.

**AUTISM AWARENESS DAY**, Pro-Active Networking Club of Haverhill and Children's Hospital of Boston host, noon to 4 p.m., Merrimack Valley Hospital, 140 Lincoln Ave. in Haverhill, with numerous activities such as fun crafts for kids, shopping the vendor circle, and a cooking demonstration by executive chef Bill Bailey from Stella Blu Restaurant in Nashua, N.H.; www.everythingip.vpweb.com.

**NEW ENGLAND BRIDAL AFFAIR**, Salvatore's Function Facility, 354 Merrimack St. in Lawrence, 1-5 p.m.

**WATERCOLOR PAINTING DEMONSTRATION**, hosted by the Andovers Artists Guild featuring Methuen artist Joan Rademacher from 2-4 p.m., the North Parish Church in North Andover (corner of Academy and Great Pond roads). The meetings are free to members and \$2 for guests. Call Nella at 978-975-0015.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 21

**ISLES OF SHOALS DISCUSSION**, with Dr. Nathan Hamilton, The Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, associate professor of Archaeology at the University of Southern Maine. "An Off Shore Fishing Station: Historic

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## Every dog has his day



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photos

Oscar the dog gets a little too close for comfort for Kyle Hunt, 2, during the third annual Massachusetts School of Law Animal Rights Day in Andover. Oscar was adopted by the New England Dog Lift.

Massachusetts School of Law hosted its third annual Animal Rights Day on Saturday, April 11, complete with a full slate of topical issues presented by animal rights experts, as well as animal tricks, demonstrations and an egg hunt with the Easter Bunny.

Legal issues related to animal rights and animal cruelty were addressed by legal experts in the field of animal rights law. There was also a police dog demonstration by the Essex County Sheriff's Department, and trainers entertained the attendees with pet tricks. An agility demonstration was offered by New England Doglift, a non-profit organization formed for the sole purpose of uniting dogs with permanent loving homes.

The event was dedicated to Minister Ervan Earl Fuller Jr., a resident of Boston and a 30-year employee of the Boston Housing Authority who died in February. During his hospitalization before his death, officials of the law school, where Fuller had been a student, conferred on him the full degree of Juris Doctor.



Children practice good behavior around an animal with Oscar.



Erin Cross of New England Dog Lift shows children how to approach a dog after asking the owner.

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## Ladies in red



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo  
Alma Cooney, left, Dolores Haley and Margo Turpening enjoy their time together as they wait for the bus at the Senior Center to take them to Whittier Tech for their Red Hat Society lunch.

## Meals on Wheels, helpers fill vital role

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

It was the third time that a Meals on Wheels volunteer noticed something was not quite right with the elderly woman from Andover.

First, a volunteer had noticed a broken air conditioner in her too-hot house. The next time, the family was grateful that a volunteer had notified them that the woman seemed slower than usual. It turned out the woman had suffered a mini stroke.

Finally, family members were alerted again by a Meals on Wheels volunteer that something was wrong. The woman was admitted to the hospital and later died with her family around her.

In a thankful e-mail, the family said the thought of their loved one dying alone "was unbearable."

"Instead of dying alone, our loved one was surrounded by family ... we are so thankful," the note to Andover Senior Center Director Kathy Urquhart went on to say.

The family's name is not being revealed but Urquhart said volunteer contributions, like those of Andover Meals on Wheels volunteers, are immeasurable. Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver food and look in on the homebound, reporting concerns to her office.

"Family members feel much better when they go to work knowing someone checks in on a family member living alone," Urquhart said.

In all, there is a team of 15 Meals on Wheels volunteers visiting 80 homebound seniors in Andover. They have six driving routes around town and deliver meals each weekday. On Friday, many seniors get extra frozen



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photos  
Meals on Wheels volunteer Karen DiRocco, left, wraps the meals while June Fitzgerald packs them up so they can be delivered. They are at the Andover Senior Center.

meals so they have food for the weekend.

Urquhart said there are 300 senior volunteers who work under the town's Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-off Program, including those on the Meals on Wheels program. Under the program, volunteers get a \$675 tax break on their property taxes for 100 hours of community service.

The senior center's volunteer program easily saves the town about \$2,000 per volunteer, Urquhart said. Volunteers also provide transportation for shopping and medical appointments for the homebound, work in every department at Town Offices and help out in every public school.

"It's easily about \$600,000 worth of work," Urquhart said. "That's what it would cost to do what they do."

The month of April has been



Becky Willett helps prepare the plates for Meals on Wheels at the Andover Senior Center.

designated Volunteer Month. Andover's volunteers at the senior center will be saluted at a luncheon on Friday, April 24 at Old Town Hall on Main Street.

"They do so much for families and help so many feel less alone," Urquhart said. "Plus, it's a savings for the town to have them."

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## CHAPEL: Historic building was added after cemetery

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one of her favorite preserved spots in town. In fact, her niece was married there.

"It's uncommon for a community to have such a treasure," Herman added.

But more than 10 years ago, the treasure had fallen into disrepair. Donations from a Friends group and a grant from the Massachusetts Historic Commission totaling about \$500,000 saved the chapel. Led by longtime volunteer Gwen Hedrick, it was gloriously restored in 1998. Now, the chapel is considered the crown jewel of the West Parish



Courtesy photo  
The West Parish Chapel was built in 1909. This photograph is undated.

Center National Historic District. Herman said the church is the oldest in town.

At least 12 couples get married at the chapel each year, while wedding vows have also been renewed there.

The acoustics are legendary as the inside stone and high ceilings offer a good setting for musical performers.

"They come once and they always want to come back," Capozzi said.

A band rented the chapel for three days this week for recording purposes.

There's no loud, big birthday bash planned for the chapel's 100th birthday celebration. Rather, the birthday mood is simply elegant with a jazz band appearing at a Sept. 20 birthday event. The event will be free and open to the public.



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photo  
The inside of West Parish Chapel.

