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## Here's the pitch: Fisher Cats issue Andovers fan challenge

### BATTLE OF THE ANDOVERS

Fisher Cats vs. Harrisburg Senators Thursday, Aug. 27, 7:05 p.m. Town manager of town with most fans throws out first pitch "Loser" must catch the pitch Charity of town manager's choice gets a slice of ticket sales Tickets are \$6-12, buy online, fill in promo code; Andover promo code is "Slider" www.nhfisercats.com

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

Andover and North Andover are both passionate baseball towns. But on Aug. 27, one town will prove it is the most passionate – and reward its town manager with the opportunity to throw out the first pitch at a professional ball game.

No steroids here. It's good, clean and inexpensive fun. It's the debut

of the minor league New Hampshire Fisher Cats town versus town game. The Fisher Cats play in a new generation minor league park in Manchester, N.H., and the town that has the most fans at its Aug. 27 Andovers game will win bragging rights.

*"Andover is the baseball town in the Merrimack Valley. We will win the ticket sales."*

Buzz Stapczynski, Andover town manager

"I think it's a great idea. It's the first time for us where town managers are facing off to throw the first pitch," said Mike Murphy who heads public relations for the Fisher Cats. "I like it."

North Andover Town Manager Mark Rees insisted his town

will get more attendees because his youth services director, Rick Gorman, is captain of the get-the-word-out team and knows everyone in North Andover.

"I remember we beat you in a light bulb contest a few years ago. It was a League of Women Voters

competition and we had more people use those new (CFL, energy-efficient) lightbulbs," he said. "I am confident we'll win this, too."

He's so confident that he is pulling out his baseball glove and a baseball for his vacation the week before the game. He'll practice his pitching, he said.

"No way," said Andover Town

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## Raytheon Andover seeks to expand

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

To keep up with a \$3 billion contract recently signed with the United Arab Emirates, Raytheon in Andover has applied with the Planning Board to add to their facility at 350 Lowell St.

The Planning Board will have a public hearing on the proposed 12,700 square foot addition to Raytheon's Patriot Integrated Test and Thermal Facility on Aug. 11. The company has also applied to add a 4,800 square foot addition to its paint building.

"It's just an upgrade and expansion," said Chuck Larrabee, senior public relations manager for Raytheon. "We're seeing a resurgence in our Patriot (missile) program, and that (12,700 square foot addition) would be used for some of the tests we do here. Our biggest driver for the expansion is what we have coming down the line for the Patriot program."

In December 2008, Raytheon won a \$3.3 billion contract to sell Patriot missiles — ground-based systems used to shoot down incoming missiles or airplanes — to the United Arab Emirates. Some of the work for that contract is being done in Andover, said

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## IT IS STILL SUMMER, RIGHT?



Children were running through the downtown in Halloween costumes and learning about science at High Plain Elementary School this past week. But don't worry, autumn isn't here yet. Fortunately, after such a rainy June and July, a Department of Community Services' costume party and a private educational camp explained the fall-like behavior.



Ryan Lattanzio, 10, tests the catapult he built with parts from a recycled VCR during Club Invention held at High Plain Elementary School. The hands-on science program teaches kids about science through experiments and problem-solving activities using recycled items.



TOP: Dressed as dinosaurs, brothers Thomas Allard, 3, left, and Noah, 5, listen to Marie Flynn as she reads "The Runaway Pumpkin" during the town's Halloween in the Park event on Tuesday morning.

IMMEDIATELY ABOVE: Winning a race in its Land Sled Extreme is the team dubbed "The People": Julia Beckwith, 10, in the box, helped by Ryan Lattanzio, 10, and Lewis Chiodo, 11, and Matt Cote, 10, not in the photo, during Club Invention held at High Plain Elementary School.

Staff photos by Tim Jean

## Tax-hike vote this month

### 3 selectmen call Aug. 31 Special Town Meeting

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Andover will have two Special Town Meetings in the span of three months, the first less than a month away.

Selectmen voted this week to have a Special Town Meeting on Monday, Aug. 31, in addition to an Oct. 7 Special Town Meeting already scheduled, because the town budget for this fiscal year is \$2 million short.

The Aug. 31 meeting will have just two warrant articles: voters will decide whether to raise taxes on restaurant meals and hotel stays in Andover. The option to raise these local taxes was given to communities this year by the state legislature.

If passed, Andover's meals tax would increase by 0.75 percent and its hotel/motel taxes by 2 percent, jumping the rate from 4 percent to 6 percent. These local increases would be on top of the statewide tax increases recently approved by the state legislature, with all additional revenue going to Andover.

The proposed tax increases would bring in an estimated \$75,000 each month in additional revenue, said Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

"At Town Meeting in May, we predicted (the budget) would be out of balance," said Stapczynski. "It

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## Affordable housing dips

### Newest plan seeks 96 units on Lowell Street

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

Expect another round of discussion over how appropriate it is to add multi-unit affordable housing units in certain Andover neighborhoods.

The town's percentage of homes that the state considers to be "affordable" has dipped well below the state-threshold of 10 percent, making it easier for developers to appeal local decisions to the state. Town Planner Lisa Schwarz said 8.6 percent of the town's housing stock is deemed affordable. She explained that the town's dip is due to a new owner at Riverview Commons, a large housing complex with 220 units off River Road. It was built in 1987 with the understanding that

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# In Brief

## PAST & PRESENT



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**THEN:** A picture of 44 Main St., circa 1950, with the F.W. Woolworth Company's building at the center, in downtown Andover. The 5 and 10 store had a W tiled into the entrance of the store.



**NOW:** Sotherland & Company Rug Gallery is in the former location of F.W. Woolworth Company's building.

## Andover man will appear on Geo-TV show today

Geo-TV is airing a helicopter show featuring Vietnam War veteran Al Croteau of Andover.

One day during the war, Croteau joined a helicopter pilot friend for a ride. When they came upon a gun battle, the helicopter landed and Croteau helped rescue people. His story and "Helicopter Wars"

is airing all month, with show times set for 11 a.m., 5 and 9 p.m. today, Thursday, Aug. 6 on the National Geographic television station. Check out <http://movie-tv-episode-database.com/Documentary/Helicopter-Wars-704193> for the rest of the show times.

— Judy Wakefield

## QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



THE FIRST PASTOR WAS HERE FOR 60 years. I don't think I'm going to break that record.  
— The Rev. John Zehring, who became the 17th pastor in the 298-year history of Central Street's Christ Church. Story in Townspeople, page 9.



HE KNEW WITH EVERY FIBER OF HIS body that he left no regrets, no love unexpressed, no words unspoken.  
— Rabbi Robert Goldstein on the late Gerald "Jerry" Silverman. Story on his service, page 6.



## NEWS CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, AUG. 6

**Retirement Board**, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 4 p.m.

**Zoning Board of Appeals**, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, AUG. 7

**Retirement Board**, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor

conference room, 8:30 a.m.

### SATURDAY, AUG. 8

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

### MONDAY, AUG. 10

**Board of Health**, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., first-floor conference room, 6 p.m.

**Housing Partnership Committee**, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, AUG. 11

**Preservation Commission**, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 6:30 p.m.

**Planning Board**, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor

conference room, 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12

**School Building Committee**, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 8 a.m.

### THURSDAY, AUG. 13

**Council on Aging Saturday coffee subcommittee**, Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., 8 a.m.

## Bank offers info to businesses on benefits of stimulus loans

To ensure small businesses are aware that special federal loans are available to them, RiverBank is offering a free educational workshop for local small business owners.

The workshop will be held Tuesday, Aug. 11 at RiverBank Headquarters, 30 Massachusetts Ave., fourth floor, North Andover from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The educational seminar will guide small business owners through the process of applying for lower cost loans through the Small Business Association 504 Lending assistance program. Mike Topalian, loan specialist of Bay Colony Development Corp., working in partnership with RiverBank, will be the featured speaker.

"Small business owners are

vital to the health of our local economy and we look forward to helping these businesses grow and thrive," said Gerald Mulligan, president and CEO of RiverBank.

