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**Andover policy**

## To protect victims, police share little about rapes

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

When Andover police arrest and charge someone with rape, it is their policy to offer little information about the case, refusing even to say if the alleged assault took place in town.

Such was the case last month, when on Friday, Aug. 7, Eric Santana, 25, of 32 Lawrence St. Lawrence, was arrested on Haverhill Street and charged with rape.

The reporting phone call and incident surrounding Santana's arrest were removed from the public police log and police declined to say whether the assault itself took place in Andover or whether it was a random crime.

While very specific information about the case is now available as part of the public court files, Andover police are not releasing any further information, citing rape shield laws, which protect the victims of sexual assault. The court records show the alleged rape occurred in Andover and that the victim and Santana did not know each other. The Townsman is withholding other information, and does not typically name the victim of alleged assaults.

"It's a state statute, we don't comment on sexual assaults," said Lt. Commander James Hashem. "Anything to do with a sexual assault is not a public record ... to protect any victim of any type of assault, that information is not public."

Andover Police Chief Brian Patullo said this has been department policy since before he joined the force 27 years ago.

"To protect the victims of the crime, this is one of the few times we don't have to give out information," said Patullo. "You have to put yourself in the position of the victims, and you want them to feel comfortable coming forward."

"There is nothing to be concerned about," said Hashem. "It was an isolated incident that culminated in the arrest of suspect. He is being held in custody, and an investigation is ongoing."

Rape shield laws protect victims' identities and past behavior of a sexual nature that could be used against them in a trial, said Phillip Coppola, a defense attorney and assistant professor at Massachusetts School of Law in Andover. Details of an assault are not released for numerous reasons, he said, including to keep information from being used as evidence in court.

"That really doesn't pertain to the rape shield

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## Voters check in hotel tax



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Andover resident Mike Roscoe speaks during the Special Town Meeting to vote on raising taxes on meals and hotel/motel room occupancy.

## Special Town Meeting has no appetite for meals tax

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Voters increased the local tax on hotel stays and refused a higher meals tax on Monday, giving Andover officials a better idea about the size of their budget deficit: nearly \$1.8 million for this year.

Now, Andover leaders have a month to figure out how to close that gap. Andover voters are expecting to come to an Oct. 7 Special Town Meeting to balance the budget.

Within two hours during a Special Town Meeting on Aug. 31, voters raised the local tax on hotel stays by 2 percent and narrowly defeated an article to

increase by taxes on restaurant meals.

The increased hotel tax will bring in an estimated \$320,588 for the remainder of the fiscal year, decreasing the town deficit to \$1,766,000 from \$2.1 million. The hotel tax increase will take effect Oct. 1. About 750 residents attended.

"We had a very good turnout. My hat goes off for people having the civic-mindedness to come out on a lovely August evening, when they'd probably rather be watching the Red Sox," said Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski.

The proposed .75 percent meals tax, which was defeated by just eight votes, would have brought in \$275,818 for FY2010, said

Stapeczynski.

While Stapeczynski had said prior to Town Meeting that he might push to bring back the meals tax to the Oct. 7 Special Town Meeting if it was defeated Aug. 31, Alex Vispoli, selectmen chairman, expressed doubts the meals tax article would be reordered for the October meeting.

"The warrant will be open for a couple of weeks (and anyone can submit articles). The board is not planning, at this point in time, on putting it on the warrant," said Vispoli. "The warrant will be focused on the budget."

At Monday's meeting, Stapeczynski noted both proposed tax increases would be user-based, sustainable revenue sources,

diversifying the town's reliance on property tax and would improve the town's bond rating.

Saying it would be "short-sighted" to overlook the chance for increased revenue that wouldn't come out of the pockets of Andover property owners, Wethersfield Drive resident Tony James, a former School Committee member, compared Andover's financial picture to the ill-fated voyage of the Titanic.

"As the Titanic was slipping into the ocean, passengers sat in the ballroom, sipping port, smoking cigars and talking about anything but their impending doom," said James.

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## New places, new faces



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Finding their way around their new school from left, Alyssa Otolo, Melissa Newton, and Sara Nickpour walk through the school during freshman orientation at Andover High School last week. More photos in Education, page 15.

## Historic town church opens second campus

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Lack of parking on crowded, busy Sunday mornings has been a growing challenge at the Free Christian Church. Now, it has a solution.

The Elm Street church is opening a second campus at Osgood Landing on Route 125, the former Lucent building in North Andover.

"Overcrowding is a great problem to have," said Jon Paul, campus pastor at Free Christian. "When the parking lot is crowded, that's a good problem. It means people are coming together to gather, to worship, to support each other and serve together."

Starting Sunday, Sept. 20, Free Christian will be a "multi-site

church", sharing pastoral staff, a board of elders and overall vision and purpose, said Paul.

"We are saying we'll be one church, two locations," he said. "We feel God is calling us to make this move."

Free Christian has three worship services every Sunday morning at its 103-year-old building at 31 Elm St. On an average Sunday, the church attracts total of about 1,000 worshippers and Sunday School students.

A 10 a.m. service will move to Osgood Landing on Sept. 20, along with corresponding children's activities and classes. The 31 Elm St. church will host services at 9

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ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

From left, Andrew Wescott, Jon Paul and Dr. Jack Daniel, all pastors with the Free Christian Church, stand in the new North Andover location for the church at Osgood Landing.



New Principal Jonathan Harris welcomes students and parents during freshman orientation at Andover High School.

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## CHURCH: Second campus

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and 10:45 a.m., and Senior Pastor Jack Daniel alternate every other Sunday between the two campuses.

Campus Pastors Jon Paul, in North Andover, and Andy Wescott in Andover, will preach Sundays when Daniel is at the other campus. Sermons, Sunday school curriculum and even music will be duplicated for both sites, so all members receive the same message and worship themes.

Roughly one-third of Free Christian membership comes from North Andover or towns north or east of Andover, said Paul. Once the North Andover site opens, members may attend either campus, regardless of their hometown.

A group of members ready to begin worshipping in North Andover has been meeting with Paul over the summer.

Free Christian has leased Osgood Landing's 300-seat auditorium, several rooms and a dining hall area for Sunday morning classes and a nursery. The space is roughly the size of the Elm Street sanctuary.

Other tenants in the building have access to the auditorium during the week, said Paul, so Free Christian will set up and break down their church setting every week, storing items behind the auditorium stage. An unforeseen blessing of creating a second campus, said Paul, has been seeing members step up to volunteer for newly-created music and teaching positions.

Started in the 1840s as a gathering of abolitionists — hence the word "Free" — Free Christian members worshiped in several locations, including a church on Railroad

Street that is no longer standing, until settling at 31 Elm St. in 1906. In 2001 and 2002, the church added classroom space and expanded its lobby.

Roughly two years ago, leadership at Free Christian knew something had to be done about the church's crowded Sunday mornings and parking issues, said Paul. Adding onto its existing facilities was not an option. Church members also did not feel lead to move their entire church to a new location, or do a traditional "church plant," where a second, separate church is started with members from the first, said Paul.

A multi-site church was decided upon in 2007, and plans were set in motion.

"After a year of praying and listening to the pros and cons, we decided on this type of ministry," said Paul. "We want to continue to be welcoming, inviting people to our faith community. It's primarily about people, not facilities."

"North Andover made a lot of sense. We want to replicate what we're doing here, in a new place," he said.

Free Christian Church is part of the North Andover clergy association, and Paul has been meeting with ministers from North Andover churches over the summer, who have been very supportive, he said. Free Christian's intent is to fill North Andover church with its own members, and not pull membership from existing churches, said Paul.

Free Christian held an Easter service at Osgood Landing last spring, which went well, said Paul. They had roughly 260 adults in attendance, plus children, for the service — and plenty of parking.

## ASSAULT: Policy written to protect victims

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law so much ... but is, more so, prudent police policy, to protect the victim and perpetrator," said Coppola. "Andover runs a tight ship when it pertains to giving out evidentiary information, and they normally won't talk about matters during ongoing investigation."

"You have to protect all parties involved," he said. "Rape is a very emotional type of crime, and you don't want people to be thinking with their emotions instead of the facts."

Santana was arraigned in Lawrence District Court on Aug. 10, and has a probable cause hearing on Sept. 11.

Attorney John Collins, who serves as general counsel to the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, says release of information surrounding an assault varies from town to town and by situation.

By state statute, any incident involving a rape should be taken out of the public police log, as was done in Andover, said Collins. Even with a name withheld,

some incident details, from the 911 caller to the address of an arrest, could identify a victim.

"Generally, anything that might identify victim at all (is not released). Most departments would err on the side of caution," said Collins. "Most departments bend over backwards to protect victims."

Each situation surrounding an assault is handled differently in Andover, said Hashem. If needed, information would be disseminated through the media, Andover's reverse 911 system or even with officers going door-to-door, if it were a localized situation, he said.

"If there was some sort of notification that needed to be made to the community, if there were some type of danger, we would certainly do that," said Hashem.

"For the public good, if there was some reason we determine that information would benefit public well being (we would release it), but we're not required to do so," said Pattullo. "If it were a serial rapist, or someone that was stalking

a particular area, we would release certain information. But in this case (of the Aug. 7 arrest), no public good would come of releasing information."

Hashem said Andover police also do not comment about incidents involving juveniles, assaults or ongoing investigations.

"Each of the four towns we deal with, Andover, North Andover, Methuen and Lawrence, handles the dissemination of information differently," said Andover resident Jayan Marie Landry, founder and director of Trauma Intervention Program of the Merrimack Valley. "Given the nature of the circumstances surrounding an incident, privacy will be upheld in more delicate or private situations, such as rape, suicide or homicide. Information is less open to the public to protect individuals involved, particularly if incident is still under investigation."

TIP volunteers serve as "emotional first aid" for victims and witnesses whenever called by first responders to the scene of

fires, floods, suicides, sudden death, vehicle accidents, armed robberies or intrusions.

"We work really closely with the police, so whatever their confidentiality rules are, we would be in the same place," said Landry.

Just as Landry was beginning to start a local TIP chapter in 1993, she was a victim of a home invasion at her Snowberry Road residence. She had just moved to Andover, and was the target to a random crime, committed by a drug addict who broke into six Andover homes that day and fled in a stolen vehicle.

Having been a trauma victim, Landry said she believes whether neighbors and residents should be notified depend on the circumstances.

"If I had someone living on my street that was a perpetrator or was arrested for assault, I would want to know that person lived in my neighborhood. But if you're talking about a random event that could happen anywhere, any place that has no roots (in town), I'm not sure if (I) need to know," said Landry.



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Many Andover residents attended the Special Town Meeting to vote on raising taxes on meals and hotel/motel room occupancy.

## MEETING: Hotel tax will increase by 2 percent

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Pleasant Street resident Mike Mosca argued against the meals tax, saying "restaurants are innocent bystanders in a town that caved to insupportable union contracts last year, knowing that we were headed into a recession."

"Quite simply, our town is spending too much. (Tax increases) are not addressing the real issue of cost structure. Seventy percent of the town's budget goes to salaries," said Finance Committee member Jon Stumpf, speaking on behalf of the committee.

Stumpf listed and thanked each of the Andover unions that had taken salary concessions this spring, which was met by applause. For those

### BY THE NUMBERS: AUG. 31 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

749 of Andover's more than 20,000 registered voters attended  
2 warrant articles  
0.75 percent increase of meals tax defeated by eight votes, 366 against, 358 in favor

2 percent increase of hotel tax approved, 404-311  
1986: the last year the local hotel tax was increased in Andover  
\$320,588: amount of additional revenue the hotel tax will bring during remainder of fiscal year 2010

unions not on the list, said Stumpf, "we ask that you step forward to help the town."

"This is an opportunity to raise, in a very, very small way, tax for additional revenue," said Napier Road resident Diane McCarron of the meals tax, which would have been added 75 cents to a \$100 bill. McCarron invited anyone

with department heads, talking about personnel reductions and budget cuts, since annual Town Meeting in May.

"This is going to be a work in progress probably right up to (October) Town Meeting," said Stapeczynski. "I will be bargaining with the unions all through September."