### CHAPEL FACTS

- Built in 1909 by William M. Wood, President, American Woolen Company
- Surrounding cemetery was established 200 years earlier
- Designed by architect and Andover native George C. Shattuck
- Made of native stone from a small quarry on nearby Cutler Road
- Two angels are carved above the entrance, each holding a book and a scroll
- "I will swallow up death + + + " is inscribed inside on wall panels
- 20 pews, seats 120
- Windows were made by Tiffany Studios in New York
- 12 to 20 marriages are performed there each year
- Open to all denominations

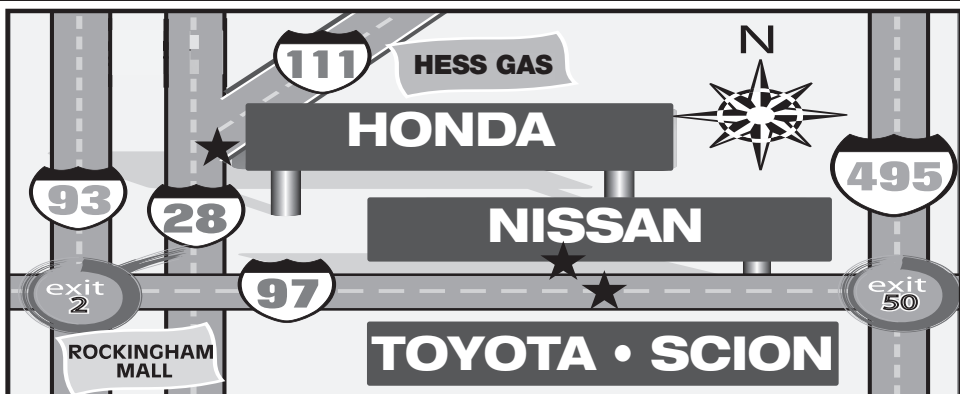
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Sounds like that's just the way William Wood, best known for creating the planned village of Shawsheen for his company's managers, would have wanted it. He is, of course, buried at the cemetery.

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# Spring Home & Garden

## Kitchen remodeling trends include 'green' cabinets

By Chris Matey



Here in Andover, we are seeing an increased interest in green home remodeling. Specifically, green kitchen remodeling is a growing area of interest. There are many ways to go green in your kitchen - floors, countertops, appliances, cabinets and finishes, including paints.

Let's focus on green cabinetry. There are materials and finishes in a renovated kitchen that can cause air-quality issues. For example, inexpensive wood-based products off-gas formaldehyde. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, formaldehyde can cause cancer or eye and upper respiratory irritation.

The good news is that there are eco-friendly alternatives. Many homeowners have at least heard of low or no-VOC (volatile organic compounds) finishes. Products available with low or no VOCs include paints and wood.

The need for hypoallergenic building materials such as low or no-VOCs is on the rise for a number of reasons. Environmental allergies and chemical sensitivities are increasing, and there is a growing base of consumers who are demanding greener building materials. In addition, an increased awareness of possible health risks and overall air quality from traditional paints has led to a demand for products lower in VOCs.

### Cabinets

If you are interested in formaldehyde-free kitchen cabinets there are several choices available to you. Stainless steel kitchen cabinets or any other metal cabinet are going free of toxic chemicals. But if you have your heart set on wood there are several green kitchen cabinet options available.

The most common material for green kitchen cabinets is bamboo. Bamboo is beautiful and also durable. It is a rapidly renewable resource. Bamboo can mature in less than half the time it takes hardwood trees to reach market size making it a popular choice for environmentalists.

When choosing a cabinet manufacturer who claims to have 'green cabinets' ask for certification. This will confirm that their products are formaldehyde free and created with no or low VOCs. Wheat board is the remnants of straw waste left over from wheat crops. The plant stems of the wheat are finely milled and bound with sustainable binders which are formaldehyde free. This is also a by-product of a sustainable resource that would otherwise be disposed of if not used in cabinetry. Wheat board exceeds the set standards for particle board in the U.S.

As you may already know, particle board is the base material used in most manufactured kitchen cabinets. For consumers with cabinets made of particle board, there are a couple of ways to limit the danger of further outgassing of VOCs in your kitchen. First, you could replace the existing cabinets with 'green' cabinets. A second option is to remove the face of the cabinets and purchase a no-VOC, water-based sealant to thoroughly cover them. If purchasing a sealant, completely cover every square inch of surface as well as all cracks.

Also, some type of plywood used by cabinet manufacturers are also free of VOCs. This varies by manufacturer so make sure you check on the specific cabinet you are considering.

Another green option is to use recycled wood. Older kitchen cabinets made from solid wood can be sanded, stained and refinished with a no or low-VOC finish. This is a good choice for those who aren't able to afford green kitchen cabinets.

### Paints

The increased awareness of possible health risks and overall air quality from traditional paints has led to a demand for products lower in VOCs. Manufacturers have risen to the challenge by developing high-quality, latex-based coatings and adhesives for a wide variety of uses.

In addition to "green" consumers, a growing number of expecting parents want no VOC paints.

Most major paint companies have a line of low and no-VOC paints. Note that not every latex-based coating is low in VOCs. Check the label before you buy. VOC levels are expressed in pounds per gallon (lbs/gal) or grams per liter (g/l). Interior paint is given a Green Seal if it has a VOC content less than 50 g/l (for flat sheen) or 150 g/l (non-flat sheen).

### Starting your green renovation

There are many eco-friendly alternatives available for home remodeling needs. Do-it-yourself enthusiasts should be prepared to invest time in learning about green options, from poring over bamboo solutions to interviewing cabinet dealers to meet their specifications.

Hiring a renovator? Make sure the company you choose is knowledgeable and is able to easily answer all of your questions.

Also, make sure your contractor has a license. In addition, confirm coverage of liability insurance, worker's compensation, and automobile insurance.

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## Opportunities for local green thumbs

### Village Garden Club offers container garden workshop tonight

Andover offers multiple garden clubs, each with its own activities and opportunities.

Tonight, April 16, at 7 p.m. a workshop will be held at Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., as Betsy Williams demonstrates the steps to create a beautiful container garden in anticipation of the Village Garden Club of Andover's annual Plant Sale.

The Village Garden Club will offer its Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 30 from 9 a.m. to noon, rain or shine in the garden of Williams at 155 Chestnut St., Andover.

Williams is known for her garden and for creating recipes using her home-grown herbs. She recently published a cook book.

At the plant sale, people will be able to choose from a wide selection of perennials, herbs and shrubs from Village Garden Club member's gardens. In addition to the container gardens, a raffle will be featured. Proceeds support the Village Garden Club's civic beautification and garden-therapy projects.