The federal program provides qualified small businesses with long-term, fixed-rate financing for the acquisition or improvement of major fixed assets, such as owner-occupied real estate, land, machinery and equipment, it reports. For a limited time, the federal government stimulus package is making these loans available at a significantly reduced cost. For over 20 years, RiverBank has teamed up with Bay Colony Development Corp. to provide these new lower cost loans to small businesses in the Merrimack Valley and southern

New Hampshire. SBA 504 Loans secured with RiverBank feature financing with as little as 10 percent down for loans of \$500,000 to \$2,000,000, according to the bank.

According to Bay Colony Development Corp., 98 percent of businesses in New England meet the basic eligibility requirements for SBA 504 financing.

Space is limited. To attend the workshop, contact Cynthia Milne at 978-725-7553 or email at [cmilne@riverbk.com](mailto:cmilne@riverbk.com).

More information on the RiverBank SBA 504 Lending educational seminar and other RiverBank programs available for both small businesses and individuals can be found at [www.riverbk.com](http://www.riverbk.com).

## Hip business mixer Aug. 18

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce together with Ten Center Restaurant and Pub and The Savings Bank will present "Historic and Hip Business Networking Mixer" on Wednesday, Aug. 18 from 5 to 7 p.m., at Ten Center Restaurant and Pub, 54 Inn St., Newburyport.

Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be included. The cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. For more information call 978-686-0900.

## E-cycle and clothing drive

On Saturday, Aug. 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Brickstone Square parking lot off York Street in Andover, an electronics and clothing drive will benefit the Big Brother Big Sister Foundation. No appliances allowed, clothing donations are free and discounts for carloads are available.

## State seeks to combat economic crime

State Rep. Barry Finegold recently joined with Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley and a coalition of legislators, district attorneys, and law-enforcement organizations, to announce the filing of an Act to Combat Economic Crime, comprehensive economic crime legislation designed to give law enforcement the necessary tools to investigate and prosecute sophisticated criminal activities and enterprises in the 21st century. The bill specifically updates the law in three areas, including money laundering, enterprise crime, and wire interception.

"This legislation will protect the people of the Commonwealth by reinvigorating the fight against economic crimes such as organized crime, drug crimes and gang-related crimes," said Finegold. "In Lawrence, gangs and organized crime are prevalent. This legislation will give law enforcement the tools it needs to combat these crimes, making Lawrence and other communities a safer place to live."

"As our economy has struggled in recent years, we have seen criminals engage in more sophisticated, organized, and often large-scale schemes to

steal money or otherwise profit from illegal conduct," said Attorney General Coakley. "Crimes such as money laundering and engaging in corrupt business enterprises are very difficult to prosecute at the state level because police and prosecutors simply do not have the necessary tools to investigate such crimes. Particularly as we explore the possibility of expanded gaming in the Commonwealth, it is critical that we have the statutory structure in place to address the types of financial crimes and corruption that may be associated with legalized gaming."

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# Future's so bright I gotta wear shock absorbers

**Ken Seifert**



It was probably 1971 or '72. Andover, like all communities, had experienced many things in the decade of the '60s. There was

much discussion on the speed of change and the positives and negatives of such evolution and revolution. There were questions about where this was all taking us.

About a year earlier Alvin Toffler, a sociologist and futurologist, wrote a book called Future Shock, expanding an idea he first explored in 1965 in an article "The Future as a Way of Life." Toffler described the huge societal changes caused by such things as space exploration, televisions in every household, jet travel, the birth-control pill and others, and the influence of those changes on people's well-being. Far from being viewed as a crackpot recommendation that we should go to the highest mountain because the world was coming to an end, his book hit a nerve because his thoughts so accurately reflected how people were feeling and made some interesting assumptions for our future.

It was so compelling that someone suggested we all read it and discuss it in our community. It was then suggested that some of the people in the town, who had broad community responsibilities, summarize what the author was saying to us. We had a panel of five or six people who obliged and because of my position in the public schools it seemed appropriate for me to do so. It was one panel where the participants were in agreement on all of the major points. We did have some fun on making our assumptions of

the future. The optimist had rose-colored glasses and the pessimist lamented the sky was falling. We did agree there is much that can be done at the local level if people have the will to do so.

Here are some of the highlights that impressed me. Toffler said we were moving from an industrial to a super-industrial society. He predicted it would leave us disconnected and suffering from shattering stress and disorientation. He defined future shock as a form of culture shock. You stay in one place, but your culture changes so rapidly that it has the same disorienting effect as going to another culture. His major theme was that where too much change occurs in such a short period of time and one does not process such change, a state of shock exists. He further said that it is a psychological state of individuals and entire societies.

He was the first to coin the phrase "information overload." In his subsequent books, The Third Wave and Powershift, he foresaw the coming of the information age and how the playing field of the world would change. (More recently, Tom Friedman in his book The World Is Flat covers this idea quite accurately.) Years later, Toffler was asked why he wrote Future Shock. His answer was there were significant industrial, technological and social changes occurring and, unfortunately, the political systems seemed totally blind to their existence. We can all decide if what he predicted almost four decades ago happened.

It's a good book for a (re)read, or you can Google Future Shock for a good summary of his views and a movie by the same name narrated by Orson Welles.

Ken Seifert is a former Andover superintendent of schools and a 40-year resident.

## Counting at a local bank



**Emily Salvi, right, assistant manager of the Andover office of the Savings Bank, presents a check for \$140 to Gerry Lauderdale, left, winner of the 'count the gumball' contest conducted as part of the 140th anniversary celebration of the bank. Lauderdale's guess of 411 gumballs was only five fewer than the actual amount of 416.**

### ■ POLICE LOG

#### ARRESTS

**Tuesday, July 28 – At 12:06 p.m.,** Alice V. Jones, 24, of 124 Rattlesnake Hill Road, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

**Wednesday, July 29 – At 12:04 p.m.,** Kevin Provencher, 50, of 153 Donald St., Manchester, N.H., was arrested and charged on a warrant for deriving support from prostitution.

**Thursday, July 30 – At 8:34 p.m.,** Maynor Chavez, 26, of 17 Whittier St. Apt. 3, Lynn, was arrested and charged with having defective equipment, driving without a license and driving an uninsured vehicle.

**Monday, Aug. 3 – At 9:43 a.m.,** Renica Monet Osias, 19, of 125 Raeford St., Mullin, S.C., was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

**At 7:47 p.m.,** Kependi D. Taveras, 24, of 13 Camden St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving without a license; also on warrants for driving without a license and driving an uninspected vehicle.

#### BREAKS

**Saturday, Aug. 1 – At 11:23 a.m.,** a resident reported an attempted break-in to his home within the previous half-hour.

#### THEFT

**Tuesday, July 28 – At 9:27 a.m.,** a Brundrett Avenue resident reported check fraud.

**At 4:25 p.m.,** a Bateson Drive resident reported identity fraud.

**At 7:45 p.m.,** a Summer Street resident reported identity theft.

**Friday, July 31 – At 1:57 p.m.,** the Andover Gift Shop, Main Street, reported a shoplifter.

**Monday, Aug. 3 – At 10:42 a.m.,** a McKenney Circle resident reported identity theft.

**At 1:41 p.m.,** an Appletree Lane resident reported his boiler was stolen from his home.

**At 4:04 p.m.,** a Greenwood Road resident reported a female she had invited to a cookout stole her wallet.

#### INCIDENTS

**Wednesday, July 29 – At 9:39 p.m.,** a Blanchard Street resident called police reporting a

### ■ BUSINESS NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Wyndham Andover noted for community service; I-93 hotel run by Hostmark Hospitality Group

Hostmark Hospitality Group, one of the nation's largest third party hotel management companies, announces that the Wyndham Boston Andover Hotel it operates earned Wyndham Hotels and Resorts' Community Service Achievement of the Year award at Wyndham's annual brand conference recently.