Stapeczynski said his negotiations will be for additional concessions from unions that have already taken less of a raise, as well as continued discussions with unions that have yet to take any concessions.

"I will suggest to the School Committee that we talk again with the union, in light of the developments and clear message that was sent at Town Meeting," said School Committee chairwoman Debra Silberstein.

Possible school cuts, discussed by the committee and Superintendent Claudia Bach at its last meeting, include freezing technology expenses and textbook budgets. A renegotiated transportation contract for school busses has also brought in some savings, Silberstein said.

Cost and staff reductions, controlling labor costs and sharing services are all part of the solution, she said.

"There are tough choices no matter where you look where to cut," said Vispoli. "We have to be innovative and creative while still offering the high value services residents expect for the taxes they pay."

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# In Brief

## PAST & PRESENT



**THEN:** In Ballardvale, 8 Marland St. was the rectory for the Ballardvale Methodist Church until it merged with the United Congregationalist Church in 1955. The church and the rectory it served were demolished in 1967.



**NOW:** The former rectory at 8 Marland St. in Ballardvale is now a private residence.

## St. John's Prep admissions open houses in October

St. John's Prep in Danvers will hold admissions open houses on Sunday, Oct. 4, and Saturday, Oct. 24, for students and families interested in learning more about the school. Sessions will be held on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon and Saturday, Oct. 24, at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Open House begins in Brother Benjamin Hall, where applications and entrance exam information will be available.

Families will have the opportunity to talk with the headmaster and principal, learn about the academic program,

extracurricular opportunities at St. John's, and take part in student led tours of the school's 175-acre campus. Faculty, coaches, parents, current students and representatives of the school's more than 60 clubs and organizations will be on hand to answer questions.

St. John's also offers a Student Shadow Program where current eighth-graders spend a typical day on campus and attend classes with Prep students. The shadow program begins on Oct. 13 and runs through Feb. 11. Shadow days are scheduled for Tuesday,

Wednesday or Thursday. To learn more about the Student Shadow Program, contact the Admissions Office at 978-624-1301 or visit [www.stjohnsprep.org/visit](http://www.stjohnsprep.org/visit).

Founded in 1907, St. John's is a Xaverian Brothers sponsored secondary school for young men. With a century-long tradition of teaching academics, arts, and athletics, St. John's offers a college preparatory curriculum that emphasizes academic achievement, spiritual development, leadership and Christian service, according to a release from the school.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Blood drive

West Parish Church is teaming up with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive on Saturday, Sept. 26, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road in Andover. Walk-ins are welcome or call 1-800-GIVE BLOOD, to make an appointment to donate to this blood drive.

#### Sept. 11 ceremony

Andover's September 11th Ceremony will be held on Sept. 11, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. at the Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St. This will be a brief ceremony honoring the victims of September 11 and marking the eighth anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks. For more information, contact that Veterans Office at 978-623-8218.

### QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



I AM SORT OF A LIFELONG academic, I guess I would use the word nerd. I loved school, from kindergarten through college. I came into Teach For America with the unfair impression that learning always happened in a classroom... What I know now is that my students have an emotional and personal maturity and integrity that I don't have and may never have.

- Andover native Matthew Brennan, who is teaching English to at-risk high-schoolers in New Orleans. Story in Townspeople, page 17.

WE SHOULD NOT WAIT FOR approval of funding and then decide our dream. The dream and hopes drive what the community wants in a facility. What is our dream?

- Ken Seifert, former superintendent of Andover schools, in a column about the town planning to replace Bancroft Elementary School. See Education, page 15.



### NEWS CALENDAR

#### THURSDAY, SEPT. 3

**Council on Aging subcommittee**, Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., 8:30 a.m.

**Zoning Board of Appeals** public hearing and deliberation, Public Safety Center, 32 Main St., first-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, SEPT. 5

**Zoning Board of Appeals**, Public Safety Center, 32 Main St., first-floor conference room, 9 a.m.

#### TUESDAY, SEPT. 8

**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 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9

**Design Review Board**, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 6 p.m.

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

#### THURSDAY, SEPT. 10

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

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

**Information Technology Committee**, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 3 p.m.

## Johnson to be installed as new head for Pingree

Dr. Timothy M. Johnson will be installed as the new Head of Pingree School on Friday, Sept. 11, at 9 a.m. in the Pingree School Hedge Garden. A reception to welcome him and his wife, Jen Groeber, will follow the ceremony.

Johnson, was raised in Groveland, is a graduate of Bowdoin College. He holds a master's of fine arts from the Maryland Institute College of Art and a doctorate in education from the University of Pennsylvania.

Rev. Michael J. Duda of First

Church in Wenham and Rabbi Robert Goldstein of Temple Emanuel in Andover will offer benedictions.

Anyone who would like to attend the installation is asked to RSVP on the school's Web site, [www.pingree.org](http://www.pingree.org).

## September health clinics on Mondays and Wednesdays

The Andover Health Department will offer mini clinics on Monday, Sept. 14, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons and on Monday, Sept.

21 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. No appointment is

necessary.

## Merrimack Valley business mixer

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise Bank will present "Business Networking Mixer" on Wednesday, Sept. 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Residence Inn

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# Community raises money for kids at Mass General

Children at Massachusetts General Hospital are benefiting from the efforts of Andover residents and businesses, and 2009 Andover High School graduate Wendy Pollack wants to thank those who made a difference.

At the beginning of the summer, several lines of headpieces were included in Andover Youth Services Keep it Wild fashion show. Local residents sponsored the hats, with the money going to Child Life Services at Mass General. Specifically, the money is helping to provide items for Ellison 18, a pediatric floor that treats patients up to the age of 19 for a variety of ailments.

"The tremendous success of the Keep It Wild Fashion Show Fundraiser, Stands up to Cancer, this past June was due to the generous contribution of Amy Borges and Anthony Devito from Indra Salon, who designed

hair and makeup for the models; Roseanne and David Palazola and Phyllis Lanciani for their generous donation to the silent auction items; Marc Savard and The Boston Bruins Foundation and Jordans Furniture," according to Pollack.

She said it was a pleasure to work with Suzie Allen and Bill Fahey of Andover Youth Services and she was grateful for the time spent making cancer bracelets by Carolina Zappala, a Central Catholic sophomore.

"To all of the Andover residents, my family and friends who generously donated to support MGH Child Life Services, and for all who attended and cut their hair in awareness to childhood cancer diseases the night of the event, thanks so much," said Pollack. "To my models, you were great."

*Models are pictured at right.*



Courtesy photo

Models for the show were, from left, back row: Catherine Gross, Kerry McCarthy, Brienne Deyermond, Madalyn Pollack, Jennifer Angell, Wendy Pollack, Alicia Scarpa. In front row, from left, Jodi Pollack, Andrea Leahy, Alyssa Silva and Megan Deyermond.

# Rotary pancake breakfast

The Rotary Club of Andover and Atria Marland Place will host an event with proceeds to benefit Lazarus House, West Elementary's STOP (Stop Teasing Other People) Program, and Ironstone

Farm Hippotherapy Program on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 8 a.m. to noon at Brickstone Square, Haverhill St., Andover. Admission is \$5, includes a pancake breakfast and several activities.

# Changing nutritional needs workshop

Naturopathic Doctor Amanda Tracy, ND will present the free workshop Changing Nutritional Needs for Over 40 at Advanced Health and Wellness, 790 Turnpike St., Suite 300, North Andover, on Tuesday Sept. 15, at 6:30 p.m.

In this class Tracy will share how to optimize your health with targeted nutritional strategies for the changing needs of men and

women over 40. Tracy will discuss naturopathy, recent clinical research and secrets from traditional systems of medicine such as ayurveda and chinese medicine to increase energy, improve sleep and reduce inflammation to prevent chronic diseases.

To register, call Advanced Health and Wellness at 978-327-5960.

## ■ POLICE LOG

### ARRESTS

Tuesday, Aug. 25 - At 11:04 a.m., Julio C. Gomez, 23, of 9 Meadowcroft St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with driving with a license suspended for operating under the influence of liquor, and driving an uninspected vehicle.

At 3:49 p.m., Steven Robinson, 49, of 2 Briston Ct. Apt. A262, Derry N.H., was arrested and charged with driving with a license suspended for operating under the influence of liquor.

Wednesday, Aug. 26 - At 7:51 a.m., Grasiela Defreitas, 29, of 119 Irving St. Apt. 1, Everett, was arrested and charged with driving without a license.

Thursday, Aug. 27 - At 11:24 a.m., Anthony Arria, 35, of 54 Lambert St. Apt. 3, Medford, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license, subsequent offense; also on warrants for driving an unregistered and uninsured vehicle with a suspended license, a number-plate violation and railroad-crossing violation.

At 4:06 p.m., Delvin Ramos, 20, of 594 Andover St. Apt. 2, Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant for a miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation.

At 4:41 p.m., Aisha W. Garcia, 17, of 1 Community Ave. Apt. 2, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving without a license; also on warrants for driving without a

license and leaving the scene of a crime.

Friday, Aug. 28 - At 12:55 p.m., Samuel A. Gerrior Jr. 44, of 329 North St. Apt. B3, Middleton, was arrested and charged on warrants for failure to stop/yield and driving with a suspended license.

Saturday, Aug. 29 - At 1:45 p.m., Stephen T. Brophy, 39, of 284 Washington St. Haverhill, was arrested and charged on a warrant for violating a restraining order.

Sunday, Aug. 30 - At 6:16 a.m., Gary J. Matos, 43, of 228 Andover St. Apt. 2, was arrested and charged on a warrant for possession of a class B substance.

At 11:08 p.m., Marisa L. Cataldo, 17, of 7 Blackhorse Lane, was arrested and charged with underage possession of liquor.

### BREAKS

Thursday, Aug. 27 - At 11:36 a.m., a Dascomb Road resident reported an early-morning break in.

At 4:54 p.m., a break-in was reported to a home on River Road; a resident returned home to find the front door left wide open.

Sunday, Aug. 30 - At 6:11 p.m., a break-in was reported from Kismet, Andover Street, with money taken from a cash drawer.

### THEFT

Tuesday, Aug. 25 - At 12:53 p.m., an employee from Bella Beads,

Main Street, reported fraud on the company account.

### AUTO INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Aug. 25 - At 11:51 a.m., a High Vale Lane resident reported an incident of road rage that took place an hour ago.

Thursday, Aug. 27 - At 11:51 a.m., a caller reported a vehicle break-in between 10 and 10:30 a.m. at the YMCA, Haverhill Street.

Saturday, Aug. 29 - At 10:38 a.m., a Riverside Drive hotel called to report a break-in to a guest's car, with the theft of a GPS system.

Monday, Aug. 31 - At 11:28 a.m. a vehicle break-in on Saturday was reported from Old River Road.

### INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Aug. 25 - At 2:03 p.m., an officer responded to a report of a filing cabinet in the middle of a North Main Street intersection. The owner came back to retrieve the cabinet.

At 5:02 p.m., a resident who was feeling suicidal was taken to the hospital.

At 10:39 p.m., a disturbed person, who threatened to shoot people, was taken to the hospital.

Thursday, Aug. 27 - At 9:46 a.m., Northeast Landscaping reported a resident of Bailey Road came out with a hammer and made threats. An officer spoke with all involved parties.



At 1:30 p.m., an unattended death was reported on Stowe Court.

At 11:12 p.m., police responded to a report of a fight at Dylan's Restaurant, Park Street. Officers found it was "just a misunderstanding," said the police log.

Friday, Aug. 28 - At 3:05 p.m., Detective Gregory Scott took photographs of a town vehicle that was involved in a crash in the city of Lawrence that morning.

At 10:46 and 11:31 a.m., a resident called twice about a Lovejoy Road resident playing loud music at a party.

Saturday, Aug. 29 - Police were called about a disorderly person. Responding officers found the person to be combative, and handcuffed the subject for protection.

The person was taken to the hospital for detoxification.