### Clubs

Garden clubs in Andover for residents to join, include:

**Village Garden Club**, a member of the Massachusetts Federation of Garden Clubs, which designs and plants rotating, seasonal gardens at Elm Green in Andover and designed, planted, maintains and continues to develop gardens at the senior center. It has designed and maintains gardens at two "Welcome to Andover" signs, on Route 133 and on Elm Street, and offers arranging and horticulture activities to day-care seniors at the Senior Connection. Among other activities, club members arrange flowers for the tables at Bread and Roses, a soup kitchen, and at Esperanza Academy, a middle school for low-income girls, both in Lawrence. It supports, with donations, volunteer efforts and proceeds from a plantsale, the Trustee of Reservations, AVIS, the Andover Historical Society, the Andover Senior Center and the Northern District project. Members meet



Judy Mitchell's garden at 12 Burton Farm Drive.



The garden of Carol Livingston at 96 Andover St. features clematis climbing a fence.

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Linda Ladd, left, and Elaine DiGiovanni, give a lecture "Floral Designs for Your Holiday Home" for the Andover Garden Club before the 2008 holiday season.

TIFFANY SHYU/Staff photo

the third Thursday evenings of each month, September through June, except in January when they meet in the afternoon. For more, contact Helen Ann Knepper 978-409-1701.

**Spade and Trowel Garden Club**, which is composed of up to 35 active members who beautify the community with civic

gardens, aid seniors with a "Garden Therapy" program, sponsor "Art in Bloom" at Memorial Hall Library every May, provide scholarships to youth, support many environmental and conservation endeavors in the area and are involved in a host of other creative projects. Meetings are the second Tuesday

of the month from September through June, and new members are eagerly sought. Contact Lorraine Kerwin at 978-475-6090.

**Andover Garden Club**, which is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that encourages the study and practice of horticulture, landscape design and flower design;

aids in the beautification of the town of Andover; and helps protect and conserve natural resources. The club provides both financial and hands-on support to a variety of municipal, educational, and environmental organizations. Information is available from Anne Feeny at 978-475-7119.

## Real-estate watchers say home-buyer traffic increasing

By BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

Like their values on the open market, the number of single-family homes sold in Andover over the last 12 months is down. But that doesn't mean realtors in town aren't optimistic of the chances of a turnaround.

Since April 2008, 240 single-family homes have been sold in town. That's down from 287 single-family home sales in the previous 12-month period.

The average sale price of \$568,000 in the last 12 months also marks a continued downward trend. The average market value of single-family homes in Andover peaked at around \$675,000 several years ago.

However, prospective buyers are attending more home showings and real estate agents are enjoying busier weekend hours, according to Bill Buck, a broker and owner of Stone Wall Real Estate in Andover.

"I think the traffic is a harbinger of good things," said Buck. "As long as interest rates stay low and inventory levels don't go too high, I think it's the most promise we've seen in years."

Bill Perkins, president of Hearstone Realty Corp. in Andover, said he expects to see the number of single-family home sales in town gradually increase in the next several years.

"There's a lot of people that want to move into Andover," said Perkins.

There are 8,480 single-family homes in town, according to Town Assessor David Billard.

For years, Buck said people have been cautious and deferred decisions to buy and sell homes. But that's bound to change, he said.

"People ultimately need houses," said Buck. "Eventually, there's going to be a pent-up demand."

Buck said the market values of single-family homes are as closely aligned to their assessed values as he's seen in 20 years in the industry.

On average, single-family homes in Andover are spending less time on the market than in the last couple of years.

"It certainly feels like the pricing is more stable," said Buck. "If they're priced correctly, things are selling in a pretty timely fashion."

### ANDOVER SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES SALES, DATES MID-APRIL TO MID-APRIL

Date	Total Home Sales	Sale Price	Average Days on Market
2004 to 2005	367	\$626,000	83
2005 to 2006	354	\$675,000	86
2006 to 2007	298	\$623,000	137
2007 to 2008	287	\$606,000	113
2008 to 2009	240	\$568,000	110

(Source: Multiple Listing Service, Andover single family homes)

Year	Average Single-family Home Assessment	Tax Bills
FY03	\$470,000	\$5,466
FY04	\$497,725	\$5,709
FY05	\$522,000	\$6,008
FY06	\$561,360	\$6,399
FY07	\$591,800	\$6,657
FY08	\$581,600	\$6,799
FY09	\$580,100	\$7,054

(Source: Town Assessor's Office)

Ida Polizotti, a resident at the MI Nursing/Restorative Center, and Judy Astbury of the Andover Garden Club, chat during a garden therapy project.



COURTESY PHOTO

## Andover Garden Club offers therapy project to help elders reach goals

Members of the Andover Garden Club recently brought a touch of spring to the residents of Mary Immaculate Nursing Restorative Center.

Through a garden therapy project, bright colors and fragrant blossoms provided a welcome reminder that warmer

weather is on the way, according to the center.

For more than 80 years, the Andover Garden Club has helped beautify local communities; encouraged the study and practice of horticulture, landscape design and flower-arranging, and has helped to

protect and conserve natural resources. There are currently 85 active members.

The Mary Immaculate Nursing Restorative Center cares for frail or recuperating elders providing a blend of services designed to maximize individual health goals.

## Community garden to be developed by Spade and Trowel Garden Club



The Spade and Trowel Garden Club of Andover includes, pictured from left, Lorraine Kerwin, President Melanie Muggia, Mary Kay Orlando, Nancy Cornell and Peg Behling.

Spade and Trowel Garden Club of Andover has received a grant for \$2,500 from Putnam Investments to develop a community garden project.

This grant was awarded to honor Carol Schrader, an employee of 12 years, who has served as a longstanding board member and past president of Spade and Trowel.

The club has undertaken the design and construction of an "Sensory Garden" at the Professional Center for Child Development in Andover, which serves children from the Merrimack Valley whose physical, emotional or intellectual development is delayed.

Some children have multiple disabilities or complicated medical or healthcare needs. The sensory garden is meant "to bring the special magic of gardens to these children

## MATEY: Contractor remodels kitchens with 'green' cabinets

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Better yet, ask to see a certificate of insurance. This will show you that the contractor holds these three types of insurance in good standing.

Make sure your renovator provides a written warranty statement. You'll want this, because if a contractor does not provide one, you may never see him again if something needs to

be adjusted or repaired. Have a basic idea of what you want to accomplish. Lastly, find a renovator who offers design services that can take your ideas and dreams from concept to completed project.

Chris Matey is an Andover resident and the owner of Red Apple Renovations, a professional kitchen and bath remodeling company based in Andover.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

At the completion of hundreds of kitchen renovation projects, Andover resident Chris Matey would glance at the dumpsters and know he was adding to landfill waste.