The Wyndham Boston Andover was recognized for the community service and philanthropic work done by its Wyndham Andover Community Outreach committee whose mission is "to foster goodwill, strengthen and provide meaningful volunteer services throughout the community for the betterment of the community and each other," according to a release.

"The dedication and commitment of our Wyndham Boston Andover staff is exemplified by

this important service achievement award," said Jerome Cataldo, president of Hostmark Hospitality Group. "Our staff is to be commended for their commitment to service, both to our guests, and the greater Andover community."

Recent improvements to the property off River Road include extensive renovations to the ballroom, meeting and public space in the hotel and an exciting new restaurant "concept being introduced later this year," according to the company. Located off Interstate 93 and near Route 495, in the Boston/Manchester, N.H., area, the Wyndham Boston Andover offers spacious rooms with high-speed Internet access, as well as dining in the Merrimax Restaurant and entertainment in Characters Bar and Grill for big-screen sports, billiards or a game of darts.

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**Medical Connection**  
 by Bill Daly, M.D.

**BETTER HEALTHCARE AT LESS COST**

Healthcare Reform discussions are preoccupied with funding and regulation. To improve the quality of our healthcare and our health outcomes, what we really need is more fundamental - we need radical change in doctors' behavior, especially concerning Primary Care Physicians (PCPs). Doctors who actually LISTEN to each patient's concerns can usually diagnose problems quickly and accurately, without unnecessary testing and specialist referrals. In my 29 years as a PCP, I've learned this leads to quicker recovery, happier patients, and very enjoyable professional relationships. Studies have shown that PCPs who listen can provide much better care at far less cost.

Healthcare Reform can only succeed by motivating doctors to listen to their patients and by allowing that face-to-face time. One new proposal will accomplish this and reverse our shortage of Primary Care Physicians, while preserving consumer choice. If you feel everyone should have a doctor who listens, please check my new site [www.HealthcarePlanA.org](http://www.HealthcarePlanA.org). This quality of care is available to you now. In my Patient-Centered practice I give you the time, attention and respect you need. Please browse my website for more information, or call 978-470-0001 for a complimentary "meet and greet" appointment.

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**Special Education Teacher Loses 23 Pounds and is now a Size 12!**

As I was organizing my pictures, I came across this photo, and barely recognized myself. I know I had reached the breaking point - either continue wearing elasticized pants (like my grandmother) or get real about my health and body image. I knew I needed help. I had joined commercial gyms in the past. To them I was just a paying customer - no individual attention, no meal suggestions, and most of all, no one pushing me to show up. At Get in Shape for Women, all these needs were met and more. Knowing that a personal trainer and nutritionist were expecting me provided all the incentive I needed to show up. Generally I don't like to exercise, but the staff and other clients are cheerful and full of support that I almost forget that I'm exercising. In addition to exercise, the nutritionist also set me up with a meal plan that was easy to follow. Since I don't like to cook, I was skeptical at first. But they provided me with enough choices to fit my busy schedule, and I am never hungry!

It's been almost 7 months since I joined. I have lost 23 pounds and have gone from an 18 pant size to a 12! I haven't been in a size 12 since the 1980's! Not only am I looking better, but I feel great - both physically and mentally. Thank you for helping me find the fun and energetic person that was hiding inside those pants!

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# Education

## PALS celebration

### BOOK REVIEW

## Terkel creates dream read

By MARI MIYACHI  
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

I have an embarrassing confession: in elementary school, one of my favorite things to read was a bathroom book. Oblivious to the intended purpose of said book, I would spend hours on the couch reading the short, fun stories. Perhaps because I was used to novels and only novels, I found the mix of fiction and non-fiction, humorous and touching stories to be extremely refreshing.

#### BOOK REVIEW

### AMERICAN DREAMS: LOST & FOUND

BY  
STUDS TERKEL

I received American Dreams: Lost & Found by Studs Terkel as a gift from an English teacher, who, as it turns out, knew far more about my taste in literature than I ever realized. American Dreams is like a grown-up version of my once-beloved bathroom book. An oral history documenting the fabulous and fabled "American dream," Terkel brings numerous perspectives, from a former Miss

USA to an upper-middle class man swept by the Hare Krishna movement. The short portraits remind me of the bathroom books of my younger years, but with cohesion. These stories, all of unrelated individuals, form a larger picture of the American dream. The result of this is that you can read American Dreams in small segments, random chapters at a time, or as a whole and have equally pleasurable experiences.

While the American dream is often subject to clichés, Terkel brings light to the subject. American Dreams is unlike any book I have encountered, bringing the reader directly in contact with the voice of another. It is a unique documentary and real in the sense that the book shows nearly every angle of the subject, from the satisfied to the discontented. Particularly poignant for me was the interview with Aki and Jun Kurose, a Nisei couple from Seattle. They touch on the subjects of World War II, the internment camps, and the Civil Rights Movement. I can easily say that no amount of third person writing could replace what I learned from this oral history.

I would give American Dreams a 10 out of 10. Perhaps I'm feeling a bit nostalgic about my past reads, but I can find no fault in Terkel's work. Suitable for all ages and all interests, American Dreams is one of the most fascinating and stimulating books I have ever read.



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photos

Kayana Rivera, 12, cheers on her fellow students as they receive their certificates and awards during the final night of PALS at the Phillips Academy Chapel in Andover. PALS, Phillips Andover Lawrence Schools, brings together junior high students from Lawrence with high school and college students from Andover or former PALS students for a month of education enrichment in all studies to prepare them for high school and higher education.

## Andover students given Phillips Academy honors

The following Andover students have been named to the honor roll at Phillips Academy for the spring 2009 term by maintaining at least a 5-point grade-average on a 6-point scale.

#### Class of 2009

Christian C. Anderson  
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Eliza R. Campbell  
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Caroline M. Colombo  
Alexander J. Cope  
Janelle M. Driscoll  
Scott B. Dziabo  
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Emma T. Goldstein  
Eli B. Grober  
Hanna R. Gully  
Julie E. Ingram  
Carl T. Jackson  
Marianna D. Jordan  
Michael E. Kaluzny  
Theodore Lederfine Paskal  
Yiwei Li  
Auden M. Lincoln-Vogel  
David T. Lowenstein  
James C. Merrill  
Ryan F. Morris  
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Victoria L. Norris  
Alina P. Pechacek  
Bowen Qiu  
Marion C. Rountree

Brian M. Russell  
Erica R. Segall  
Victoria M. Seman  
Sophia E. Shimer  
Katie E. von Braun  
Parker H. Washburn  
Samuel M. Weiss  
W. Henry Wilkin  
Victoria A. Wilmarth  
Ian M. Wollman  
Patrick L. Woolsey  
Stephanie B. Xu  
Andi C. Zhou

#### Class of 2010

David R. Barry  
Zahra S. Bhaiwala  
Shane R. Bouchard  
David J. Diesk  
Zainab M. Doctor  
Elizabeth A. Gilbert  
Alexandra E. Hall  
Gregory M. Hanafin  
Julie C. Helmers  
Mathew Kelley  
Celia M. Lewis  
Joseph P. Liotta  
Conor T. McAuliffe  
Ryan M. McKinnon  
Mari A. Miyachi  
Ramya L. Prathuri  
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Anne L. Rao  
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Mia C. Rossi  
Jacob R. Shack  
Eric Sirakian

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John M. Turiano  
Katherine M. Voorhees  
Julie Y. Xie  
John S. Yang-Sammataro

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Cassandra L. Coravos  
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David M. Field  
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John H. Ingram  
Aazim I. Jafarey  
David C. Janovsky  
Nathan A. Johnson  
Elizabeth M. Kelly  
Thomas M. Kramer  
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Rohan Malhotra  
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Benjamin C. Morris  
Alexander R. Nunez  
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Kristina L. Rex  
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Emily A. Scoble  
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Madeleine Tucker  
Natasha N. Vaz  
Summer M. Washburn  
Alec M. Weiss  
Allan L. Yau  
Emma G. Zanazzi  
Calvin C. Zhao  
Jennifer J. Zhou

#### Class of 2012

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Catherine W. Anderson  
Timothy J. Arena  
Shannon P. Callahan  
Lucas H. Christopherson  
Gabriella M. Cirelli  
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Brian M. Hanafin  
Kelsey S. Jamieson  
Daniel L. Krichmar  
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Nicola M. Shen

#### Neighboring communities

In addition, local students Luz M. Lopez of Lawrence; Brianna M. McCarthy, Elizabeth Patino, Thomas J. Hamel, Elina S. Segreto, Chau L. Tran and Lorenzo J. Conte, all of Methuen, also made the honor roll.