At 6:26 p.m., a Sunset Rock Road resident called police to report a goose was stuck in a soccer net at a field at the Pike School.

Sunday, Aug. 30 - At 12:04 p.m. police responded to a report of a hitchhiker on Dascomb Road.

At 3:23 p.m., a resident called police after finding a dead dog in their pool. Animal control had a report of a missing dog, matching the description, and confirmed it was the same one. The dog owner was notified and responded to the scene.

At 4:29 p.m., police responded to a Burt Road business for an employee who had been injured while working, getting sodium

# Collision

A tractor-trailer truck and a car collided on River Road the morning of Wednesday, Sept. 2. The accident, which caused injuries and sent at least one person to the hospital, occurred in the area of 24 River Road at 9:10 a.m., said Lieutenant Harry Collins Jr. No further information was available before Townsman press deadline.

hydroxide in the eyes.

At 9:43 p.m., police were called to a large gathering on Salem Street, with no adults home. Three officers responded, and issued a summons to a 16-year-old for keeping a disorderly house.

Monday, Aug. 31 - At 1:11 p.m., a Blueberry Hill Road resident reported a white van just hit their mailbox.

At 6 p.m. a resident who had overdosed on anxiety medication was taken to the hospital.

### AUTO ACCIDENTS

Thursday, Aug. 27 - At 1:45 p.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported on Shattuck Road.

— Compiled by Bethany Bray



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# Ballardvale playground swings ahead slowly

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

It obviously won't happen this summer, but plans for renovating the playground in Ballardvale are still in the works as proponents said town officials are getting some quotes on how much a site survey will cost. "Last I heard the town was getting pricing for the site survey and had discussed placing the project on the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan)," playground proponent and project

architect Chris Huntress, who lives in Ballardvale, responded in an e-mail when asked about proposed project. The playground is located adjacent to the MBTA tracks near the Ballardvale station, and across the street from the Ballardvale fire station. Renovation plans call for improving the ball field and adding a backstop. A fenced-in "tot lot" half-court basketball area, 4-Square and hopscotch spaces and parking spaces are all part of the master plan.

## TOWNSPEOPLE

Anna Millar, a 14-year-old Girl Scout from Andover, pushed herself to new heights to experience firsthand the culture of Costa Rica, a country recently named the "happiest" place in the world by the New Economics Foundation's "Happy Planet Index." Millar recently returned from a 10-day Girl Scout trip trekking through cloud and rainforests, tree climbing, rappelling waterfall, rafting down class III rapids, and surfing warm water breaks in Costa Rica. The "Happy Planet Index" ranks nations based on human

well-being and ecological efficiency. This setting provides the perfect environment for the back-to-nature focus of the Rainforest, River, and Reef course offered by the Costa Rica Rainforest Outward Bound School. One component of Anna's course involved hiking into a remote Mestizo village to learn about simple living. Anna reflects, "Pushing yourself to extremes, both mentally and physically, experiencing a new culture, and making new friends — what else could you want?"

# Friendly competition



Andover won the battles of the Andovers, with more Andover residents than North Andover residents buying tickets to last Thursday's Fisher Cats minor league baseball game in Manchester, N.H. A portion of the ticket sales went to community services programs. Above, town managers Mark Rees of North Andover and Buzz Stapczynski of Andover flank Fisher Cats relief pitcher Nathan Staner, after Stapczynski threw out the first pitch.

# Soggy move



Merrimack College student and orientation leader Amanda Cremona makes one of her many trips of the day carrying belongings of incoming freshmen at Merrimack College Saturday morning. Hundreds of upper classmen gathered in the rain to help the new students move to the North Andover campus.

# Class of '74's reunion approaching

The Andover High School Class of 1974 reunion will be on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 7 to 11 p.m. at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., Andover. Members of the classes of 1973, 1974 and 1975 are invited. The cost is \$40 per person. People are asked to make checks payable to Andover High School Class of 1974 and send them to Kevin J. Burke, 10 Mary Lou Lane, Andover, MA 01810-2938 or to Patty Healy-Osborne, 1 Old Nashua Rd., Amherst, N.H. 03031. For more information call Kevin at 978-475-6047 or Patty at 603-672-9092 or check the class Web site at [www.andover74.org](http://www.andover74.org). Classmates are asked to RSVP by Oct. 1.

## Working Mother Loses 13 Pounds & Inches All Over



Walking was my main source of exercise, and even that was sporadic. Over the past few years I was working in a high stress, very demanding job. During the day I would grab whatever was easy to eat, which usually meant a high calorie/low nutrition food or even candy! My weight started to increase with the stress level. In 2006 my bone density test results showed bone loss and I was a candidate for prescription drug therapy. Things had to change! I left that job, joined Get In Shape in March 2008, and then got a new less stressful job.

I have lost 13 pounds and inches all over, my 2008 bone density test showed increased bone mass - no prescription therapy needed. An added benefit is that all my clothes fit so much better! I have decreased one clothing size and feel like I have an entirely new wardrobe that didn't fit last year. I credit get in Shape for Women with helping me achieve a positive mental attitude, better eating habits, and great fitting clothes.

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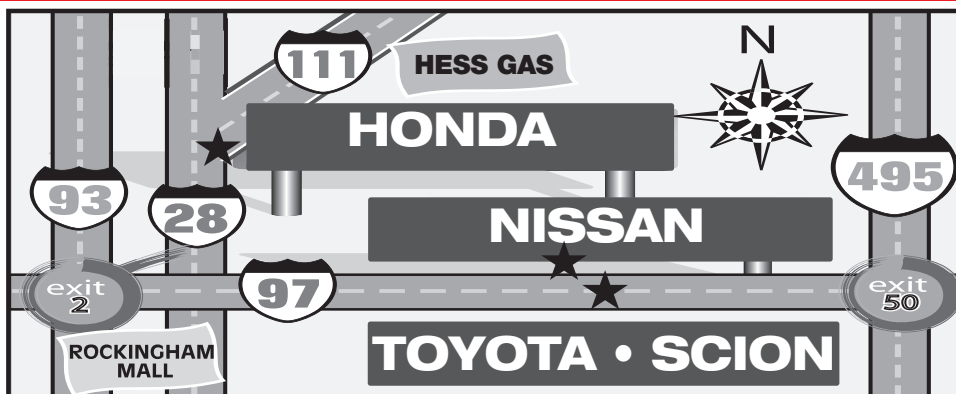


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# Sports

## Fall Warriors, Part I

### GIRLS SOCCER

# Andover's Arnold thrives on competition

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

Andover's Sam Arnold is best described by one word: competitor. And that is not just on the soccer pitch.

"I don't like to lose .... ever," she said. "I hate to lose. I'm very competitive in gym class, in video games with my parents, everything. I wouldn't say I get mad, but I am very hard on myself. So I get after it every time."

Arnold's passion will be a driving force this season for the Andover girls soccer team, which is scheduled to open play on Tuesday by hosting Lowell.

Now a senior captain, Arnold says that competitive fire is nothing new.

"I have pretty much been this way since I was little," she said. "Just ask my parents. I used to throw tantrums if I lost. I hate to fail. And I think there are a lot of very competitive girls on our team this season."

After playing on the freshman team in her first high school season, and JV as a sophomore, Arnold made the varsity team last year and quickly emerged among the team's top defenders.

"I was pleasantly surprised by her play," said Andover soccer coach Meghan Matson. "Sam is just all heart. She stepped in and didn't come off the field almost at all for us. She definitely surprised me, to come on as a junior and earn that kind of reputation around the league. And to be voted a captain really tells you something."

Along with dedicated work on the field and in the gym, Arnold noted a less mainstream key to her continued growth as a player.



JAN SEEGER/Staff photo

Since she was young, Andover's Sam Arnold has always had the drive to win. Now a senior, Arnold brings that intensity to the soccer field for the Golden Warriors.

This past spring, she began coaching soccer for a local sixth grade team.

"I love coaching," she said. "My mom (Carol) coached me when I was in sixth and seventh grade. She still coaches a traveling team. She suggested I give it a try, and I really wanted to do it thanks to her. I fell in love with coaching right away."

Despite her youth, Arnold said that the experience of working

with the children was nothing but positive.

"The girls were so good and really listened to me," she said. "That surprised me, because I was worried they'd be a group of brats. They were great. I have been around soccer since kindergarten. I'd like to stay with coaching because I love kids."

But Arnold's work was not just beneficial for her pupils. She said

her time as a coach also helped her improve on the field.

"I think it definitely made me a better player," said Arnold, who plans to coach again in the spring. "When you're coaching younger kids, you have to go back to the basics that you forget when you are playing at an advanced level. I am now much sharper on the basics than many others."

While coaching may be in

her future, in the present she is still a player — for the Golden Warriors.

"She is a great communicator on the field," said Matson. "She loves the game and the girls love her. She leads by example. If she wants to play at the next level, she can do it."

Arnold said she is considering soccer in college. She is also an ace with the books, ranking in the top 15 of her

### GIRLS SOCCER

■ **Returning starters (8):** Sam Arnold, Sr., defense; Natalie Gibson, Sr., midfielder; Tori Markus, Sr., defense; MacKenzie Koravos, Jr., forward; Anna Vecchi, Jr., defense; Jenn Caro, Jr., forward; Michaela Van Antwerp, Jr., defense; Danielle Landy, Sr., goalie

■ **Returning lettermen:** Melissa Pennington, Sr., defense/forward; Gabby Cappello, Soph., midfielder; Molly Lynch, Soph., forward; Kelly Rousmaniere, Sr., midfielder

■ **Newcomers:** Sandra Levis, Sr., defense; Caroline Dykstra, Sr., midfielder; Quincy Jessep, Sr., defense

■ **Candidates in all grades:** 92

■ **Captains:** Sam Arnold, Natalie Gibson

■ **Head coach:** Meghan Matson (6th year, 69-22-14)

■ **Assistants:** Jen Pruden, JV; Maggie Hanlon, Frosh.

senior class. This fall, she is taking Advanced Placement calculus and Spanish. That all while finding plenty of time for her favorite sport.

As an outside defender, Arnold is at the heart of an experienced defense that will be the backbone of this year's squad.

"I would say I am the support," she said. "I am always there when the sweeper or stopper overcommits. I have speed and a good first touch, so I am always there."

While speed is a key, she noted another crucial point to her game is toughness.

"Yeah, I've been known to take out a few girls," she said with a laugh. "But I'm pretty clean about it. I've only gotten one card — a yellow card — ever."

### BOYS SOCCER

# Vision key to success for Crawford

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

After seeing Kaelan Crawford practice for just a few days, new Andover varsity soccer coach Jim Saalfrank realized why his senior tri-captain was a step in front of opponents.

"He is always three or four plays ahead of everyone else on the field," said Saalfrank. "He sees the field beautifully. His vision and knowledge of where to go are very impressive."

Crawford will use his stellar field vision to help lead the Golden Warriors boys soccer team, which is scheduled to open play on Tuesday at Dracut.

"I think (field vision) is definitely one of the strongest aspects of my game," said Crawford. "I may not be the biggest or strongest player out there, but I think that I can see the field better than most people."

That sense did not come to Crawford right away. Instead, it took years to reach his current ability.

"It has progressed over many

years," he said. "I've been playing soccer since I was 5 years old, so I've been able to get a feel for the field and know where people are on the field."

Heading into his second year as a starting center/mid on the varsity team, Crawford has utilized his vision by taking on a distributor's role.

"I am able to see any runs my teammates are making and when to get them the ball," he said. "I am able to realize when I am open for a shot, or if I should pass."

But that is only part of his job on the field.

"Basically, I have to cover the entire center of the field and go back on defense," he said. "I have to be able to bring the ball up, usually under a lot of pressure. I have to be calm under that pressure and get the ball to whoever's open."

"I have to mark up on defense. If the other team is coming down, I'm able to mark up the other midfielders and make sure they are under pressure so it's not easy for them to distribute the ball."

Last year was a breakout one

for Crawford. Along with his distribution, he also tallied five goals for the Warriors that finished 8-7-4.

He quickly earned a reputation not just for his field sense, but also for his toughness, despite weighing just 150 pounds at 6 feet tall.