There'd be piles of lumber scraps, plywood, insulation, plaster, wallboard, wiring, tiling and other debris.

But now Matey says he's found a solution to dumping the construction materials in a landfill.

His company, Red Apple Renovations, an Andover-based kitchen and bath remodeling company, generates between 15 and 30 cubic yards of debris that can weigh between 2 and 4 tons.

"I've been looking for a cost-effective solution for awhile,"

says Matey. "We needed a solution that worked for us and for our customers. I didn't want to find an expensive alternative that no one would use."

Matey partnered with a Massachusetts-based disposal company that takes all of his construction debris and recycles it. Any material that can't be recycled is burned to generate electricity, according to a release.

The recycling is comparable to the cost of standard disposal, according to Red Apple.

"The reaction from our customers has been universally positive. They are happy that their project is not going to send their remodeling project's debris to a landfill," Matey says.

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# Family finds new heating option is green, saves green

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Tom and Maureen Mullins are both accountants, so when it came time to upgrade the heating system in their Berkeley Lane, West Andover home, the transition was carefully calculated.

After doing plenty of research and getting six different quotes, the Mullins went with an ultra-efficient electric heating system. The new system saves money and has less of an impact on the environment, they say — two things very important to the family.

“Our existing (electric heat) pump system was never all that warm, it was just tolerable,” said Tom Mullins, who has lived with his family in Andover for 12 years. “This system keeps our house warmer. We’re able to keep the thermostat at 65 or 68, instead of 60 or 62, and our heating bill has been less.”

“In the long run, it helps the environment, but also saves us money. It’s a nice blend.”

The Mullins’ three daughters, Maggie, 15, Mary, 12 and Colleen, 10, take the lead in

*“This system keeps our house warmer. We’re able to keep the thermostat at 65 or 68 instead of 60 or 62, and our heating bills has been less.”*

Tom Mullin, Andover

environmental initiatives, often after learning about “green” ideas in school, said Tom Mullins.

“We’re always recycling, putting our blue bins out to the curb,” he said.

The Acadia heating system the Mullins use was invented by David Shaw of Falmouth, and is said to work somewhat like an air conditioner in reverse, drawing outside air, raising its temperature and then pumping it into the house.

Unlike other heat pump systems, the Acadia is so efficient that it can provide effective heat in temperatures as low as 30 degrees below zero, according to Hallowell International, the company that manufactures it.

Even with keeping the thermostat higher, the Mullins family said it saw a 29 percent decrease in kilowatt hours in their next electricity bill after the unit was

installed. Tom and Maureen Mullins had kept a record of the family’s heat usage for the last six years. Their home was built in the early 1980s, and with all-electric heating, they spent about \$1,000 per month on electricity, said Tom Mullins.

Because no natural gas lines run out to their home near Haggets Pond, either an electric or oil system was needed to replace their 25-year-old heat pumps.

The Acadia system is the only heat pump on the market that is effective enough not to need a fossil fuel back up, said Maryann Scarangelo, co-owner of the company that installed the Mullins’ system. The upfront costs associated with installing an Acadia system can be expensive, she said.

At a home with no existing ductwork, an Acadia installation could cost upwards of

\$20,000, said Scarangelo. If a home has an existing forced hot air duct system, the cost come run between \$8,000 to 14,000, depending on the size of the home.

Tom Mullins first heard about the system in “This Old House” magazine, he said, which prompted him to go to a home show where one was on display.

The system made both dollars and sense for the family, he said.

“It’s been working out really, really well,” he said. “And we’re happy not to be using fossil fuels (for heating).”

Scarangelo Heating, the North Andover company that installed the system, is owned by Greg and Maryann Scarangelo who say they try to help customers move away from fossil-fuel-based technology. The Scarangelos just finished installing a solar-powered heating system in their own home.

## GRANT: Garden will bring magic to children

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through touch, taste and smell, as well as sight, for those able to see,” according to the club.

Spade and Trowel Garden Club also has received a number of state awards for 2008 from the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts. The Barbara D. May Web site Award was bestowed upon the club for its exceptional Web site, which provides information not only pertaining to the activities of its own club, but links to events and activities of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, the New England region and national garden clubs.

The club also was recognized for its Notable School Garden Projects and was named a “Club of Distinction” for a small club numbering 25 or fewer members. This award is based upon the club’s involvement in the community and its high level of participation by its members in those endeavors.

Among the current projects that Spade and Trowel is involved with are the design and maintenance of a wild-flower garden and a number of traffic island gardens, sponsoring the annual “Art in Bloom” at the Memorial Hall Library each May, a garden-therapy program for the residents of Marland Place and awarding a scholarship each year to a graduating Andover High student who intends to pursue higher education in the fields of horticulture, landscape design or environmental science. To learn more about the club visit [www.spadeandtrowelgardenclub.org](http://www.spadeandtrowelgardenclub.org) or call Carol Schrader, membership chairwoman, at 978-689-0712.

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## On the run for a cause

For many, race finish not an end in itself

BY WILL EWING  
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

Running the Boston Marathon is a huge achievement for all who run it, but for a select few the Patriots Day race becomes more than an achievement. It becomes a way to raise money and awareness for an important cause.

Forty-seven Andover residents have decided to take the challenge of running the grueling Boston Marathon, and dozens will do so to support different causes.

This year six of the 21 runners on the team to help the Lazarus House are residents of Andover. The Lazarus House Web site claims the team has already raised nearly \$60,000 to help fight hunger.

Matthew Preston, another Andover resident, helped start, and is part of, the first team to run to raise money for support causes associated with Down Syndrome. Preston and 15 others will collect pledges and run for the Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress. Preston is running in honor of his daughter Molly, who was born with Down Syndrome.

Amanda Verreault Truesdale, a former Andover resident, will run to raise money for the Samaritans, a group that raises awareness about suicide prevention in the greater Boston area. Truesdale became involved with the Samaritans after losing her husband Brian to suicide in March 2006.

"We never got to run it together," she said. "Running for a cause is really special and motivating."

The Samaritans team hopes to raise at least \$5,000 that will go towards suicide-prevention education, helping fund its 24/7 crisis help line, and grief support for people and communities who have been effected by suicide.

The Samaritans, Lazarus House, and MDSC are only three of the 50 non-profit organizations that have a team running in this year's marathon. The 113th Boston Marathon will be held this Monday, April 20, and the first of four waves of runners start at 9:22 a.m.