### ON CAMPUS

Thomas Cahill, of Andover, received a bachelor's degree in chemistry, summa cum laude during the 2009 commencement ceremonies of Hobart and William Smith Colleges, held on Sunday, May 17.

Cahill is the child of Thomas Cahill.

The following Andover students graduated at the 116th Commencement Exercises at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H., on Saturday, May 16.

Michael Gustin, graduated with a degree in business

Geoffrey Stevens, graduated with a degree in business

Micaela Smith, graduated with a degree in psychology

Kristen MacInnis, graduated with a degree in sociology

The Rev. Augustine Kelly, O.S.B., dean of the college, announced that the following Andover students were named to the dean's list for the second semester at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H.: Katelyn D. Greeley, Amanda E. Carrington, Erika B. Sartor, Michael J. D'Angelo, Micaela M. Smith.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must compile a grade-point average of 3.0 or better.

Thirteen Andover students have been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the 2009 spring semester: Emily A. Griswold, Mark C. Irvine, Arjun Kannan, Michael P. Kasparian, Hallie A. Martin, Hannah E. Nichols, Jeremy S. Peterman, Ayesha R. Rabbani, Victoria A. Shamshoyan, Dante J. Smith, Kristine H. Xue, Elizabeth Zigmont, John J. Zimmer. Boston University is the fourth largest independent university in the United States. The university offers an exceptional grounding in liberal arts, a broad range of programs in the arts, sciences, engineering, and professional areas, and state-of-the-art facilities for teaching and research.

Fitchburg State College has announced that Andover students Joseph S. Tornatore and April Toten were included on the dean's list for the 2009 spring semester. A student is placed on the dean's list for the semester if an average grade of 3.20 or better is attained, and the student is attending the college full time. Fitchburg State College enrolls 6,000 day and evening students in 20 academic majors. The college was established in 1894.

Andover student Minh-Tam Tran is studying abroad through the Boston University International Programs office. A hospitality administration major at BU's School of Hospitality Administration, Tran is enrolled in the Sydney Internship Program Hospitality Administration through the end of the fall 2009 semester. Boston University's International Programs has more than 75 programs in more than 33 cities in more than 20 countries with programs in language, liberal arts, fine arts, engineering and science. Tran plans to graduate from Boston University in 2011.

Emily Floyd, daughter of Paul and Bonnie Floyd of Andover received a bachelor's degree from Smith College on Sunday, May 17. She was one of 684 seniors who graduated during the college's 131st commencement exercises, at which pioneering Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin was the featured speaker.

A 2005 graduate of Andover High School, Floyd majored in religion and art history. Her undergraduate activities included ultimate frisbee and house counsel.

One of the largest women's colleges in the United States, Smith enrolls 2,800 students from nearly every state and 62 other countries.

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# Opinion

## CHANGE FOR YOUR BUDGET

# Idea blog a nice start

The Townsman has spent time and space this summer publicizing cost-savings ideas to change government for the better. Our ongoing “Change for Your Budget” series hopes to promote suggestions and spur action that will lead to real change during a difficult financial time. We continue to encourage ideas and discussion among residents, town workers, union heads and elected officials. We hope to see movement. So, we wholeheartedly welcome a new effort being considered by town officials to seek additional fresh ideas from the public.

The simple, yet potentially effective idea is to create a Web-based discussion on town spending. It would allow residents and workers to continue to offer ways to improve how Andover spends taxpayers’ money.

A group of School Committee members, selectmen, parents and a Council on Aging co-chairwoman met last month to decide whether to create a town committee that would gather cost-savings ideas. They decided against a committee — who needs another layer of town bureaucracy, right? — and we agree with that. Andover task forces have too often become places where passionate volunteers burn out because the thoughtful plans they create become little more than paper weights.

What Andover needs is action that quickly eliminates outdated approaches and creates better ones. Therefore, it makes sense that instead of creating another committee, leaders considering launching this blog where anyone could suggest cost-savings ideas or post questions about the budget and receive answers.

The site need not stop there. After it is established, it could quickly connect those who possess ideas, products or talents with those who need them. It could be a place where local businesses post items they no longer need, such as older computers, and workers such as teachers who need the computers claim them. It could be a place where one employee who found an approach that worked in his or her department or classroom or truck could share it with others. The idea was inspired by a West Elementary School educator who found lots of small ways to save money on supplies in her classroom, says School Committee member Annie Gilbert. They didn’t add up to much money in her classroom, but if every classroom followed her lead it could add up to meaningful savings system-wide.

Given the talent in Andover, it seems that such a site could draw out great ideas from busy people who might otherwise sit on the sidelines. Of course, for the site to be of any true use, town officials still need to act on the suggestions. If they don’t, it just becomes a *virtual* paper weight.

The School Committee, Finance Committee and selectmen plan to have a three-board meeting Aug. 17 during which they may further discuss the idea, says Gilbert. Sounds promising. A continuous conversation aimed at reducing expenses and increasing service is a good idea.

## BIG IDEAS



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Building a Land Sled Extreme are team “Awesomers” — from left, Brendan Mokler, 11, Nick Sacco, 12, Alec Druth, 11, and Ryan Beckwith, 8 — during Club Invention held at High Plain Elementary School. The hands-on science program teaches kids about science as they experiment and solve problems using recycled items.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Silverman helped start scholarship fund

Editor, Townsman:

I was saddened to read in the Townsman last week of Jerry Silverman’s death.

In 1996, I served with Jerry on a committee that ultimately created the Andover Dollars for Scholars chapter. At that time, I was impressed by Jerry’s enthusiasm and his eagerness to establish a fund that would offer financial support to Andover residents pursuing higher education.

The fund now has an endowment of nearly \$700,000 raised from thousands of generous gifts and bequests. It shouldn’t be forgotten, though, that the first \$100 that was donated came from Jerry.

STEVE MARLEY  
22 Gavin Circle

### Remembering Mr. Silverman

Editor, Townsman:

I was very saddened to read of the recent passing of Gerald Silverman. Many current residents of Andover remember Mr. Silverman as a selectman, but I was lucky enough to have him as my grade 8 social studies teacher at Andover Junior High School in the 1960s. He was a tremendous teacher — learned, a good lecturer, passionate, funny, tough when he had to be (he was a football coach and never hesitated to assign push-ups to unruly kids) and compassionate as well. Mr. Silverman is one of the handful of Andover Public School teachers I will always remember. He leaves a rich legacy in both Andover and Georgetown. My condolences to his family.

STEPHEN COOPER  
Marblehead

### Elderly drivers have experience, fewer fatalities

Editor, Townsman:

The recent string of automobile accidents involving elderly drivers has led the casual observer to reach the conclusion that the driving skills of elderly drivers — as a category — are inferior to those of their youthful counterparts.

During the past month there occurred several serious crashes involving elderly drivers, resulting in three fatalities. On the other hand, just recently in New York a single crash resulted in eight fatalities. The driver of the minivan that crashed head-on into an SUV was 36 years of age. The superficial conclusion could

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be reached that 36-year-old drivers are not as safe as elderly ones. However, both incidents are snapshots.

To obtain a true picture of drivers’ skill — young or old — statistics are developed on a yearly basis. The statistics of the Government Accountability Office show that in 2005, fatal crashes per 100,000 licensed drivers produced the following data:

- Drivers 24 and younger were involved in 53.7 fatalities;
- Drivers 25 to 64, in 25.9 fatalities; and
- Drivers 65 and older in 21.1 fatalities.