"I pride myself on being a little more physical than other guys," he said. "I have to play a little tougher so I don't get knocked off the ball, while a bigger player doesn't have to. I am definitely more physical to hold my ground."

Crawford said he developed his toughness by playing against his brother, former Golden Warriors defender and 2009 Andover High grad Brendan Crawford.

"We played together for years in indoor soccer and in the backyard, then with Andover last year," Kaelan said. "He is a bigger guy, so he showed me how to hold my own and be physical. He definitely taught me a lot."

Crawford isn't just a standout on the soccer field. He ranks in the "top 10 to 15" in his Andover High senior class. He is currently considering schools, hopefully out west and where he can play soccer.

"He plays so much bigger than he is," said Saalfrank. "He is a very strong field player that

### BOYS SOCCER

■ **Returning starters (4):** Randy Sartor, Sr., center/midfield; Andrew Pallotta, Sr., forward; Kaelan Crawford, Sr., center/midfield; Andrew Osborne, Sr., goalie

■ **Returning lettermen:** Bryan Burkhard, Jr., forward; Panayioti Kostakis, Jr., midfielder

■ **Newcomers:** Cecchi McNaughton, Sr., midfielder; Juan Levi, Sr., midfielder; Chris Goodwin, Sr., defense; Mike McQuillan, Jr., defense; Sean McQuillan, Jr., midfielder; Sean Furlong, Jr., defense; Pat Leber, Jr., midfielder; Alex Scira, Jr., forward; Conor Timmins, Jr., midfielder/defense; Cam Bartley, Jr., midfielder; Elliot Cooper, Jr., forward/midfield; Will Ossoff, Jr., defense; Will McGowan, Jr., forward; Eric Buck, Soph., forward/midfield; Patrick O'Sullivan, Soph., midfielder/forward; Josh Chevalier, Soph., goalie; Drew Gath, Jr., midfielder; Crosby Nicholson, Jr., defense; John Barbaro, Jr., forward

■ **Candidates in all grades:** 90

■ **Captains:** Sartor, Pallotta, Crawford

■ **Head coach:** Jim Saalfrank (first year)

■ **Assistants:** Mike Botto, JV; Brian Cronin, varsity assistant

sees the field and has a good demeanor as a captain."



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Andover's Kaelan Crawford breaks downfield with the ball for the Shooting Stars Soccer Academy club team. The Golden Warriors standout is known for his superior field vision.

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The 12U Andover Warriors Cooperstown Team participated in the National American Tournament of Champions at Cooperstown Dreams Park in Cooperstown, N.Y., home of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

according to a YMCA release. The family that is chosen will train together once a week under the direction of Dave Raymond, membership advancement director for the Andover/North Andover YMCA, and in a class setting with one of the wellness staff once per week for approximately 10 weeks leading up to the race. Comcast will also follow this family's journey and document it in a fun and creative way for a post-race media spot on Comcast's cable channel.

YMCA seeks Feaster Five families

The Andover/North Andover YMCA Branch of the Merrimack Valley YMCA is seeking a dynamic and adventurous family from our membership to train to participate in the Annual Feaster Five Road Race held on Thanksgiving morning in Andover. We will be looking for a short essay from families who would like to participate by Sept. 16. We can only choose one family for this project and that family will be notified by Sept. 18.

"Over the years there are many different reasons people and area families have chosen to be part of the Feaster Fiver, whether it be for physical fitness, to run as a family challenge, or as a way to connect as a family. Members have told us: 'This race is a great event that brings us all back to visit with each other' and 'We use it as a family reunion we participate in the race and then enjoy Thanksgiving together,'"

If you are interested in this exciting program, please send a brief essay stating your reasons why your family would like to train with the Y staff for the Feaster Five along with and how your family can benefit from this unique opportunity. Your essay should be less than one typed page and emailed to Bobbi Williams, Associate Executive Director of the Andover/North Andover YMCA branch at bwiliams@mvmymca.org.

Special Olympics training, Andover fundraiser

Beginning Saturday, Sept. 19 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and continuing on Saturdays through June, Legends Gymnastics in North Andover will offer gymnastic training at no charge for those interested in competing for Special Olympics in the sport of gymnastics. This program is for athletes who are 8 to 18 years old.

Special Olympics' goal is to

provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for individuals with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympic athletes, and the community.

Barbara Getchell, co-owner of Legends Gymnastics, has several years of experience training athletes for Special Olympics and will lead the program.

"We can't wait to get this program off and running. We already have several staff volunteers in place and are excited to help carry on the mission of Special Olympics," Getchell said. "Gymnastics also teaches confidence, self-esteem, teamwork, and mental discipline," she continued.

Special Olympics was founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver. Its mission is to strive to create a better world by fostering the acceptance and inclusion of all people through the power of sport.

In addition to the athletes culminating their training with participation in the Special Olympics Summer Games in Boston next June, athletes from the Special Olympics program will have the opportunity to demonstrate at a meet in February. Legends will host a fundraiser at Andover High School for USA Gymnastics registered athletes for levels 5-10 and Prep Opt girls

to support Special Olympics of Massachusetts.

Those interested in training at Legends Gymnastics can call the gym at 978-687-7777 or stop by 25 Orchard Hill Road., North Andover to register. For more information call or email bgetchell@gymlegends.com.

Youth Basketball League sign ups

The fall Youth Basketball League for the Merrimack Valley YMCA is here. The national YMCA program of age-grouped basketball for boys and girls on co-ed teams in grades 1-12. The league's principal goals are fair play, values education, fun, development of basic basketball skills and knowledge of the game, participation by all players, and a growth experience for players and volunteers involved in the program.

YBL is a family-oriented program with adult volunteers for coaching, refereeing and running the scoreboard.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Amy Quinlan, sports program Director at 978-685-3541 Ext. 148 or at aquinlan@mvmymca.org. Registration will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 15, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 18, 3 to 5 p.m. At that time, players will be assigned an evaluation time. Information you will need to provide includes physician name and phone number, T-shirt size and all contact information.

Kids' Night Out Sept. 11


The next Kids' Night Out event at the Andover/North Andover YMCA will be held on Friday, Sept. 11.

Kids ages 6 to 10 can spend a fun Friday night at the YMCA on Haverhill Street swimming, playing games in the mat room, making craft projects and making new friends,

according to a release from the Andover/North Andover YMCA. Refreshments will be served.

Kids' Night Out runs from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Cost per child is \$7 for YMCA family members, \$10 for general members and \$12 for non-members.

Upcoming Kids' Nights Out are Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Nov. 6, Nov. 20 and Dec. 11.



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ENGAGEMENTS



**Jennifer Prudden and Brian Montgomery**

Peter and Debra Prudden of Andover are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jennifer Prudden to Brian Montgomery, son of Robert and Diane Montgomery of Killington, Vt.

Jennifer is a 1996 graduate of Andover High School. She received a bachelor of science degree in early childhood education from Colby-Sawyer College in 2000 and a masters of education in reading from the

University of Massachusetts.

She is currently teaching and coaching in the Andover Public School system.

Brian is a 1997 graduate of Tabor Academy, Marion, and received a bachelor of science degree from Gettysburg College. He is employed by the Charlesgate Realty Group, Boston, as an associate sales agent.

The couple plan a August 2010 wedding in Maine.

WEDDINGS



**Kelly Spirou and Michael Burnett**

Kelly Spirou of Manchester, N.H. and Michael Burnett of Andover, were married in a double ring ceremony at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Manchester, N.H. on June 27.

The bride is the daughter of Stan and Patricia Spirou of Manchester, N.H. and the bridegroom is the son of Bruce and Cathy Burnett of Andover. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Stan Spirou.

The matron of honor was the bride's sister Christina Day. The best man was the groom's friend Christian Bednar. A reception was held at the Bedford Village Inn in Bedford, N.H.

The bride graduated from Central High School in Manchester, N.H. and from the University of New Hampshire. She is a contract manager with Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare in Quincy.

The bridegroom graduated from Andover High School and from Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H. He is a special agent with the United States Secret Service.

The couple reside in Melrose.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

By KAREN PAYNE TAYLOR  
SENIOR CENTER STAFF

The Andover Senior Center is located at 30 Whittier Court, in the building near the Park, behind Town Offices. For more information about the programs below call 978-623-8321.

**Exercise Registration:** Classes begin for the fall semester of exercise classes starting this week. 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 12-week fall semester began Sept. 1st and runs through Nov. 19. Class times, fees and additional information may be obtained by giving the center a call.

**Grill Night extended.** By popular demand, our fabulous Grill Night will run the first three weeks in September. Weather permitting, we plan on getting together on Wednesday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. through Sept. 16. Hot dogs, grilled chicken and burgers will be available each night along with weekly specials like steak tips, grilled salmon and ribs. Entrée prices range from \$4 to \$8 and include side orders of fresh fruit, garden salad, potato or pasta salad, grilled vegetables, dessert and beverages. Advance tickets are required and seating is limited.

**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.

**Men's Breakfast:** Friday, Sept. 18 at 8:30 a.m. Advance registration; needed for this Colonial Medical Show where you will enjoy a clever mix of history, humor and fact. See unique collection of antique medical and surgical instruments used in the last century. \$4 includes complete breakfast.

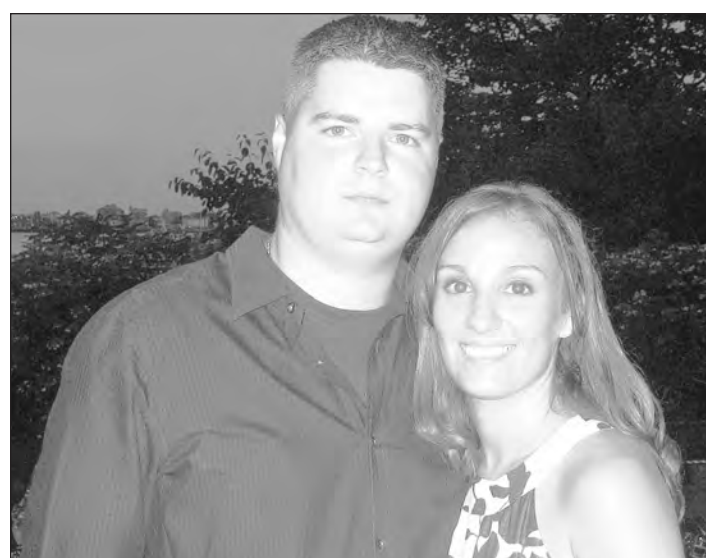
**Fall Organizing:** Helpful hints on getting started and maintaining momentum with our professional organizer Susan Walko as she teaches us to Lighten our Load on Sept. 22 at 1:30 p.m. \$3 and Attain Equilibrium, Sept. 29 at 1:30 p.m. \$3. Pre-registration required.

**No Bones About it:** Friday, Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m. Orthopedic surgeon specializing in total knee and hip replacement, will talk on causes and treatments of osteoarthritis. Pre-registration for this free forum.

**Birding and Nature Walks:** Fridays beginning Sept. 11-Oct. 30. Explore and enjoy birds, wildflowers, nature and history of AVIS and local conservation areas. Pre-registration required. Meet at the Center at 8 a.m.

**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.

**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.



**Stefania Palladino and Justin Bishop**

Mr. and Mrs. Massimo Palladino of Middleton, and Mrs. Claire Bishop of Andover, are proud to announce the engagement of Stefania Palladino and Justin Bishop.