The marathon is directed by Dave McGillivray, the same man who directs Andover's Feaster Five each Thanksgiving morning.

## Easter Bunny and other signs of spring arrive



Waiting to see the Easter bunny are Riley Murphy, age 2, and Haley Murphy, 1. They are pictured with their mother, Susie Murphy. The Murphys live in Andover.

Spring has been showing itself in fits and starts this month, with the temperature rising and falling.

But the signs are becoming more clear: the nurseries and driving ranges are getting business, the trails are seeing more feet and the Red Sox have opened their season. Last Sunday, many in town celebrated

Easter. The Andover/North Andover Branch of the Merrimack Valley YMCA also hosted children and their parents at its annual Eggcellent Easter Event, on April 4. Families enjoyed a light breakfast, spring arts-and-crafts projects, and taking photos with the Easter Bunny, who was on hand. Nearly 80 families stopped by for this event.



The Dankens children of Andover are all smiles as they visit with the Easter Bunny. Catherine, age 7; Claire, 3; and Charlie, 7, are the children of Maria and Peter Dankens.

## Help wanted to tally up turtles on reservations

BY BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

The Trustees of Reservations are looking for a few volunteers willing to come out of their shells.

The nonprofit, along with the state department of conservation and recreation and natural heritage and endangered species program, is looking for local citizens to help survey the turtle population of Ward Reservation and Harold Parker State Forest.

The two properties, which both span Andover and North Andover, are a potential habitat for eastern box and Blanding's turtles, two species rare to Massachusetts. It is not known how many of the two species live in the more than 4,000 combined acres of Ward and Harold Parker - and that's where the volunteers come in.

This spring, the Trustees of Reservations is launching a turtle



A Blanding's turtle



A box turtle

census, of sorts. Once they know how many rare turtles are in the area, the information could be shared with other wildlife and conservation organizations to protect the local turtle habitat.

"We're losing these species for several reasons, and good stewardship would be maintaining these population ... It relates back to biodiversity, making sure we protect biodiversity and native species," said Chris Ward, Andover/North Andover

management unit superintendent for the Trustees. "(The survey) is a measure of the health of the ecosystems that we have present on our properties, and will inform our management decisions and actions in the future."

Turtle survey volunteers should have a keen eye and an interest in nature. They'll be recording turtle sightings, going off trail to the numerous vernal pools, wetlands and ponds on the two properties.

Turtles are most visible on warm, sunny spring days, when they sun themselves, just as people love to be outdoors, said Ward.

The eastern box turtle is listed as a "species of special concern" and the Blanding's turtle as "threatened" by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program.

Species classified as threatened are declining or rare native species which are likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future. Special concern species are native species that have been documented to have suffered a decline that could threaten the species if allowed to continue unchecked, according to the program.

Volunteers for the Ward Reservation and Harold Parker State Forest turtle survey program can be of any age, said Ward, and can volunteer as little or as much time as they like. Two training

sessions for turtle volunteers are planned for April 18 and 25.

Several turtle "experts" from conservation and wildlife agencies will be on hand, training volunteers on how to identify Blanding's and Eastern Box turtles, their habitats, distinguishing characteristics and habits. Chris Bowe, a local naturalist, will bring several live turtles he is rehabilitating for attendees to observe, said Ward.

Folks who attend training sessions this month do not have to commit to volunteer as part of the survey project, said Ward. The Trustees hope to have completed results of the turtle survey this summer, said Ward.

"We don't want to eventually lose our populations that we have," said Ward. "The condition of turtles' habitat really affects them, as well as human interaction, invasive species and other factors. All our actions, or lack of action, impact these habitats."

## Field of my dreams, and the men who roam there

By Bill Dalton



I dream about the place, and I like the dreams. I'm catching Ray Bisbee, my favorite high school pitcher, and some of my former teammates are nearby. Bill Gallant is always there; we played baseball together from the

year Little League started until he finished High School.

The dream wouldn't be as good if the field was an ordinary place. Perhaps only Fenway Park was a better ball field. The generations of men who worked on the field and the boys and men who played there made it what it was. It was the high school varsity

field until 1968, the green diamond on the east side of the Playstead, the place where Twilight League baseball was played, the place where young men's talent became old men's dreams.

To get there, I walked across my backyard, jumped over Rogers Brook, and jogged another 80 yards. The underside of the dark green bleachers, first built in 1924, greeted me with its beams, beams I'd climbed with my playmates since we were barely old enough to climb. The field and bleachers are part of me. I played sandlot games there from the time I was the last one picked for a team. I remember the place to the smallest detail.

Men who worked for the town kept the field beautiful. I remember Ace Lynch best. When I played high school ball, I'd go to the field before games and talk to him. One day, as we talked we picked up pebbles together, pebbles

on the first base line that could turn a fair ball into a foul ball. He watched over that field and cherished it the way I now cherish my memories of it and him.

Two other Lynchs, brothers, were catchers, as both my older brother and I were. If Dave "Stretch" Pearson is included, the five of us were the varsity catchers for a decade. There is a casual fraternity among catchers; they are different than other baseball players. Catchers wear equipment, are involved in every play, see the entire field, and face in the opposite direction of their teammates. The catcher is the field boss.

Another catcher, Buster Deyermond, is an important memory. Before my senior year at college. I was converted to being a pitcher. That summer, Buster Deyermond, a fine catcher who was my little brother's age, spent

hours at the Playstead catching my practice pitching. Buster had a dry, excellent sense of humor, and he had me laughing every few pitches. It's my lasting memory of Buster, who gave his life for his country in Vietnam. He was about as perfect a young man as I ever knew. There is a field named for him in West Andover.

The Playstead field and Ted Boudreau are forever linked. He was the best catcher who played there, and some of his home runs were hit so far that they landed at the base of Rameat Hill, beyond left field. Mr. Boudreau played minor league ball for the Phillies, and a few years later returned to Andover and coached baseball. He was my coach for four years, and we were good friends for many more years. He called me a few hours before he died, saying he thought the hospital had released him too soon, and I gave

a eulogy at his funeral. The field is now dedicated to Ted, as it should be. There is a small plaque on a stone a few yards from where he caught and coached for several decades.

The field has deteriorated, but it's the field of my memories: the perfectly cut, green grass; the manicured base paths; the wood bleachers where old men watched the games, offered comments, and remembered when they played; the right field that went to the old track and to the football field beyond; the left field that stretched to wetlands that sprouted late summer milkweed; and the thousands of people who played and watched America's pastime there, loving baseball and the beautiful place where it was played.