It is interesting to note that the younger drivers were involved in more than twice the fatalities of the elderly drivers.

There is nothing wrong with testing, but let’s test where it is mostly needed. “Young people age 15-20 make up 6.7 percent of the total driving population in this country but are involved in 14 percent of all fatal crashes,” according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Oh, yes, it is also claimed that the elderly are more easily confused than their younger counterparts. In 2007, in Düsseldorf, Germany, a lady drove into an Underground Parking Garage only to realize, after her car came to a grinding halt on the fifth step of a downstairs leading stairway, well, she had entered the entrance to the aubway atation.

Was the lady elderly? Is 52 elderly?

What seems to be ignored in all the discussions of age-related driving skills is *experience*.

Some years ago I was asked by a colleague of mine, a teaching nun, “Mr. Rute, in your classes have you ever encountered a student who was more intelligent than you are?” To which I replied, “Sister, each and every one of my students may be more

intelligent than I am, but I have a lot more experience.”

LEO RUTE  
Burton Farm Drive

### Health care program to negatively affect us all

Editor, Townsman:

The health care bill is like a pig in a poke, you don’t really know what you are getting until you open the poke or sack.

In this case, both the executive and legislative sacks are opaque to inquiring eyes. Their sacks are filled with surreptitious language whose ruinous consequences won’t be recognized until a future time when you have a personal health care crisis.

Since the inauguration of the Obama administration we have heard the continual drum beat of class warfare. The rant pits rich against poor, young against old and capitalists against labor. The proposed national health care bill conveniently packages these tirades together into a grand bureaucracy.

Our legislators’ rhetoric would have you believe that only the rich and businesses will pay for their new mega-government plantation. However, the Congressional Budget Office conservatively estimates that the program will cost \$1.04 trillion, while the Lewin Group, a health care consulting company estimates that the program could easily cost \$4.5 trillion over 10 years.

Consequently, what is concealed in the sacks is an onerous future middle class tax hike which doesn’t include future GM taxes, Chrysler taxes, energy taxes, cap and trade taxes, financial reform taxes and finally sin taxes.

Aside from costs, how will this legislation affect recipients of health care, our world renowned health care system, and jobs?

Hidden in the sack are the following provisions: Senior citizens and handicapped, beware! While neither the administration nor Congress wishes to admit openly that the cost of health care reform will quickly outstrip our ability to pay for the program, both are planning for this eventually.

The president’s special advisor for health care, Ezekiel Emanuel, who is also coincidentally brother to chief adviser Rahm Emanuel, has written several scholarly articles on how “health care rationing” could be carried out. In an article written in January, before his appointment, for the *Lancet* medical journal, he argued for health services rationing that, “... discriminates against older people...” in favor of 25 year olds because “...everyone who is

65 years now was previously 25 years.”

How will our present outstanding health care system be further compromised? Dick Morris says that, “Essential to any cost reduction is a cut in doctors’ fees. ... But cuts in fees and doctors’ incomes will just discourage people from entering the profession and those already in it from practicing.”

A paucity of general medical practitioners has been reported in every state. Lower hospital reimbursements and adding 40 to 50 million uninsured will strain hospital resources and would most certainly reduce investment in additional medical equipment. Consequently, we could soon have waiting lists like those in British Columbia where nearly 16,000 patients are awaiting orthopedic surgery.

Regardless of your political affiliation, the proposed health care legislation will have consequences for you, your family or a loved one. Please don’t delay. Let your voices resound in those legislative chambers where many look but don’t see, and listen but don’t hear.

MIKE MOSCA  
44 Pleasant St.

### Finegold helped her son

Editor, Townsman:

State Rep. Barry Finegold helped me fight Blue Cross Blue Shield’s denial of medically-necessary health care services for my son.

Finegold listened to my family dilemma with compassion and attention. He shared my confusion and frustration with BCBS’s statement that “the member did not need the medical necessity criteria required for coverage...” The policy covers rehabilitation therapy, which restores abilities that existed prior to an acute injury or illness.”

With his help, we were able to overturn the denial through an outside appeal to the Office of Patient Protection at the Department of Public Health. An external review agency, IPRO, reversed BCBS’ decision, stating the requested services were medically necessary and added, “restoring a previously achieved level of function...would be an inappropriate definition for a field such as pediatrics, which deals with the developing child.”

I could not have fought this lengthy battle without Finegold’s help and support. I feel honored to have him as my state representative. His dedication is exemplary.

NANCY HALLAL WACHTEL  
114 Bellevue Road

## WEB QUESTION

### How do you feel about a tax increase?

This week’s question: how do you feel about a tax increase?

This week, the selectmen decided to have a Special Town Meeting on Aug. 31 with just two articles on the warrant. Voters will decide whether they want to increase the tax on restaurant meals by 0.75 percent and/or the hotel/motel tax by 2 percent in Andover. The revenue gained by the increased taxes would go towards the town’s \$2 million budget deficit, says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. How do you feel about the proposed tax increases?

■ I am in favor of raising both taxes, given the need.

■ I am in favor of raising restaurant meal taxes only.

■ I am in favor of raising hotel/motel taxes only.

■ I am against raising both taxes.

■ I’m packing for New Hampshire.

■ It doesn’t matter that much to me.

■ Other.

To cast your vote, go to [www.andovertownsmen.com](http://www.andovertownsmen.com) and scroll all the way to the bottom of the page. For different or lengthier answers, email Editor Neil Fater at [nfater@andovertownsmen.com](mailto:nfater@andovertownsmen.com)

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### THURSDAY FILE

“Many wealthy people are little more than janitors of their possessions.”  
— Frank Lloyd Wright

“If you perceive that there are four possible ways in which a procedure can go wrong, and circumvent these, then a fifth way, unprepared for, will promptly develop.”  
— Murphy’s Law

“When a friend is in trouble, don’t annoy him by asking if there is anything you can do. Think up something appropriate and do it.”  
— Edgar Watson Howe

“Art is inspiring. Walking into a gallery, or when the lights go up on a stage; that thrill of getting something that has nothing to do with acquisition.”  
— Sadie Jones

“What does it matter if one well-off, elderly, white woman with too many pairs of expensive shoes now finds her social life largely limited to visiting her dearly missed husband in a U.S. federal correctional institution?”  
— Barbara Amiel, wife of Lord Black, who is doing a six-year stretch in prison

“However beautiful the

strategy, you should occasionally look at the results.”  
— Winston Churchill

“Do not save your loving speeches  
For your friends till they are dead;  
Do not write them on their tombstones,  
Speak them rather now instead.”  
— Anna Cummins

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Kimball Union Academy's 192nd Commencement took place May 23. Among the graduates was **Peter Maher**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Maher of Andover. Maher will be attending Hamilton College.

The Massachusetts Restaurant Association Educational Foundation honored **Megan Moynihan** of Andover as one of 31 recipients of its ninth annual "Making the Future Bright Awards" awards gala. Moynihan attended Greater Lawrence Technical School and will attend Johnson and Wales University this fall. Her scholarship was sponsored by Kowloon Restaurant.

These scholarships have been given out for the last nine years to students going on to post secondary education in the restaurant and hospitality field. A total of \$70,000 was awarded at this year's event. The gala was held on May 20 and was hosted by Paul DeLorenzo at the Danversport Yacht Club, with Billy Costa from NECN and radio KISS 108, as the master of ceremonies.

"Every year this is such a "feel good" event to attend, and this year was no exception. Watching these young peoples' faces and seeing the energy and enthusiasm as well as the nervousness, brings such a rush of emotions as to how great this industry is

and how good it feels to be able to help students with these scholarships," MRAEF President Bob Wong said.

An Andover student was among the 209 graduates from the Loomis Chaffee, Class of 2009. The school's 93rd commencement ceremony was held June 5, in Grubbs Quadrangle on the independent boarding school's campus.

**Jillian Elizabeth Quinn** was an honor roll student and received English, history, and social science department honors. During her years at Loomis Chaffee, she played on the varsity soccer, swimming, and track teams. She will attend Bates College.