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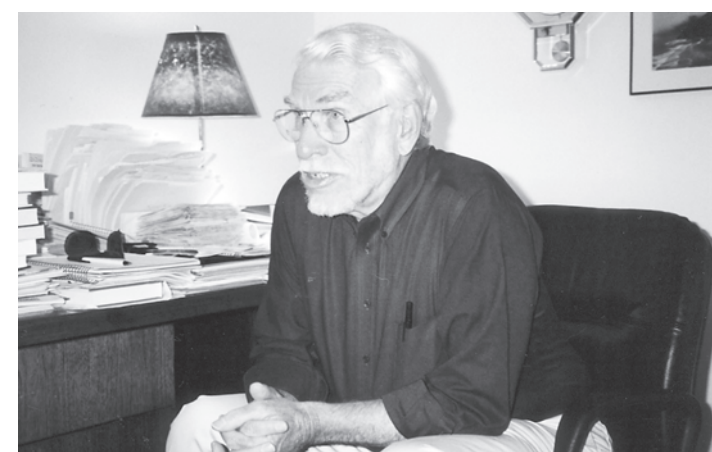
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"When I'm asked, 'Why

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Donald MacGillivray's office is located at 10 High St., Andover, and his telephone number is 978-470-1555. He sees clients on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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## BUSINESS IN BRIEF

**Susan Zielinski** of Andover has been named Employee of the Year by UniFirst Corporation of Wilmington. Zielinski is a member of the company's information technology department and has been with the company for 21 years.

Zielinski, who resides with her parents Dennis and Lena, was selected from among 12 nominees vying for the award based on her strong work ethic and unwavering focus on customer service characteristics UniFirst considers invaluable for achieving overall success in the marketplace.

Zielinski was presented with a special recognition gift and will have her name inscribed on a plaque that will be on permanent display at UniFirst's corporate offices in Wilmington. The award is given annually as part of the company's Founder's Day celebrations. UniFirst was founded on July 12, 1936.

**John C. Hebeisen**, retired, Bodycote HIP, Inc., Andover, received the "Distinguished Service to Powder Metallurgy" award from the Metal Powder Industries Federation for his outstanding career achievements.

Established in 1968, the award was presented by MPIF President Mark C. Paullin at PowderMet2009, the International Conference on Powder Metallurgy and Particulate Materials in Las Vegas, Nevada.

MPIF is the trade association for the North American metal powder and particulate materials producing and consuming industries.

The award recognizes professionals who have devoted a major part of their careers to one or more segments of the powder metallurgy industry and whose contributions and achievements deserve special recognition.

Hebeisen retired as president from Bodycote HIP, Inc. in 2006 where he worked for 26 years. Previously, he worked for Battelle Memorial Institute as a research metallurgist and at Crucible Research/Crucible Compaction Metals as manager of technology.

Presently, he is co-chairman of the International Hot Isostatic Pressing Committee and served as president of the Advanced Particulate Materials Association and member of the MPIF Board of Governors. He is a past chairman of APMA's HIP Council. Hebeisen holds three patents and has a bachelor of science degree in metallurgical engineering from the University of Illinois-Urbana.

The Merrimack Valley YMCA is pleased to announce it has received a \$5,000 grant from Andover's RBC Wealth Management Foundation in support of the Lawrence Branch's Junior and Teen Achievers Program.

This successful youth development program is targeted to teens, age 11 to 18, and focuses on career development, academic achievement, leadership development, and social development. The program strives to help youth improve academic skills, to achieve higher levels of school performance, to improve overall self-esteem and, ultimately, and to prepare for college and future careers.

This program will focus on mentoring, tutoring, promoting college awareness among parents and children, guest speakers, SAT preparation workshops, computer training, assistance with college research, and college tours.

**Tony Giordano**, vice president of RBC Wealth Management in Andover, supported the YMCA's proposal.

Giordano is a YMCA long-time supporter and former member of the YMCA's Board of Directors and Finance Committee.

Tufts Health Plan recently honored local Andover resident **Kristen Vaughan** for 10 years of service to Tufts Health Plan. Vaughan was among 224 employees recognized for reaching career milestones between five and 25 years.

She is an associate contract manager in the Network Contracting and Performance Management department.

Morpace Inc., a market research and consulting organization, has appointed **Kelly Wennik** as vice president. Wennik, based in Andover, is responsible for business development in the technology and telecommunications practices.

Wennik has 20 years of experience in the technology and telecommunications industries with 12 years in research and analytics. Her expertise includes brand tracking, loyalty, segmentation, discrete choice, and new product development research techniques where she successfully designed research based programs that were strategic and actionable.

Prior to joining Morpace, Wennik was director, client development for Harris Interactive in Rochester, N.Y., where she specialized in the HiTech sector.

Wennik earned her bachelor of arts degree in administrative science from Colby College in Waterville, Maine.

## Wyeth Andover sends help overseas

Wyeth Biotech in Andover is helping people half way around the world with their healthcare needs through the donation of used office equipment.

The biopharmaceutical research and manufacturing facility recently provided two truckloads of surplus supplies to IMEC, which sent some of it for use as a medical suite in an impoverished community in the African nation of Morocco.

"We are proud to help such a worthy organization as IMEC," says Mason Williams, quality specialist, one of the Wyeth employees who helped arrange the contribution. "We hope to continue donating used equipment, furniture and whatever surplus items we have to help

them." Based in North Andover, IMEC is a nonprofit, volunteer-based organization whose mission is to provide doctors in developing countries with quality medical equipment to improve health care. Wyeth gave two trailer-truck loads of used office supplies, including tables, file cabinets, white boards, office and stackable chairs and safes.

"We were very excited to get safes," says Dan DiBurro, who works with product donations for IMEC. "We don't receive them very often, so they are special. They will be used in our pharmacy suites for medications that need to be locked up."

He adds, "We were so

impressed with their generosity. These supplies go to some of the most desperate people around the world."

Wyeth employees were excited to assist IMEC with its mission of supporting the healthcare needs of poor people in developing countries. They searched storage areas and warehouses for used equipment that would fit the nonprofit's desire to provide complete medical suites for use as nurseries, exam rooms, deliveries, operating rooms, radiology units, laboratories or other life-saving procedures at hospitals in impoverished communities.

"It is a great feeling for me to have been a small part of this," says Ann Pratt, Business Operations and Program

Management. For the past 14 years, IMEC has worked with more than 60 other humanitarian organizations to revitalize hundreds of existing, impoverished hospitals with donated surplus medical equipment and supplies that are organized into complete medical departments, delivering them to more than 70 countries around the world. For more information about the nonprofit, go to <http://www.imecamerica.org>.

Wyeth is one of the world's largest research-driven pharmaceutical and health care products companies. The company's major divisions include Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, Wyeth Consumer Healthcare and Fort Dodge Animal Health.



Jean Rudzinski, a resident of Marland Place, holds some of the school supplies the community received as part of a drive to benefit three Andover schools.

## Atria Marland Place pitches in for kids

Atria Marland Place ran a school supply drive to benefit children at three Andover Public Schools throughout the month of August.

"The response has been fantastic! The schools chosen were those who have had multiple intergenerational programs for our residents over the past eight years," said Tracey Meech, community outreach director at the Stevens Street facility.

Many of the community groups that use Atria Marland Place's space for meetings donated, including Mother Connection, Shawsheen Women's Club, Harvard Club, Andover Sister Town Association,

Village Garden Club and the Widow and Widowers Group, she said. In addition to residents, staff and family contributed money and supplies.

Atria staff and residents gave the items to principals Moira O'Brien of Shawsheen School, Liz Roos of West Elementary, and Steve Murray of West Middle School in the days before school opened for the year. Each of the principals was "thrilled we decided to do this as there is a need in our town with some local families who have felt the effects of the tough economy," according to Meech. She said additional supplies continue to arrive at the senior living facility.



Office administrator Mary Kay Poe, Marland Place's Jean Beaulieu and Principal Moira O'Brien hold donated school supplies at Shawsheen School.

## No communication breakdown: Andover law school claims awards

The Massachusetts School of Law claimed top honors in two categories of the prestigious Clarion Awards, which symbolize excellence in clear, concise communications. The awards, now in their 37th year, are presented by the Association for Women in Communications, a 100-year-old professional organization that champions the advancement of women across all communications disciplines.

MSL won first place in the category of "Television Public Affairs Program Local or Regional," for

its entry Massachusetts School of Law Educational Forum: National Guard. The school also claimed a second Clarion in the "Books and CD-ROM: Nonfiction, Non-Technical Book" bracket with Please, Can We Keep the Donkey? A Collection of Animal Rescue Stories by the Massachusetts School of Law Community.

National Guard, hosted by MSL Associate Dean Michael Coyne and professor Diane Sullivan, journeyed to Reading, to speak with members of the National Guardsmen. The show begins with a

history of the Guard, followed by an interview with the Commander of the 51st Troop Command, Colonel Paul Smith. The show also explains the roles the National Guard played in past wars, and its state and federal mission. The show includes a video essay of the 51st Troop Command deployed to the Gulf Coast in response to Hurricane Katrina.

Please, Can We Keep The Donkey?, written by Sullivan, who teaches animal rights at MSL, and MSL professor Holly Vietzke, took top honors in the category

of "Books and CD-ROMS." The book is comprised of over 100 stories about unusual and sometimes heroic animal rescues, all provided by MSL students and faculty. Emmy-Winning actress Betty White, a noted animal lover, contributed the book's foreword.

The awards will be officially presented at a ceremony in Seattle in October.

While Sullivan was gratified to win the awards, she was quick to highlight the importance of the topics that the winning entries presented.

"The National Guard plays such a critical role in the defense of our country and our freedoms," she said. "And the focus of the book, human treatment of animals, is an area that is gaining much-deserved attention. I'm glad we were able to shed some light on these two worthwhile subjects."

Started in 1972, the Clarions honor excellence in more than 100 categories across all communications disciplines, including advertising and marketing, audiovisual productions, books

and CD-ROMs, brochures, custom and special publications, education, fund development, magazines, major news events, newsletters, newspapers, online media, photography, graphics and design communications, public relations, radio, and television.

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# Obituaries

## Stephen J. Richard Jr., 86



ANDOVER — Mr. Stephen J. Richard, Jr., 86, passed away quietly on Friday, Aug. 28, 2009 at Academy Manor Nursing Home, Andover.

Steve was a native of New Orleans and was born there on May 6, 1923, son of the late Dr. Stephen J. Richard Sr. and Myrtle (Till) Richard.

He was educated in Louisiana, he served five years in the United States Army, Nov. 1940 to Oct. 1945, including three years in the Southwest Pacific Theater.

In 1949 he graduated from Louisiana State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism.

For over 11 years Mr. Richard was a reporter for daily newspapers in Louisiana and Texas, and for six years was the Assistant to the Mayor of Houston.

For over 20 years he was the Executive Assistant to Houston entrepreneur Joe Allbritton, overseeing press and public relations for banks, insurance companies, newspapers and television in Houston, Los Angeles, and Washington.

Steve was an avid tennis player and won several tennis tournaments over many years.

He was the beloved husband of the late Joan (McCurdy) Richard for 54 years, and his survivors include a son, Stephen J. Richard, III and his wife Mame Hunt Richard of Alexandria, Va.; a daughter, Elizabeth "Beth" Richard of Haverhill; and a grandson, Taylor Richard.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Funeral services will be at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are by the H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, Haverhill and Bradford. Condolences to his family may be made at [www.farmerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.farmerfuneralhomes.com).

## Chester T. Jenkins, 83



ANDOVER — Chester T. Jenkins, 83, of Andover and Marion, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009 at the Pine Knoll Nursing Center

in Lexington.

Chester was born in Andover to the late Arthur and Alice (Taylor) Jenkins. Chester was the 10th generation of the Jenkins Family residing in Andover. Mr. Jenkins was the Senior Loan Officer at Andover Savings Bank for 34 years until his retirement in 1985. Chester enjoyed traveling to the Caribbean with his wife Inez and also enjoyed fishing and gardening. He served his country with the U.S. Army.

Chester was the beloved husband of the late Inez (Lewin)

Jenkins with whom he shared 54 years of marriage and is survived by his three sons, Roger L. Jenkins and his wife Susan of Andover, Stephen A. Jenkins of Concord, Mass. and Robert A. Jenkins and his wife Nancy of Arlington; his six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and his sister, Dorothy Johnston of Sanford, Maine. Chester was predeceased by his daughter Donna Malley.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend his funeral service on Thursday, Sept. 3 at 10 a.m. at South Church, Andover. Interment will follow in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover. Calling hours will be Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover, MA 01810. Chester may be remembered through donations to The Jimmy Fund, 1309 Beacon St., Brookline, MA 02446-9918. For directions or to sign the family guest book, visit [www.contefuneralhomes.com](http://www.contefuneralhomes.com).