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Peter Maguire, son of Phil and Barbara Maguire of Andover, is engaged to Michele Miller, daughter of Bonnie Walsh of Duxbury and David Miller of Dover.

Mr. Maguire is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts and is employed at the law firm of Edwards, Angell, Palmer and Dodge in Boston.

Ms. Miller is a graduate of the University of Miami and is employed at St. Jude's Research Foundation in Newton.

The couple plan an August wedding on Cape Cod.



RELIGION

APRIL 28-30

"The Courage to Remember," the Simon Wiesenthal Center's acclaimed traveling exhibition on the Nazi Holocaust. Exhibit hours will be Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Sakowich Campus Center, first floor lounge, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St. in North Andover

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Rabbi Robert Goldstein will preside over "Prayer in Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust" from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The exhibit will close after prayer at 4:30 p.m. at the Cascia Hall, Merrimack College 315 Turnpike St., in North Andover. Contact the Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations at Merrimack College at 978-837-5428, or e-mail aldebran.longabaughburg@merrimack.edu

SUNDAY, MAY 3

The Merrimack Valley Chapter of Hadassah will hold its

2009 Donor Brunch on Sunday, May 3, at 10:30 a.m. at Salvatore's Restaurant in Lawrence. The keynote speaker will be Dahlia Lorenz, Ph.D. who will be presenting a program on "Self-Empowerment through Spontaneous Writing for Well-Being and Peace." Dr. Lorenz is the founder and researcher of the "flower model" of creative poetry therapy for groups in multi-cultural settings. She is a professor of Poetry Therapy at both Haifa and Derby universities.

Hadassah was founded 97 years ago by Henrietta Szold and is now the largest women's organization in the United States, as well as being the largest Jewish membership organization. Hadassah raises money for programs in both the United States and in Israel including the world renowned Hadassah Medical Organization.

Reservations for the brunch cost \$36 and checks are payable to the Merrimack Valley Chapter of Hadassah. Contact Jacqui Kamlet, chapter president, at HadassahMV@gmail.com.

SENIOR NOTES

**Research Project:** Andover Senior Center and UMass/Boston: The senior center is partnering with the Gerontology Institute at UMass Boston for an upcoming research study regarding residential choices made by older people. Andover residents interested in participating need travel no further than the senior center. The research team, headed by Dr. Frank Caro, is interested in learning about ways in which older people approach residential issues. Volunteers will be asked to watch brief video presentations on a computer and answer a few questions about what they have seen. Contact Pat Becker at the senior center if you would be interested in participating.

**Boston Pops Trip:** Thursday, May 21; 8 p.m. performance; \$75 (ticket & transportation); We are currently accepting reservations for our upcoming trip to the Boston Pops. "Baseball Night" is the theme for this year's concert and you'll hear songs like Fenway's favorite, Sweet Caroline and all the baseball classics including Casey At The Bat, Take Me Out To The Ballgame, and the Star Spangled Banner. This special Pops program will rouse the hearts, hopes and fond memories of all in the audience.

**Birding Group:** Our bird walks with the Retelles will start up again on Friday, April 24. We'll plan to meet at the center at 8 a.m. and we'll car pool from here to explore some of the local conservation areas. Just give the center a call so we'll know to expect you.

**May Breakfast & Speaker:** Friday,

LOCKS OF LOVE



Katelyn Kendrigan donated 11 inches of her hair to Locks of Love. Katelyn is 7 and is first-grader at Sanborn Elementary School in Andover. She had been waiting a very long time for her hair to grow so she could donate it to help other children and was very happy to be able to participate in such a worthwhile cause. Her family is very proud of her, they said.

May 1; 8:30 a.m.; \$5; We'll be serving up pancakes, fresh fruit, cereal, muffins, bacon, juice & coffee to kick off the busy month of May. Our after breakfast speaker will be retired vascular surgeon, Dr. George LeMaitre, author of the recent book, "Choosing Your Doctor". Advance tickets only.

**Treble Chorus Of New England:** The Treble Chorus has kindly donated a block of complimentary tickets to the senior center for their May 3 concert as well as a reception following the concert. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by the center and pick one up.

**Women's Health: Luncheon & Lecture:** "Building Your Bones: Osteoporosis Awareness": Pre-registration necessary; Thursday, May 7; 1 p.m.; \$3; We'll talk about this all too common medical problem that affects so many women. We'll cover all the angles including diagnosis, prevention, medication side effects and updates on the latest interventions & treatments. A light lunch will be included.

**Exercise Registration:** Registration for the summer semester of exercise classes will take place at the center the week of May 18. Classes offered will be men and women in motion, low impact aerobics, strength training, beginner & intermediate yoga, water workout, tap dancing & Nordic walking. The twelve week summer semester will run from June 1st through August 21st.

**Andover Reads:** "The Worst Hard Time" book discussion; Tuesday, May 5; 1:30 p.m. Come

join us as we discuss Timothy Egan's "The Worst Hard Time". The book follows families who lived through the dust bowl, drought, and economic depression while sharing the hopes and compassion of a nation struggling to rebuild. We have a limited number of books available for check-out right at the senior center.

**Tower Hill Botanic Gardens Trip:** Wednesday, May 6 (rain date 5/7); \$29; By visiting these special gardens in early May we hope to catch the daffodils and tulips in full bloom. Following an orientation video, we'll have time to explore several different gardens and the gift shop. After exploring the gardens we're off to the Manor Restaurant for lunch ( your cost). The Manor offers a nice variety of lunch items in the \$10 range.

**Reiki Therapy:** The senior center will be offering Reiki clinics on Friday May 1, & Friday, May 8 by appointment. Reiki sessions are given for the purpose of stress reduction, pain relief and relaxation and is known to be the highest and most gentle form of energy healing. Many wellness centers and hospitals now embrace the use of Reiki as one of their complimentary/alternative therapies. Half hour appointments will be given by Joanne Martel, R.N.; CRT. Due to temporary supplemental funding, cost of the treatment will be \$10. Appointments may be scheduled by calling Pat Becker at the senior center.

**Dust Bowl/Great Depression Era**

**Panel:** Tuesday, May 12; 1:30 p.m.; part of the "Andover Reads" Series; Come join us as several folks share their memories of their personal or family history from the 1930's. If you have photos, memorabilia, historical items etc that you would be willing to display that day, please let us know. We welcome your participation.