**Katherine O'Connor** of Andover graduated from Middlesex School on May 31. She received her diploma with credit, along with two school awards: the René N. Bourquin Prize in French for her facility with the language, and the Harold Seligman Jr. '72 Memorial Bowl for her dedication to community service. The daughter of John and Cindy O'Connor, she plans to attend Georgetown University in the fall.

Located in Concord, Middlesex School is an independent, coeducational, boarding and day school for students in grades

nine through 12.

Austin Preparatory School junior **William Green** received the Regis College Book Award at Austin Prep's Awards Assembly. Green is the son of William and Margaret Green of Andover.

**William Green**

**Erik Geffken** of Andover High School and **Brian Russell** of Phillips Academy were recipients of the Andover Education Association Scholarship newspapers.

They were awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for their academic successes.

Austin Preparatory School celebrated its 44th commencement on Saturday, May 30, as Headmaster Paul Moran awarded diplomas to 109 graduates of the Class of 2009.

The following Andover residents received diplomas from Austin Preparatory School:

**Ben P. Ferry**, who will attend Ursinus College; and

**Nicole A. Saia**, who will attend University of New Hampshire.

Big trucks keep on rolling



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

Bill Kirtley of Oregon lifts his 2-year-old grandson, Leo Kirtley-Fillipo of Andover, off the fire-rescue ladder truck during the annual Andover Town Vehicle Night on July 28. The reflection of other people attending the event can be seen in the chrome plate of the truck. Memorial Hall Library and Butler Bank sponsored the event, where children could climb inside the town's fire and DPW trucks and a variety of police vehicles.



Joey Ardizzone, 6, of Andover sits behind the wheel of an Andover Public Works dump truck.

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A professional networking open house will be held at Andover's Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, on Wednesday, Aug. 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

This is the fourth in a series of open houses designed to put people in control of their situation, "whether you are in-between positions, re-entering the work force or searching for a new career path," according to organizers. The featured speaker will be Arnie Fertig, founder and head coach of [jobhuntercoach.com](http://jobhuntercoach.com). Fertig is a veteran recruiter and human resources consultant.

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# Townspeople

## South Church welcomes new pastor

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

**A**s he begins his first week at South Church, the Rev. John Zehring is stepping into lead a congregation rich with history and character.

The church's 298 year history of service, outreach and worship that "helps people get through the week" are just a few of the things that drew Zehring to South Church, he says.

"This is very much a church for children and youth. They are welcomed, and cherished," said Zehring of the congregation at 41 Central St. "It's a socially engaged community, and very friendly ... they have welcomed us warmly."

Zehring and his wife of 41 years, Donna, moved into the South Church parsonage on School Street last week, which had been completely renovated by more than 50 volunteers. "I felt like I was coming into an HDTV house," he said, smiling.

Zehring, 61, said he felt called to become a minister as a teenager, but took a "22-year detour" working in higher education. He has taught courses and worked as a dean and vice president at Bryant University, New England College in New Hampshire and Bangor Theological Seminary in Maine.

He followed his call to the ministry - which he describes as "an internal knowing, a tugging, knowing you are being called to be the right person at the right place and right time for God" - when he came to a crossroads in his educational career. He was nominated to become a college president, but chose instead to become a minister in the United Church of Christ.

Zehring comes to Andover after seven years as senior pastor of Kingston Congregational Church in Rhode Island, which is across the street from the University of Rhode Island. Before that, he was pastor of the South Parish Congregational Church in Augusta, Maine for nine years.

As a pastor, Sunday morning services are his first focus, said Zehring, as well as ministry and education. He enjoys the creativity of making each sermon personal and individualized, he says.

"It is why we exist, to worship God. We are His children," Zehring said. "I want to relate the Bible to everyday living, and help this to become a center for spiritual renewal, an academy for teaching and learning about our faith ... a bootcamp for Christian service."

"The gospel is primarily about relationships - relationships with each other and with God. My style is to be among the people, be with people in times of need. I make house calls," said Zehring, chuckling.

In his first week at South Church, Zehring says he's found the congregation to be a family. Members not only take casseroles and a smile to shut-ins or families with newborns, but go beyond the gesture, truly caring for one another.

Zehring says his favorite part of being a pastor is "becoming part of a (church) family for



BRIANNA HEALY/Staff photo

The Rev. John Zehring is the new senior pastor at South Church on Central Street, a nearly 300-year-old church that has had only 16 other senior pastors.

a short while; helping people shape their attitudes and values in life, care for one another, love God and love grace.

"It's a sacred office that a pastor fills. It's a privilege to walk up to the pulpit, and I thank God for the opportunity," he said.

Zehring preached his first Sunday sermon as senior pastor of South Church on Aug. 2. He is the church's 17th senior pastor.

"The first pastor (of South Church) was here for 60 years. I don't think I'm going to break that record," said Zehring.

The congregation's previous senior pastor, Rev. Calvin Mutti retired two years ago after serving close to two decades at South Church. The Rev. Lisa Stedman served as interim pastor through the church's search for a new leader.

Zehring said Mutti and Stedman have done "terrific" jobs, leaving a healthy, vibrant congregation. South Church has about 695 members, totaling "a flock of about 1,000" when children, youth and nonmembers are included, said Zehring. An average Sunday has between

250 and 300 in attendance.

South Church had a nine-member search committee, which received more than 50 applications for the senior pastor position. To start, the committee got input from the congregation on what they're looking for in a new pastor, receiving close to 300 responses to a questionnaire.

Based on the congregation's profile, the committee circulated a job description through the United Church of Christ organization across the country. Zehring visited the church as a candidate in April, preaching a sermon on Palm Sunday; search committee members also visited his church in Rhode Island to hear him preach.

"We're delighted to have him, he comes with the highest recommendation," said South Church Moderator Bill Schroeder. "He's had good experience in pastoral ministry and leading a good-sized church. He's a multi-talented man."

Schroeder noted that on Aug. 2, Zehring's first Sunday, the church had twice the

attendance it attracts for a normal August service.

Zehring joins South Church associate pastor Rev. Jonathan Drury, as well as directors of music, education and children's choir, a full-time sexton (groundskeeper) and two office administrators.

Zehring has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Eastern College, a masters in counseling from Rider College as well as masters from Princeton Theological Seminary and Earlham School of Religion. He also has published numerous writings on preparing for a career, management, fundraising and finding fulfillment beyond your job.

John and Donna Zehring, who are Pennsylvania natives, have one son in Maine and one daughter in Lunenburg, Mass., four grandchildren and "one on the way," said Zehring.

The Zehring family enjoys sea kayaking, spending time in their cottage on the coast of Maine, near Bar Harbor, and being with their grandchildren. Teaching and writing are favorite hobbies, said Zehring.



### Halloween in August at the Park

LEFT: Elizabeth Wilson, 4, plays the game "Ball in the Hole" during Halloween in the Park, sponsored by the Andover's Department of Community Services Tuesday morning.

RIGHT: Amber Banks, 4 1/2, lines up the hoop for the ring toss game during Halloween in the Park.

TIM JEAN/Staff photos



## Field of memories: Outlaw baseball and taking country roads to Fenway

### Bill Dalton

#### One a Day



Fred McCollum writes, "It was 1936, the height of the Depression and a seat in the centerfield bleachers to see the Red Sox cost 55 cents. My dad, George McCollum, had enough money to see his beloved Red Sox, even though they weren't very good in those days. When we got to the turnstile, I was so small I ducked below it."

Fred was born in Andover in 1928. Starting when he was a little tyke, he and his dad went to see Red Sox games on Sunday afternoons and drove to Boston in a 1932 Ford. They went down Route 28. Fred says, "I loved the drive and I'd take in the beauty of the countryside in places like Spot Pond in Stoneham. As we approached Boston, I always got excited and couldn't wait to get there."

His dad parked on Commonwealth Avenue, next to the Charles River, and they walked a mile to get to Fenway Park. Fred remembers the cobblestone streets and the baseball fans walking through the streets and alleys wearing their Sunday-best suits and hats.