## Mildred M. Huskey, 86



METHUEN — Mildred M. (Hodge) Huskey, 86, of Methuen, died Monday, Aug. 24, 2009 at Lawrence General Hospital in Lawrence.

She was born in Newburyport on Feb. 5, 1923 to Herbert and Gladys (Mitchell) Hodge. Mildred attended Amesbury Schools. She did housekeeping for various businesses throughout Lawrence including Dr. Quarterone's Office, Sandra Jeanine Florist and at the Kanan Building.

Mildred enjoyed playing darts and country and western dancing at various places in the Merrimack Valley. She was a volunteer for the Home League Women's Group and also a member of the League of Mercy. Mildred was a Sunday school teacher at the Vacation Bible School with the Salvation Army. She was involved in the Outdoor Air meetings and was an active

volunteer in the Cores Programs. She will sadly be missed by many people she touched.

Mrs. Huskey was the widow of John Huskey and is survived by two daughters, Mildred Provencher of Derry, N.H. and Katherine Nevarez of Lawrence; three sons John Huskey and his wife Kim of Salem, N.H., Donald Huskey and his wife Martha of North Andover, and Herb Huskey of Andover; brother Herbert Hodge and his wife Helen of Norton, 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

We would like to thank the Nevin's Nursing Home, Lawrence General Hospital, and the Merrimack Valley Hospice for the kind support and services through this difficult time.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Family and friends called on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009 at Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. Funeral services were held Friday, Aug. 28, 2009, in the funeral home chapel. For online condolences visit [www.cataudellaflh.com](http://www.cataudellaflh.com).

## Dennis V. Porter, 67



ANDOVER — Mr. Dennis Verne Porter, of Arlington, Texas, passed away Monday, Aug. 24, 2009 at his home in Texas at age 67.

Born in Lawrence, to the late George Alton Porter and Beatrice (Meuse) Porter, Dennis grew up in Andover. He attended Andover High

School, where he played both baseball and football and Syracuse University, where he was the hockey team goalie.

A veteran of the United States Coast Guard, Dennis was stationed on Iwo Jima and served as a White House Honor Guard under President John F. Kennedy. Dennis moved to Texas with his wife and two sons in 1979 to work for American Airlines, retiring in November, 2007 after 30 years of service. Dennis flew single-

engine planes as a young adult and enjoyed traveling throughout his life.

He was an avid reader and walker and cherished spending his retirement days with his wife. Dennis is survived by his beloved wife of 38 years, Andree Elizabeth Porter; his son Brett Michael Porter, wife, Renea and their daughter, Emma, of Ft. Worth, Texas; his son Ian Jason Porter of Los Angeles; and his two sisters, Patricia Ann White of

Methuen, and Jean Alice and her husband Bill Loehr of Lawrence. His brother is the late George Alton Porter, Jr. of Andover.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** His funeral service was held in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009. Calling hours were Monday, Aug. 31, 2009. Burial was private. Donations in Dennis' memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. For more information, please visit [www.burkemagliozi.com](http://www.burkemagliozi.com).

## Ruth Wilmot, 91



LOWELL — Mrs. Ruth (Neild) Wilmot, a resident of Lowell, died in Westford, Monday, Aug. 31, 2009, aged 91 years. She was the wife of the

late Robert Manning Wilmot.

Born in Lowell, Sept. 26, 1917, the daughter of the late Bertram and Alice (Robinson) Neild. She received her early education in the Lowell school system and graduated from Lowell High School with the class of 1936. Ruth matriculated to Bradshaw Business School.

In her earlier years she worked at several offices in Lowell, and during World War II worked in the payroll department at Remington Arms. Ruth met Robert at Hampton Beach in 1945, and they married on Aug. 7, 1948, they settled in Lowell to raise their family.

Mrs. Wilmot loved to spend time with her family, especially the Saturday shopping trips, the holidays, and many family vacations at Lake Winnepesaukee and Ocean Park, Maine. She

was a very talented seamstress and in her spare time she made clothes for her family and many afghans for family and friends. Ruth was always cheerful and smiling especially when it came to making Christmas special for her grandchildren. Mrs. Wilmot was a longtime member of Christ Church United in Lowell.

She is survived by two loving daughters, Joyce D. Rawlinson and her husband James of Andover and Allison M. Richards and her husband Brian of Pelham, N.H.; four precious grandchildren, Robert D. Rawlinson and his wife Lisa of Alpharetta, Ga., Meredith W. Rawlinson of Andover, Timothy R. Richards and Nichole A. Richards, both of Pelham, N.H.; several nieces and nephews, and many dear friends. She was the sister of the late Dorothy Custeau.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Friends will be received at the Morse-Bayliss Funeral Home, 122 Princeton Blvd. at Chester and Harvard Streets, Thursday, from 4 to 8 p.m. Funeral services at the funeral home Friday at 10 a.m. Friends invited. Interment in Westlawn Cemetery. Funeral Directors Frederick W. Healy and Walter F. Bayliss, Jr. www.morsebaylissfuneralhome.com.

## Conrad S. Cutrona, 74



ANDOVER — Conrad S. Cutrona of Andover and beloved husband of the late Yvonne (Henry) Cutrona, died at Lawrence General Hospital on Wednesday, Aug.

26, 2009. He was 74 years old.

Born in Lawrence, he was the beloved son of the late Salvatore and Flora (Forte) Cutrona. Conrad was retired from the Danvers State Hospital where he worked as a Mental Health Assistant for many years. He was a longtime member of St. Patrick Church in Lawrence and was a member of the Lawrence

Deaf Club. Mr. Cutrona had a band of his own in which he enjoyed playing the drums.

He is survived by one son, Dennis Cutrona of Gloucester; daughter, Dianne Cutrona of Watertown; granddaughter; Tabitha Libby of Maine, grandson; Marcus Cutrona of Gloucester, sister; Rose Rappazco of Lawrence, brother; Rocco Difuscio of Methuen, two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by Rocco and Constance (Cutrona) Difuscio.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A memorial Mass was celebrated in St. Patrick Church, Lawrence, Monday, at 11 a.m. Burial was in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, North Andover. For more information, visit [www.burkemagliozi.com](http://www.burkemagliozi.com).

## Joan E. Blanchette, 58



NORTH ANDOVER — Joan Elizabeth (Campbell) Blanchette, of North Andover, died on Friday, Aug.

28, 2009, following a lengthy illness. She was 58 years old.

Born in Lawrence, on Jan. 28, 1951, she was the beloved daughter of Eleanor M. (Bourque) Campbell and the late Alexander J. Campbell. Joan was the loving

mother of Jennifer J. and her husband Bryan S. Vincent of Biloxi, Miss. and Jessica M. Blanchette of North Andover. She was also the cherished grandmother of Victoria, Lauren and Jordan Vincent. Joan is survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was the sister of the late Alexander J. Campbell Jr. and Mary Ellen Tobias.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Her funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Augustine Church, Andover, Monday, Aug. 31, 2009. Calling hours were held prior to the Mass. Burial was West Parish Garden Cemetery, Andover. For more information, visit, [www.burkemagliozi.com](http://www.burkemagliozi.com).

## Goodbye, summer! Hello, work and school

The Labor Day holiday is the end of summer. Students are either back in school or soon will be.

It's time to hit the books and dig into homework. First, let's take time out to celebrate an important American holiday.

The first Labor Day was celebrated over 125 years ago in New York City. Matthew Maguire, a machinist, and Peter J. McGuire, a carpenter, helped stage a parade of workers.

On Sept. 5, 1882, about 20,000 workers marched up Broadway. After their parade, picnics were held all around the city. That night, fireworks lit up the sky in celebration.

The idea of honoring America's workers spread across the nation.

In 1894, President Grover Cleveland made Labor Day a national holiday. Labor Day is the first Monday in September throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada.

As you enjoy a day out of school, think about how important work is.

As you honor adult workers, also give yourself a pat on the back.

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If you get paid, you learn the value of money. You can learn how to save and budget.

You can set a goal and save for a special purchase.

Learning to be responsible is an important part of growing up.

No matter what type of work or chores you do, you make a difference. Keep up the good work!



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# Opinion

TRUMPETING THE ARRIVAL OF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

## Church growth happy sign

Andover's Free Christian Church, which took its first steps in the 1840s during the movement to abolish slavery, will now plant a foot in North Andover, too. With no more room to grow on Elm Street in the downtown, the church is establishing a second "campus," by leasing an auditorium and other space at Osgood Landing on Route 125 for a Sunday service, classes and a nursery each week. The church is the latest of many Andover congregations to expand during the last decade or so, a sign of that Andover remains strong and is growing in both people and, perhaps, spirituality.

In recent memory, Andover has seen new wings or buildings created at some of its oldest and most populous congregations, such as South Church and St. Augustine Parish.

It has seen significant growth and construction at some of its 20th century additions, such as at the Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church.

It has seen new groups created, such as Congregation Beth Israel, a synagogue formed in 2005, when Congregation Tifereth Israel of Andover and Temple Beth El in Lowell merged. The congregation is raising money to build a new temple at 13 Boutwell St.

Some groups, such as the Chimmaya Mission at 1 Union St. have both arrived in town and expanded their facilities.

All of which seems good news for the health of Andover. One does not need to be religious. However, houses of worship that are respectful of others and whose members strive to be better people have long been the backbone of this country and our town. Communities benefit from having reflective people with a commitment to serving causes greater than themselves.

## School and the swine flu

Taking proper precautions without inciting panic is the difficult task facing public health officials at the national, state and local levels as we approach the flu season and as school gets underway. This year there's an 800-pound gorilla in the room known as H1N1 or the swine flu. Last year's fears regarding the spread and lethality of H1N1 turned about to be overblown, but predictions are that the virus is poised to make a comeback. Researchers are scrambling to come up with an effective vaccine for manufacture and distribution later this year. However, doctors and other health professionals advise that taking proper, and normal, precautions to avoid spreading or catching disease - hand washing, avoiding sneezing into your hands or the air, and staying home if you have flu-like symptoms - constitute the most effective preventative measure. This week the White House announced that it has enlisted several "Sesame Street" characters to help spread the word on these "steps kids and their parents can take to stay happy and healthy this school year."

There's a Web site (www.flu.gov) run by the federal Centers for Disease Control that offers a wealth of information on the origins, prevalence and treatment of the various strains of the flu virus. From there you can track preparations underway here in the commonwealth. There's no need for anxiety, but some simple precautions could go a long way.

## WEB QUESTION

The need to know

Last week's question: Andover's cost structure is unsustainable

With two Special Town Meetings this fall, Andover's budget debate is ongoing. Last week, we asked you "Do you feel Andover has an unsustainable cost structure?" With 51 responses, an overwhelming majority, 86.27 percent, said "Yes, and we need to trim down." Second place, with 11.76 percent of responses, was "No, it's just a bad economy, affecting state aid and town revenues." Two percent of voters said "I'm not sure."

This week's question: how much information?

A front-page story in this week's Townsman highlighted the Andover police's policy not to release details surrounding a sexual assault incident, including whether it happened in town. How much would you want to know?

Victims' rights and privacy are most important, so little to no little information

should be released.

The public should be informed of more information.

I would want to know if it happened in my neighborhood.

I want to know where and how it happened, in case it could happen again in town.

If the perpetrator is caught and there is no further danger, then we don't need to know.

Releasing information would discourage future victims not want to report an incident.

Releasing information could be used as a teaching tool about safety.

Depends on the circumstances. I trust police to make the call.

Other.

To cast your vote, go to www.andovertownsmen.com and scroll all the way to the bottom of the page. For different or lengthier answers, e-mail Editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsmen.com



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Sam Masters on the trumpet practices during band rehearsals at Andover High School.

## Doctor: Why I'm in favor of health care reform

Hayward Zwerling, M.D., FACP, FACE

10 Coventry Lane

### Health care costs rising fast

The cost of health care is rising faster than inflation and, as a result, it is eating up an increasingly larger percent of everybody's income. Without change, we can expect health insurance premiums to double in the next 10-15 years. This is totally unacceptable.