**Outdoor Adventures For Women:** Monday, May 4; 9 a.m. to 12 noon; pre-registration; Meet at the senior center; We'll be heading out to enjoy the beauty of the Goldsmith Woodlands. We'll walk the perimeter of the woodlands enjoying ponds, wildlife & hemlock stands. This is a three mile moderate hike returning to the center by noon. Appropriate hiking boots a must.

**Outdoor Photography Class:** Mondays, May 11 and 18; 9:30 a.m.; \$10; Pre-registration prior to the first class. The first session will be in the field and we'll carpool to a local AVIS property. Be prepared to walk in the woods in suitable clothing and appropriate outdoor footwear. This workshop is suitable for either film or digital cameras. The second meeting will take place at the center and will focus on image editing and processing.

**Fix-It Shop:** The fix-it shop will be open for business again on Monday, April 27 at 1:30 p.m.; The cost is \$4 plus parts for Andover seniors ( ID required). Our volunteers will be happy to take a look at any small appliance or household item in need of repair.

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# Sports

## MAN BEHIND THE MASK

### Major facial injury can't stop Torres

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

Now more than six months later, the injury to Josh Torres still disturbs teammate and long-time friend Joe Lamagna.

"It was one of the worst things I have ever seen," said Lamagna. "It was an accident straight out of an action movie. But Josh doesn't let anything slow him down."

Last fall, Torres was in the midst of a standout soccer campaign and was looking forward to his senior seasons of basketball and lacrosse, the latter of which he is heading to play at Division 1 Providence College.

But on Oct. 2, while taking on Methuen, Torres' athletic career and life were thrown into disarray on a single play.

"The ball crossed over the middle and I was thinking I couldn't miss the opportunity," Torres remembered. "I took a full sprint at the goal and it bounced in front of the goalie."

"I tried to head it in, and at the same time the goalie tried the punch the ball away from the net. I took the full force of his head and fist in my face."

Despite spending a few tense moments on the ground, Torres was able to gather himself and leave the field under his own power. But once he reached the sidelines, he could tell something was wrong.

"I was feeling the left side of my face and I knew something wasn't right," he said. "I felt very dizzy, but I had no idea what the



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Andover three-sport standout Josh Torres dons the protective mask he wore in basketball after suffering multiple facial fractures in a collision in soccer. He is currently excelling in lacrosse, which he will play at Division 1 Providence College next season.

injury was."

Torres was taken from the field by ambulance to the Lawrence General Hospital emergency room. He was then referred by a doctor to an ear and eye specialist, who determined the extent of

the injury.

"I shattered my whole left eye socket and cheek bone," he said. He was taken to Children's Hospital Boston, where he underwent surgery.

"I had three plates and 14

screws put in my face," he said. "My eye socket was reconstructed. And they replaced my left cheekbone with a plate. The doctors did an amazing job of making my face look the way it did."

While working on his recovery, Torres spent the rest of the soccer season cheering on his team from the sidelines. But, once basketball arrived, he began exploring how to return to athletics.

"His doctor couldn't believe

it," said father Rick Torres. "The doctor had just fixed his face. Josh said he wanted to play basketball and the doctor said he probably shouldn't. But Josh was persistent."

Torres and his doctor reached a compromise. He would wear a clear plastic mask that, while it would not prevent another serious injury, would provide some protection.

"Finally, he sat me down and told me the risks, that if I took another hit it would shatter again," said Josh. "That scared me a lot. But I really wanted to play in the (Greater Lawrence) Christmas Tournament."

He returned to basketball practice prior to the Christmas tournament. But, soon after, he was reminded of the risk he took while on the court.

"I took a charge and someone stepped on my face while I was on the floor," he said. "I freaked out. It hurt a lot, and blood was just pouring out. I was thinking, 'Oh no, oh no.' It was very scary."

Luckily, the injury was nothing more than a cut from where the mask had jammed against his face. He was fitted for a new mask, and continued in his role as a shutdown defender and energy player on the Golden Warriors basketball team that finished 14-9 and advanced to the Division 1 North quarterfinals.

#### A surprise star

With the spring season now in full swing, Torres is excelling in his No. 1 sport, lacrosse. But, a few years ago, he never would have believed he'd be a Division 1 prospect.

"I didn't start playing until my freshman year," he said. "I was going to run track. But two weeks before tryouts my friends Joe Lamagna and Matt Eriksen

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## Salley matches Andover High record

### GIRLS TRACK

There was plenty of hype surrounding **Jessica Salley** going into the season, and the sophomore proved it was well deserved last Wednesday.

Salley recorded a 5-4 high jump, tying the school record first set by **Cindy Surrent** in 1984, then matched by current teammate **Moria Cronin** in the winter, leading Andover to a 76-60 win over Chelmsford last Tuesday. **Shea Mosquera** added wins in the shot put (38-0) and discus (87-6) and **Abbey Pettoruto** took the pole vault (6-0) and triple jump (31-8 1/2) for the winners.

### BOYS VOLLEYBALL

#### Washburn, Andover stay unbeaten

Andover continued to roll, remaining undefeated by crushing archrival Central Catholic 25-10, 25-12, 25-14 on Friday. **Matt Washburn** recorded 11 kills, seven blocks and seven service points and **Mike Emmons** had 24 assists for the Golden Warriors (6-0).

The Golden Warriors bested Methuen 25-20, 25-16, 25-8 last Tuesday. **Mike Emmons** notched 29 assists, **Gary Hinds** had eight service points and two aces and **Matt Washburn** had seven blocks for the winners.

**Mike Todisco** notched 10 service points to help Andover hammer Billerica 24-4, 25-8, 25-17 last Monday. **Andrew Kanell** added seven blocks and **Andrew Osborne** had eight kills for the winners.



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photo

Andover's Matt Washburn, left, and Gary Hinds block a spike against Central Catholic last week. The two seniors have helped lead the Golden Warriors to a 6-0 lead.

### BOYS LACROSSE

#### Lamagna keeps sizzling

**Joe Lamagna** remained red-hot, scoring five goals to up his season total to 18 in just five games as Andover stayed unbeaten with a 12-6 victory over Chelmsford on Saturday. **Josh Torres** (3 goals) and **Conor Gaffney** (2 goals) each added multiple scores and **Gavin McIver** had a goal and two assists for the Warriors (5-0).