One Sunday, while watching a game with his dad, young Fred thought it was a good time to get a bag of peanuts. He asked his dad if they could buy some. Fred says he'll never forget his father's response. In the worst year of the worst and longest financial crises in the country's history, Fred's father was teaching Fred and said, "You're watching the game, isn't that enough? Only one pleasure a day."

Fred's dad was a paymaster for the Shawshen Mills and was one of the fortunate people who worked during the Depression. Nevertheless, there was poverty aplenty and a person who was employed at lunch might be out of a job at supper.

Benjamin Franklin said, "There are two ways of being happy: We must either diminish our wants or augment our means - either may do - the result is the same..."

#### Outlaws of the Twilight League

Robert Stefani sends me a tidbit about an old Andover Twilight League baseball team. The league existed in Andover from 1945 to 1964. He says during one of those years a team called the "Outlaws" played and explains how they got their name.

Late one spring, Robert, along with Fish Dwyer, Suzanne Markey, Nick Mauceri and Barbara Parsons went to see Howard Hughes' sizzling movie called "The Outlaw." Robert says that

Jane Russell's magnitude - my word - was well displayed. (In fact, the movie crossed the boundaries of what was then allowable. Originally released in 1941, it went through two re-releases, censored further each time. The movie poster, featuring Miss Russell, is iconic, and an original is valuable.)

"That summer of 1950," says Robert, "saw a new team in the Twilight League, The Outlaws, named after the movie."

Robert remembers Bill and Joe Stack, Fish Dwyer, Nick Mauceri, along "with others who have faded into memory sunset," playing on the team with him. He says the team's quality of play was unpredictable (although he has

named some fine athletes) and describes Dwyer's pitching: "He had a blazing fastball that sought its own course, usually hitting the batter. We had a center fielder who missed a ball and got whacked on the head and crumpled to the field sideways. Luckily, for the sake and safety of the Twilight League, we folded our baseball tent." (Fish Dwyer's throwing arm was put to good use playing quarterback on Punched's football team, where he was a terrific high school player.)

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman and enjoys receiving your emails at [billdalton@andover-townie.com](mailto:billdalton@andover-townie.com).

# Quota International benefits from grant

Beth Poulo of Andover has won a Prudential CARES Volunteer Grant for volunteer service with Quota International of Andover.

A \$1,000 check from The Prudential Foundation, which represents a contribution to Quota International of Andover in honor of Poulo's work with the organization, was presented to Quota Members in July.

The Prudential CARES Volunteer Grants Program is a way Prudential supports its employees in their efforts to help improve their communities, according to a company release.

Poulo has been in the real estate profession for over 20 years and has served the local Realtor association through several committees.

She has been recognized as a Prudential Real Estate "Star" in sales and awarded membership in Prudential's Leading



On hand to accept the grant are Tina Cummings, Quota president 2009-10; Beth Poulo of Prudential, and Mary Donohue, Quota president 2008-09.

Edge Society, the Honor Society, and the President's Circle. She works at Prudential Howe & Doherty on Bartlett Street. Quota International of Andover has been part of the Quota network since 1991, serving

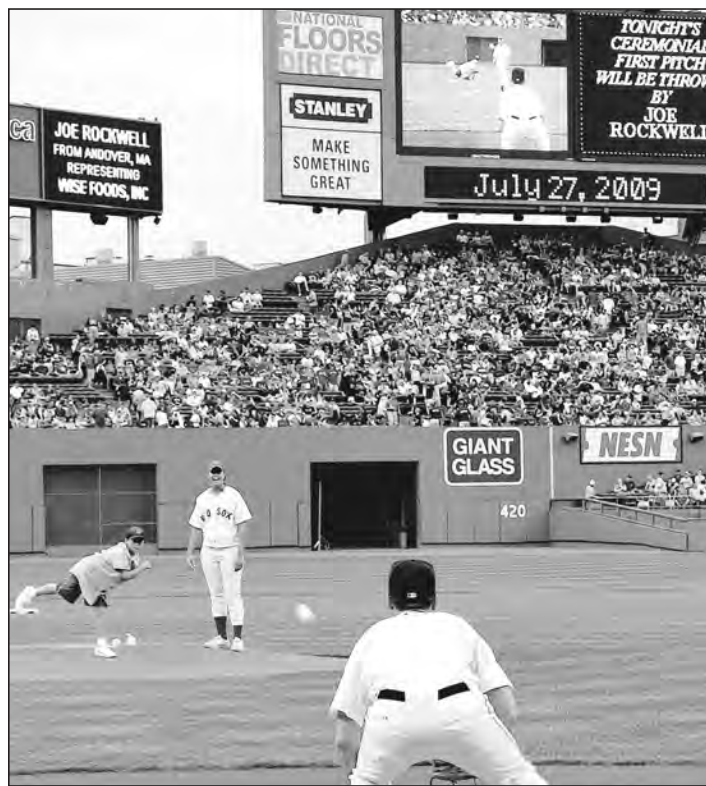
Andover and the Merrimack Valley in a variety of ways, including the funding of hearing aids for hearing-impaired children, awarding scholarships to local college students enrolled into a deaf studies curriculum,

and assisting disadvantaged women and children.

Quota International, together with local clubs, provides hundreds of thousands of service hours and over \$1 million each year to help people in need worldwide.

Poulo has been a member of Quota for over 12 years also serving in a variety of leadership positions during that time, as president and board member. Her service to Quota has included active fundraising and grant-writing efforts contributing to the clubs' programs and activities.

Quota International of Andover meets the second Tuesday of each month. To attend the Aug. 11 meeting or to learn more about Quota International of Andover, including its annual fundraiser on Nov. 7, contact June Braunlich, membership chairwoman, at 978-546-1152.



Joe Rockwell of Andover threw out the first pitch at Fenway Park last Monday, July 27.

## SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

**Frank's Famous Fish Fry:** Be sure and stop by the Andover Senior Center on Whittier Court and pick up a ticket for our upcoming fish fry which will be held on Friday, Aug. 14 at 5 p.m. Tickets are just \$10 and dinner will include your choice of fried scallops or baked haddock along with cole slaw, grilled veggies, French fries, dessert and beverages. Get a group of friends together!

**Movie Matinee:** Monday, Aug. 10; 1 p.m. Come in where it's cool and join us for the recent release, "Last Chance Harvey". A disastrous trip to London proves to have a silver lining for a middle-aged American jingle writer in this slice of life drama starring Dustin Hoffman and Emma Thompson. Reservations are not necessary, and there is no cost for the movie.

**Outdoor Grill Nights:** It's time to fire up the barbecue so come by and make a reservation for one of our patio grill nights. Weather permitting, we plan on getting together

on Wednesday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. on Aug. 5, 12 and 19. Advance tickets are required and seating is limited. Hot dogs, grilled chicken and burgers will be available each night along with weekly specials like steak tips, grilled shrimp, ribs and salmon. Entrée prices range from \$4 to \$8 and include side orders of fresh fruit, garden salad, potato and pasta salad, grilled vegetables, dessert and beverages.

**Simple Summer Pleasures:** Monday: Aug. 10 and 17; 1:30 p.m.; Remember the old fashioned fountain drinks in the corner drug stores of years past? Perhaps you even met your friends there on a summer afternoon. Well, gather up your friends and join us on the patio where we'll recreate some of those summer favorites including old time lemonade, root beer floats, lime rickeys and ice cream cones. Tickets are not necessary; just drop in and pay as you go.

**Mixed Media Art Instruction:** Monday, Aug. 3, 10, 17 and 31; 1:30 to 3:30

p.m.; \$25; pre-registration necessary; All mediums, all ability levels welcome; Participants supply their own materials. Come and work from still life or a subject of your choice. Learn more about light, color, and value. Students will work in a supportive atmosphere with individualized instruction.