If this happens, the federal government will not be able to sustain Medicare (for senior citizens) and Medicaid (for low-income citizens) in the future. Thus, no matter what you think of the health care reform that is now being debated in Washington, something must change as the current system will collapse under its own weight in the not too distant future.

### US health care is more expensive and less effective than it should be

Health care provided in the United States is more expensive and the quality of health care provided to the general public is inferior to health care provided in most of the Western world. This is not an issue which is open to debate: it is a fact.

One of the outcomes that should result from health care reform is that the quality of care should improve while the cost of medical care should be reduced. This will occur because health care decisions

will be based on the best available medical science.

Unfortunately, at the present time, if there are two treatment options, we do not have the medical research available to tell physicians which is the better, safer, more effective, less expensive treatment option. The physician makes his/her best guess. Health care reform will incorporate "comparative medical research." This will make it possible for physicians to choose the best treatment for the patient. In addition, "comparative medical research" will reduce the amount of money spent on ineffective and dangerous treatments.

### People with health insurance are paying the bill for people who do not have insurance

Approximately 46 million Americans do not have health insurance. When an uninsured patient goes to a hospital, medical costs are incurred by the hospital. The hospital has to pay for medicines, staff, electricity, etc. In the end, somebody must pay for these services.

In reality, states maintain a fund of money which is used to reimburse hospitals for the "free care" which they are required to provide to patients who have no insurance. In the end, expenses are paid by your tax dollars. If everybody had insurance, these taxes would not be needed.

Essentially, people who have no health insurance are forcing people who have health insurance to pay the medical bills for the uninsured. This is not fair.

### Primary goal of health insurance companies is to earn a profit

Currently, health insurance companies can refuse to insure a patient who has a "prior medical condition." For example, if, in the past, you had a benign (noncancerous) breast lump, the insurance company will likely refuse to give you affordable health insurance as you have a "pre-existing condition."

When patients get sick, it is not uncommon for health insurance companies to try to cancel coverage or reduce benefits. They do both of these things to reduce the amount of money they have to spend, so as to maximize their profit. There's nothing evil about this, it is the way the system is structured. Health care reform will prohibit both of these practices. In addition, when patients change jobs or move, their health insurance policy will move with them. All of these things are reasonable, and in the best interest of society overall.

### No "death panels" proposed

There is currently a tremendous amount of factually incorrect information which is circulating in the public press, regarding the health care debate. Most of these inflammatory issues have been created by people who were trying to prevent health care reform and have no basis in fact.

If a statement by these groups seems outlandish to you, it is likely because it is not true. I would be happy to answer your

questions on this topic.

### If you like your health plan, you can keep it.

As has been repeatedly stated by many members of Congress and the president, if you like your current health insurance plan, you will be able to keep it.

### Health care reform is essential, NOW

If we do not change how the health care system operates, health care costs will continue to rise, the federal deficit will continue to rise, patients will continue to be rejected for health insurance, patients will get kicked off health insurance plans when they become ill, the number of uninsured patients will rise and the quality of health will deteriorate.

If a patient has high blood pressure, high cholesterol or diabetes, we can treat those problems as soon as they are diagnosed, or we can wait until they have their heart attack or stroke and then treat them. Obviously, treating the problems early is far less expensive and better than treating the problem later. The same applies to our health care system.

We can choose to fix the health care system now, or we can wait for the system to collapse, and try to fix it later. Obviously, the latter option will be far more expensive and very disruptive.

If we want to avoid the catastrophic collapse of your health care system, we need health care reform now.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### LETTERS POLICY

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(the Uniform Code of Military Justice) to restriction on whom they can socialize with in their off time. Since the civil service does not have such a pervasive effect on its members' lives, there is no need for an institution to communicate what is in the mainstream of American culture.

In addition to the difference of culture, there is also the question of qualification. New officers who complete the service academies then report for advanced training specific to the duties they will carry out. Civil servants, on the other hand, are typically hired based on their education or work background. In other words, this proposed school would perform not only the duties of an academy, but would also have to conduct much of the federal government's job training for civil servants. The foreign travel that Ms. Piero notes as being part of the curriculum sounds like gold-plating at this point.

Finally, there is the question of why we need such an institution. The current size of the civil service

does not indicate any lack of applicants. Many would argue that with 60 percent of federal employees eligible to retire, it would be a great time to pare down to federal workforce through attrition. Also, the idea of civil servants going to a separate school seems to somehow separate them from the mainstream of American society.

JOHN JORDAN  
Former Andover resident

### Reform needed, but don't take my word on it

In recent weeks we have seen several letters deriding the efforts to reform healthcare in America. Some facts should be injected into the discussion. First, the US spends roughly twice as much per capita on healthcare as any other developed nation in the world. Here are some numbers from 2007 (in US dollars per person):

US: \$7290, Switzerland: \$4417, Canada: \$3805, France: \$3601, UK: \$2992, Italy: \$2686, Japan: \$2581

Second, there is no systematic study that shows that US healthcare is the best in the world, a claim frequently made by opponents of reform. In fact, France, Italy, Japan and others are frequently described as the best at less than half the cost of US care. Moreover, all of these countries cover nearly 100 percent of their citizens. Bankruptcy resulting from medical debt, not uncommon here, is unheard of in these countries. One or two anecdotes about longer waiting times for elective surgery like a hip replacement in Canada does not an argument make. And lest we forget, nearly two-thirds of hip replacements in the US are covered primarily by Medicare, a government-run program.

Much was made in a letter of the case of McAllen, Texas, which is both poor (and therefore Medicare and Medicaid pays for much of the healthcare) and has the highest costs in the country. The implication was that Medicare and Medicaid helped create this dynamic. Neighboring El Paso is also very poor but has lower than average healthcare costs. Doctor and author Atul Gawande, who recently wrote about McAllen's high cost of care in the New Yorker, explicitly cited other factors as the principal causes of the high costs in McAllen.

It has also been suggested that reform is being "forced down our throats." I don't see how having town hall meetings and debates in both houses of congress fits that description. Moreover, last year we had a major election. Health care reform was one of the main domestic issues debated. The Democratic Party and Barack Obama, who favored reform, won that election pretty handily.

If you believe, as I do, that the wealthiest country on earth should also provide the best healthcare for all its citizens then we have a long way to go and there's much we can learn from other countries. But even if you prefer that a form of social Darwinism should determine the kind of healthcare one receives, you must concede at the least that our system is very inefficient.

Lastly, I urge all citizens to do the hard work of learning about this important issue themselves. Don't trust me or the other writers to the Townsman and certainly don't trust the terrible inaccuracies, e.g. "death squads", put forth by the likes of Sarah Palin and Rush Limbaugh and other talk radio purveyors of demagoguery.

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# Education

## New Andover school needs educational plan, too

**Ken Seifert**



What is a schoolhouse? It depends on the values and dreams of the community where it stands.

In Africa I have seen three-room

huts with a few books that carry the hopes and dreams of an entire village for the future of its children. The villagers believe it to be so.

In most towns in America, a new schoolhouse is the replacement of an old tired building. The new facility is basically the same as the old one, only newer. We spend millions, have an opening celebration and, as the years go by, watch the new school grow old.

Alright, I will concede this is a slight exaggeration.

But how about having a vision and a standard for what the new school building should be?

A schoolhouse is the community's collective judgment of what a building will be for the next 40 years. It represents our investment, human and financial, in

providing your children with the best shot at an uncertain future we know will be vastly different from today.

It should be flexible to accommodate large-group, small-group and individual activities. It should not just be 950 feet of dedicated space for every 25 people. You know, the square boxes we have had since the early 1900s. We need some of them, but not for every academic classroom. In my opinion, the present Bancroft Elementary School has the most flexible and practical space of any school in New England. It has a horrible roof that has caused all of us migraine headaches and

many dollars. But when it was built in 1969, it was ahead of its time for a traditional New England town.

The new Bancroft School should take the best of what we have today, what research has shown to be effective practices, and new things that will provide better future for Andover's children. It could be a model school where we rotate administrators, faculty and students. It should have formal space for a parent center – a place where parents can better learn how to help educate their children – and for youth services. It can be the training ground for new teachers.

We should also hire new personnel, to match the model of what we expect in our educators. We can also have a staff development program for existing personnel.

Any of the above strategies can be conducted in any school, old or new. However, the prospect of a new building provides an added impetus to dream and develop a strategic plan to make it become a reality.

We have already begun the process of creating a new facility. The most important step in such a process is the construction of the education specifications. It is not the bricks and mortar. We should not wait for approval

of funding and then decide our dream. The dream and hopes drive what the community wants in a facility. What is our dream?

When the new facility opens on that first day, what will Andover's hope for the future be?

For an example of education specifications, see [www.andovertownsmen.com](http://www.andovertownsmen.com). Ken Seifert is a former superintendent of Andover schools and 40-year resident of Andover and believes "Andover community schools should be places where life long learners dream, make plans, work on those plans and make a better place for everyone."

## REVIEW OF 'DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL'

### Personal and poignant, true-life tale

By MARI MIYACHI  
WHAT'S UP WRITER

As a teenage girl myself, I have always been extremely impressed with Anne Frank. Only 13 when she began writing her diary, Frank's words have remained one of the premier chronicles of the horrors of the Holocaust. Her legacy is undoubtedly remarkable – her book, *Diary of a Young Girl*, is often cited as one of the most influential of the 20th century. My own interest in Anne Frank was piqued by both the infamy of her diary and the startling fact that Frank was very near my own age during the time she wrote.

*Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank, published in 1947 by her father, Otto, is just that – a diary. Anne writes on a regular basis, addressing her diary by "Kitty," and as the book progresses, Anne's diary entries become frequent, as she increasingly relies on Kitty as an emotional anchor. The diary spans from June 12, 1942, when Anne received an autograph book for her 13th birthday and decided to make it her diary, till her last entry on Aug. 1, 1944.

After her mother is demanded to enroll at a Nazi labor camp, and shortly after her own 13th birthday, Anne and her family are forced to go into hiding in Amsterdam under the care of a handful of Otto's trustworthy employees. From then on, the Frank family, joined by the van Pels family and Fritz Pfeffer, will stay in the "Secret Annex," as it was called, for more than two years. Anne's diary is the most personal reflection of this isolated existence, representing not only the pains of a family and a girl trying to escape persecution, but also the plight of coming-of-age under such adverse circumstances.

*Diary of a Young Girl* plays out like a novel at times, with distinct plotlines and character developments. There are moments when I was shocked by consciously realizing that *Diary* is not a work of fiction, but in fact the real and personal thoughts of a young teenage girl. This is where Anne's universal appeal lies: she strikes a balance between wisdom and gravity in her reflections, particularly pertaining to the war, and reality – the reader sees Anne's aspirations of becoming an actress, jealous relationship with her older sister, and relatable teenage lust. Indeed, there is a stark contrast between the bright and inspiring persona of Anne and the dark, frightening experience that she undergoes, leaving a poignant image of Jewish suffering during World War II.

I would give *Diary of a Young Girl* a 9 out of 10. Anne's narrative is precious, as it is one of the most truthful and real depictions of life during the Holocaust ever to be published. *Diary's* balance between playful humor and rare poignancy make it versatile, appealing to a wide range of readers spanning across generations and the globe. While most people know the tragic ending to Anne's unfinished diary, her writing remains a captivating and suspenseful portrait of a youth growing into a woman, and of the Jewish plight under Nazi rule.



Olivia Biles, right, and Mackenzie Billings check out their lockers during freshman orientation at Andover High School last week.

TIM JEAN/Staff photos



Chris Harris, a senior, answers questions from new students during freshman orientation at Andover High School. The orientation takes place days before the start of school to help first-year students feel comfortable in the new surroundings.



Eric Liu practices the saxophone with the Andover High School Marching Band last week, during intensive rehearsals held before the beginning of the school year.

## NEW YEAR DAWNS

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

School starts today, Sept. 3, for the Andover Public Schools.