**Conor Gaffney** continued to impress with a pair of goals as Andover bested Tewksbury

10-7 last Tuesday. **Joe Lamagna** chipped in with five goals, **Josh Torres** scored once and assisted on two more and **Christian Benedix** and **John Fiorentino** each had one goal.

### BASEBALL

#### Patti, Leary give Warriors walkoff win

After 12 innings of scoreless play, **Alex Patti** stepped up and drove a line drive between short-stop and third base that plated **C.J. Leary** and gave Andover a 1-0

walkoff victory over Cambridge on opening day last Wednesday. **John Farrell** started and threw six scoreless innings, and co-ace **Shawn Carlson** worked the next six, recording the victory.

Despite three hits by leadoff hitter **Jake Ponti**, Andover was shocked by non-league rival North Andover last Thursday. **Alex Patti** added three hits and two RBIs and **John Hennessy**, **Dan Gusovsky** and **Vince Bellino** each had two hits for the Golden Warriors.

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## Softball, girls tennis look to impress

Note: Andover softball coach Stephanie Ragucci could not be reached for a full preview

### SOFTBALL

**2008 record:** 12-9, lost in Division 1 North preliminaries

**Returning starters (6):** Kerry McCarthy, Sr., 1B; Alex Strock, Sr., LF; Meaghan McCarthy, Sr., 3B; Jeanette Doucette, Sr., C; Megan Pettoruto, Sr., CF; Katie Kucharski, Jr., RF

**Returning lettermen:** Ashley Coffey, Sr., OF; Heather Paonessa, Sr., OF; Joanna Robie, Jr., P

**Promising newcomers:** Irena Kushner, Jr., SS; Jess Musto, Jr., 1B; Taylor Farris, Frosh., OF/INF; Shannon Tully, Frosh., C/3B; Molly Awiszus, Frosh. 2B/P

**Candidates in all grades:** 50

**Captains:** Kerry McCarthy, Meaghan McCarthy

**Returning honorees:** Jeanette Doucette, honorable mention All-MVC

**Head Coach:** Stephanie Ragucci (13th year, 130-123)

**Assistants:** Steve Tisbert; Betty Iannucilli, JV; Ben Gibson, Frosh.

**Odds and ends:** After a slow start, Andover came on strong and won the MVC Small title. Earlier, the Golden Warriors won the Methuen Tournament crown. ... Despite cranking out 23 hits, the No. 13 Golden Warriors were upset by No. 20 Reading in the North prelims. ... Andover made the tourney for the 10th time in 11 years with 2007 being the lone time it missed. ... Senior first baseman **Kerry McCarthy** has started every game since her freshman year. ... **Joanna Robie**, who saw some time on varsity last year, will be the No. 1 pitcher. ... It's been a tough spring for assistant coaches. **Steve Tisbert** has been absent because of a knee replacement and **Betty Iannucilli** has yet to report because of a tailbone injury. ... As of Monday, the Warriors had opened the season 1-1.

### GIRLS TENNIS

**Returning players:** Satin Zarkar, Sr.; Rachael Trotta, Sr.; Jackie Collins,



Rachael Trotta, Andover High tennis

Sr.; Philine Huizing, Jr.; Kirsten Arvidson, Jr.; Michelle Krupnik, Soph.; Rachel Ochs, Soph.; Kelsey Chapman, Soph.; Reid Campbell, Soph.; Maggie Carter, Soph.; Kelsey Hodas, Soph.

**Newcomers:** Annesha Bhattacharya, Soph.; Jessica Hunzelman, Soph.; Samantha Ricci, Soph.; Sarah Arvidson, Frosh.; Jen Levenson, Frosh.; Amanda MacDonald, Frosh.; Emily Oldaker, Frosh.; Melanie Zakin, Frosh.

**Captains:** Jackie Collins, Rachael Trotta, Satin Zarkar

**Coach:** Jen Griffin (3rd year)

**Odds and ends:** Satin Zarkar, an All-MVC selection a year ago, has not yet played due to a recurring ankle injury. The Warriors are hoping to have her back after April vacation. ... Junior **Kirsten Arvidson** and sister **Sarah Arvidson** are both volleyball stand-outs. ... Just a freshman, 5-foot-10 **Sarah Arvidson** has already played two matches at No. 1 singles. ... Through Monday, the Warriors are 3-0.

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St. Augustine Youth Ministry members got involved with local communities by performing various cleanup duties. Here, Greg Richenbacker, Adam Carrington and Nichole Boudreau, all of Andover, take a break from cleaning outside Emmaus House in Haverhill.

**Teen spring fever**

Some 60 teens and adults involved with St. Augustine Youth Ministry helped with spring clean up efforts around town and across the Merrimack Valley. Youth Ministry Director Katie LeBlanc said the clean up crew did a great - and tiring - job transforming six work sites: Lazarus House, Cor Unum, Emmaus House, Lowell Transitional Living, Bellisini Academy and St. Augustine/St. Joseph churches in Andover on Saturday, April 4.

"I already have 20 teens signed up for a summer serve-a-thon... These teens go beyond their own comfort zone to serve," LeBlanc said. "The teens got a glimpse into the world

of others and saw the brokenness that others experience and the ministry of those who serve full time in these organizations."

— Judy Wakefield

**The (Mary McGarry Morris) book stops here!**

Popular contemporary writer and Andover resident Mary McGarry Morris officially launched the tour for her new book, "The Last Secret", last Thursday night at Andover Bookstore. McGarry Morris said the Main Street store is a favorite and she always kicks off her new book tours there. She read the opening pages of her book

and introduced the crowd to the two key characters. Then, it was a Q&A with the audience. McGarry Morris said inspiration does not come easily. Rather, she makes herself write something every day and some days the writing is "pretty bad," she said. Like many first time authors, she did not get a good response to her first book, "Vanished," which was rejected by 20 editors.

— Judy Wakefield

**Trailer talk: Andover's Park in movie**

We made it! Movie scenes filmed in the Park last summer for an indie film have made it

onto the big screen. "27 Down" is the movie, about a former Boston police detective involved with a fatal car accident who is starting his life over in small town Maine. The movie's trailer is out and includes a crowd scene in a park - and it's Andover's park. The thriller, produced by Wild Beagle Productions in North Andover, premieres tomorrow, Friday, April 17 at the Regent Theatre in Arlington. Lowell natives Brian "Downesy" Downes and Richard Cowdrey, have a track, "Some Days" from Downes' new CD that will be prominently featured on the movie's soundtrack.

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