**Exercise Registration:** Registration for the fall semester of exercise classes will be held at the center the week of Aug. 17. Classes will be offered in low impact aerobics, water workout, tai chi, Nordic walking, strength training for women, gentle yoga, tap dancing and Men and Women in Motion. The twelve week fall semester will get underway on September 1st and run through November 19th. Class times, fees and additional information may be obtained by giving the center a call.

**Free Blood Pressure clinic:** The Andover Board of Health holds a free blood pressure and wellness clinic at the center every Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m. The clinic is open to all Andover seniors on a first come, first served basis.

**Book Club:** Thursday, Aug. 20; 1:30 p.m.; Open to all who enjoy reading a good book and gathering for a friendly discussion. This month we'll be discussing "Fever, 1793" by Laurie Halse Anderson. Books are available for check-out right from the senior center approximately two weeks prior to each discussion.

**Bereavement Support Group:** A

monthly support group is offered at the center for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Lois Marra, grief counselor and educator with Merrimack Valley Hospice facilitates this group which offers a place to share your thoughts and concerns. The next meeting will be held at the center on Thursday, Aug. 27 at 1:30 p.m. This is an open group and all are welcome.

**Buffet Lunch:** Tuesday, Sept. 1; 1 p.m.; advance tickets only; \$4; Come help us kick off senior center month and join us for Frank's fabulous buffet which will feature a variety of salads, sandwiches, hot entrees, side dishes, desserts and beverages.

**Senior Center Month:** September is celebrated nationally as "Senior Center Month." Come check out an exercise class, join us on a trip or outdoor hike, get some friends together for a special event or register for one of our special interest courses and informational forums. If you haven't seen our new, beautiful four season room yet, be sure and stop by and spend a few relaxing minutes in there. Watch your mailbox for the September newsletter which will contain lots of information about all our fall opportunities.

**Therapeutic Chair Massage:** Therapeutic upper body chair massage is available at the senior center every Monday morning. A 20-minute session with a licensed massage therapist is just \$12. Give the center a call if you would like to schedule an appointment.

## ENGAGEMENT



Emily Shepperd and Eric Cantrell

Norma and Stanley Shepperd of Andover are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily (Sage) Shepperd to Eric Cantrell, son of Dennis and Janice Cantrell of Leola, Pa.

Emily is a 2002 graduate of Phillips Academy. She received a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology from Brandeis University in 2006 and a master of arts degree in psychology from Bryn Mawr College in 2009. She is currently in a clinical developmental psychology doctorate program at Bryn Mawr College.

Eric is a 1994 graduate of Conestoga Valley High School, and received a bachelor of science degree in computer and information sciences from the University of Delaware in 2001. He is employed by the University of Delaware.

A June 2010 wedding is planned, in Pennsylvania.

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# Sports

## Andover teen one of nation's top rowers

### Hannum takes second in championship

Fifteen-year-old Andover resident Elinor Hannum, earned a silver medal at the most prestigious club-rowing event in the country, US Rowing's Club National Championships, according to her club Essex Rowing.

The five-day event, held in Oak Ridge, Tenn., featured over 1,300 athletes representing 82 rowing clubs in 29 states and three countries. Participants competed for 67 national titles in junior, intermediate and senior-level events. Hannum took second in the Women's Junior B Single 2000-meter sprint.

"Before the race we talked about where to move and when," said Hannum's coach, Travis Gardner of Essex Rowing in Methuen, in a release. "The plan

was to establish a controlled, comfortable rhythm in the first half and begin to press in the last 900 meters as the other girls fatigued."

Hannum raced to plan, pushing into third place as she passed the 1,500-meter mark and ultimately finishing second with a time of 8:59.88. The first-place finisher, from Boston Rowing Club, took gold with a time of 8:49.20.

"The start of the race was good," said Hannum. "But I wasn't really fast. As I moved through the thousand-meter mark, I started to press my legs harder. Once I got to the 250 mark I thought, 'I'm not finishing third, I'm finishing second' and I just booked it."

For Hannum's event, 27

athletes competed in multiple heats, followed by the semi-finals with the top six advancing to the finals. When asked how it feels to be the second fastest Junior B sculler in the country, Hannum, who is entering her junior year at Andover High School, simply responded, "Surreal."

Also racing for Essex Rowing at Club Nationals were Andover residents Catherine Hannum and Jennifer Johnson in the Women's Junior A Double event. Sean Fanning of North Andover raced in the Men's Junior A and Intermediate Lightweight Single events, and Anthony Curro, also of North Andover, raced with Travis Gardner in the Men's Intermediate and Senior Pair event.



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Elinor Hannum, 15, won a silver medal in the U.S. Rowing Club National Championships in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

## Road to Little League World Series, via Montana

Former Andover resident Austin Smith, holding the ball he hit for a three-run homerun in a district championship game in Montana.



### Former resident on team that won state championship title

Andover teams may be out of the running this year, but a former Andover player still has a shot at making the Little League World Series.

Austin Smith, 12, who moved to Billings, Mont. in October 2008, is a member of the Boulder-Arrowhead All-Stars Baseball team there. His team just won the Montana State Little League Baseball title and will travel to San Bernardino, Calif. to compete in the West Regional Little League Baseball finals. A successful trip there will earn his team spot at the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa.

Austin, who hit a three-run

homerun in the district championship game, is a lefty pitcher and first baseman on the team. He played in the Andover Youth Baseball program for four years while he and his parents lived in Andover. He also played AAU Baseball for two years, training out of the DB Baseball Academy in North Andover.

"He has many fond experiences playing baseball in the New England area and the robust baseball program he experienced has served him well coming into a new community as an unknown," his mom wrote in an e-mail.

Austin is the son of James and Patricia Smith, Billings, Mont.

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Also, Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup> and September 6<sup>th</sup>, see [www.nofirebirds.com](http://www.nofirebirds.com) for times.

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### TOWN TALK



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Kids prepare to go swimming at Camp Evergreen in 2005.

#### Invitation: 45th birthday party for Camp Evergreen

Former campers and counselors are invited to attend an informal outing to celebrate the 45th year of Camp Evergreen at 166 Jenkins Road. The party at the camp will run from noon to 4 p.m. Swimming, old camp movies, a pot luck picnic cook out and old camp songs will set the tone for the afternoon's events.

The camp was founded by former Celtic and Andover resident Jim Loscutoff as his professional basketball career with the Boston Celtics was ending in 1964. It is now

run by his son, Jim Loscutoff III. Any former campers, parents, and friends are welcome to attend the party. Call Camp Evergreen for more information at 978-475-2502.

#### Andover Day

The downtown celebration known as Andover Days has been changed from mid-September to the first weekend of October. The new date for the fun day, which helps draw people to shops downtown, is Saturday, Oct. 3. The date was changed to avoid conflicting with two weddings at Old Town Hall and the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah.

#### Your street may be headed for darkness

Department of Public Works Director Jack Petkus is recommending the town shut off 626 street lights as a cost-saving measure. Selectmen will vote on the proposed shut off at their Aug. 17 meeting, which will begin at 6:30 p.m., prior to a tri-board meeting between the selectmen, Finance and School committees.

A list of the 626 street lights proposed to be shut off is available at [andoverma.gov/polelist.pdf](http://andoverma.gov/polelist.pdf). Each light is listed by street and pole

number; pole numbers can be found etched on each utility pole.

Andover Public Safety Officer Charles "Chuck" Edgerly surveyed all 1,600 of Andover's street lights, compiling the list of 626 that were found to be "redundant or not needed," said Petkus. Street lights near schools, bad intersections or curves and locations with a history of accidents will remain on, said Police Chief Brian Pattullo.

Switching the lights off will save the town \$4,000 each month in the first year, said Petkus.

— Bethany Bray

#### Mayor of Turkey Town

Resident Joe Geary is wondering if a turkey mentioned in the police log for causing problems on South Main Street is the same one making itself at home in other parts of southern Andover.

"Over the last several weeks I have seen a turkey that acts like it owns the road on Gould Road. [Monday] morning I saw the bird next to the state police office [on Route 125]. It stepped right up and was looking in my driver's window! I wonder if this was the same bird on South Main," he wrote.

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