Besides the kindergartners and new students in Andover, more than 20 new teachers begin this week along with new principals Jonathan Harris at Andover High School and Pamela Lathrop at High Plain Elementary.

The new hires replace teachers and other personnel who retired at the end of the last school year. None of the more than 40 positions laid off last spring have been restored, emphasized

Superintendent Claudia Bach.

"We reduced \$3.2 million from the FY2010 budget, and that meant eliminating more than 40 positions, so this has resulted in a major change in our delivery of many of our programs and services," said Bach in an e-mail.

"Whatever the budget situation, the kids will be climbing aboard the yellow buses and be eager to begin the new year. We must never forget our duty to advocate for all children – this is their time and we cannot let them down," said Bach.



Joe Spanos, television production teacher, speaks with new students during freshman orientation at Andover High School.



Nate Byers, 5, left, leads his mother, Catherine, down the hallway toward his class along with Ashley Chiang, 5, during story time and tour of West Elementary School held for students entering kindergarten.

■ ON CAMPUS

**Adam Silevitch**, a graduate of Andover High School, Class of 2000, and UMass Amherst, Class of 2004, graduated from the Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine in May, as a D.M.D. He is currently living in New York City doing a pediatric dental residency at New York Presbyterian Hospital-Columbia University. His parents are Pam and Barry Silevitch of Andover.

**Jennifer J. Dlesk** of Andover graduated in May 2009 from the College of Media at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She majored in broadcast journalism.

**Ben Grant**, son of Chris and Martha Grant of Andover, received a bachelors degree in economics and history from Williams College at the college's 220th commencement exercises on Sunday, June 7, 2009.

His honors and prizes include Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude recognition.

**Jonathan DeLeo** graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science in business administration from Villanova University, majoring in finance. DeLeo is a 2004 graduate of Andover High School. He is the son of Susan DeLeo and the late Larry DeLeo of Andover.

The following Andover residents are 2009 graduates of Union College:

**Elizabeth Fortier** graduated with a bachelor of science in psychology.

**Nathan Althuler** graduated with a bachelor of science in mathematics.

**Luke Bryden** graduated with a bachelor of arts in arts.

The following Andover residents are participating in a summer internship program through Connecticut College.

**Sara Christopher** is interning for Gray and Rice Public Relations in Boston, working in the public relations field.

**Hannah French** is interning for Cape Ann Museum in Gloucester, working in the museum/art field.

**Andrew Gatti** is interning for Legal Outreach, Inc. in New York, working in the nonprofit field.

**Rachel Lindmark** is interning for Safety Insurance Co. in Boston, working in the business field.

**Christopher Muscatello** is interning for Wediko N.H. Summer Program in Boston, working in the nonprofit field.

**Julia Wise** is interning for ONE Lowell in Lowell.

**Sean Brogan** of Andover, son of William and Maureen Brogan, graduated with a bachelor of science degree from Ithaca College's Roy H. Park School of Communications in May 2009.

**Geoffrey Kent Wuehrmann**, son of Jan and Peter Wuehrmann of Andover, graduated from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C., in May 2009. He studied in Dublin, Ireland during the first semester of his junior year and he was an economic major and graduated with honors.

Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. held its 145th Commencement on Sunday, May 24.

**Jessie Dewell Shields**, daughter of Edward and Debra Shield of Andover, majored in History and Italian and received a bachelor of arts degree.

The following Andover student graduated from Massachusetts College of Art and Design in Boston, during a ceremony held at the college on Friday, May 22, 2009.

**Gina Maria Tassinari** was awarded a bachelor of fine arts in

fashion. Approximately 4,250 students in nearly 100 majors received undergraduate degrees from the University of Massachusetts Amherst commencement was held May 23, 2009 at the Warren P. McGuirk Alumni Stadium.

The following students from Andover who earned a bachelor's degree are:

**Carolyn L Alvarez, Christopher R. Cook, Yashika S. Dewani, Laura S. Deyermond, Courtney M. Ellison, Jeremy S. Foster, Stephen C. Games, David A. Gardner, James F. Grieve, Conan Jen, Meghan E. Keefe, Jonathan J. Kerry, Sara H. Lefman, Brianna N. Levy, Jamie Rachel Maltz, Jill M. Newman, Louis Anthony Peracchi, Douglas W. Ramsdell, Matthew J. Saia, Anthony D Schmitt, Paige M. Shaffer, Cara A. Sullo, Sheila Tayebi, Pardeep S. Thandi and Stephanie A. Wong.**

**Roopa Lakshmi Chari, Stephen Ting Chang and Adam Johns Holt** of Andover graduated and received bachelor of arts degrees from Dartmouth College during the spring 2009 commencement exercises.

Chari is the daughter of Desi M. Chari and Parimala M. Chari. She majored in environmental studies and minored in public policy and biology.

Chang is the son of Shing D. Chang and Jane S. Tzou. He majored in history and minored in economics.

Holt is the son of William S. Holt and Judith P. Holt. He majored in Russian.

The following students from Andover were named to the dean's list for the 2009 spring semester at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. To attain dean's list status, students must have a grade-point average of 3.2 or higher out of a possible 4.0.

**Lauren E. Barber, Allison Lynn**

**Carver, Stephen J. Danforth, Paul Robert Furness, Rosita Maeks-Anderson, and Matthew Paul Phaneuf.**

**Alexander G. Campbell** of Andover, a student in the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University, has been named to the dean's list for the spring quarter of the 2008-09 academic year.

Students on the dean's list have attained a grade-point average of at least 3.70 on a 4.0 scale.

**Annie Carlton and Matthew Moschitto** were named to the dean's list at Bates College as a result of their scholastic standing during the winter semester of the 2008-09 academic year.

Carlton, a biology major, is a 2006 graduate of The Paideia School in Atlanta, Ga. She is the daughter of Susan and Ralph Carlton of Andover.

Moschitto, a chemistry major, is a 2007 graduate of Lawrence Academy. He is the son of Lawrence and Linda Moschitto of Andover.

**Samuel Baird**, a junior in American University's School of Communication majoring in visual media, was named to the spring 2009 dean's list. Baird is a resident of Andover.

To earn dean's list at American University in Washington, D.C. a student must obtain a 3.5 grade-point average or better on their semester courses.

**Katherine McKelliget** was recently awarded honors grades from the University of Sussex, England. An honors student in the Commonwealth College Program at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, she received the honors Director Award from the political science department and the David and Kathleen Scott Scholar Award to pursue

studies abroad. McKelliget is in her senior year at UMass, studying for a degree in political science and history. She is the daughter of John and Susan McKelliget.

The following students from Andover made the spring 2009 dean's list at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, according to a release from the school. To qualify for the UMass Lowell dean's list, students were required to have a grade-point average of 3.25 with no grade lower than a C.

**Margaret Murphy, James Callery, Zubin Massihzadegan, Jonathon Strass, Timothy Bengston, Cynthia Morell, Paula Bustos, Nicole Dwyer, Nicholas Lee, Dan Conrad, Megan Lewis, Gregory Finger, Daniel Piercy, Yenitza Hernandez, Sarah Ciras, Matthew Perry, Jared Taylor, Joshua Miksch, Gerald Mohan Jr., William Pecoroni, Christine Campbell, Nicholas Lee, Gregory Famiglietti, Jenna DaSilva, Ann Marie Papadopulu, Vinayta Ahuja, Ryan Mackay, Aidan O'Donnell, Manasa Kamineni, Alyssa Karahalios, Brian Lemke, Christopher Tripp, Caitlin Watts**

**Adam Silevitch**, son of Pam and Barry Silevitch of Andover, graduated in May 2009 from BU Goldman School of Dental Medicine. He graduated from Andover High School in 2000 and did his undergrad at UMass Amherst, graduating in 2004. He is doing his pediatric dental residency at New York Presbyterian Hospital-Columbia University.

Wake Forest University student **John Edward Nugent** has been named to the university's dean's list for spring semester, 2009. Students who achieved a 3.4 and no grade below a C were named to the list. Nugent is a 2008 graduate of Pingree School in South Hamilton and is the son of Kathleen and John Nugent of Andover.

■ LOCAL SCHOLARS

John's Preparatory School recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the fourth quarter of the 2008-09 school year.

Students who qualified for the headmaster's list earned grades of A- or above in all courses, students who qualified for the principal's list earned grades of B+ or above in all courses, and students who qualified for the honor roll earned grades of B or

above in all courses.

The following students from Andover were named to the headmaster's list: **Christopher Brock-Fisher**, Class of 2009; **Timothy Lynch**, Class of 2010; and **Varun Vadlapati**, Class of 2011.

The following student from Andover were named to the principal's list: **Sejong Oh**, Class of 2012.

The following students from Andover were named to the honor roll: **Peter Andon**, Class of 2009; **James Bradley**, Class

of 2009; **Michael Chan**, Class of 2009; **Zachary Costello**, Class of 2010; **Eric Struhl**, Class of 2010; **Matthew Broderick**, Class of 2012, **Devin Burke**, Class of 2012; **Jonah Wolf**, Class of 2012.

The following Andover students earned awards at a ceremony at Northfield Mount Hermon School for the 2008-09 school year.

**Christopher Johst**, dean's list, The Nancy Angell Rickenbacker Art Prize

**Svetlana Kobtseva**, Moody Effort Award, The Awards in Spanish, Head of School's List, The Smith College Book Prize

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

**Christopher David Johst** received Honors  
**Svetlana Dmitrievna Kobtseva** received High Honors

■ SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here is what is for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Sept. 7 to 11:

Elementary schools

Monday: No School - Labor Day  
Tuesday: Meatball sub with sauce and cheese, grilled cheese sandwich, bagel and yogurt or string cheese, baked potato wedges, veggies and fresh fruit.

Wednesday: Pasta, meat or marinara sauce, garlic bread, buffalo chicken salad, bread stick, jumbo pretzel and yogurt, orange glazed carrots, fresh fruit and juice.

Thursday: Chicken tenders, dinner roll, tuna salad on a roll with lettuce and tomato, roasted turkey sandwich, Greek pasta salad, fresh veggies and icy juicy.

Friday: French bread pizza, cheddar burger on a multi-grain roll, salad, fresh fruit and juice.

Middle schools

Monday: No School - Labor Day  
Tuesday: Cheese or veggie personal pizza, chicken nuggets basket, grilled cheese and tomato panini, cole slaw, Greek pasta salad and fresh melon.

Wednesday: Meatball sub with sauce and cheese, macaroni and cheese, bread stick, chicken breast slider with lettuce and tomato, Mediterranean squash, whole kernel corn and fresh fruit.

Thursday: Cheese or pepperoni pan pizza, chicken fajita and toppings, spanish rice, steamed broccoli and fresh fruit.

Friday: Cheddar burger, ravioli topped with mozzarella and sauce, garlic bread, salad, fresh fruit and juice.

Andover High School

Monday: No School - Labor Day  
Tuesday: Spaghetti or rotini, meat or marinara sauce, garlic bread, side of chicken or eggplant parmesan.

Wednesday: Oven-roasted turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, seasoned peas, cranberry sauce, dinner roll and fresh fruit.

Thursday: Homemade stuffed peppers, Italian bread, tossed salad and fruit cup.  
Friday: Manager's choice.

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

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

For prices or other information about lunches, call Gail Koutroubas, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

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# Townspeople

## LIVING THE HEIGHTS LIFE



From left, Elanor Schweizer, 5, Teddy Salamone, 4, Maddie Puccia, 11, Owen Salamone, 7, Zoey Saum, 6, and Sophia Kachel, 5, play with a bubble machine during the Shawsheen Heights Block Party on Sunday, Aug. 30.

KATE GLASS/Staff photos



TOP: Meredith Gilbert, 5, Sophia Schweizer, 6, Sophia Kachel, 5, and Elanor Schweizer, 5, make chalk drawings as Madeline Macaulay, 5, watches during the Shawsheen Heights Block Party.

RIGHT: Food assignments, such as appetizers, sodas, and desserts, were divided by streets during the party.



## BoomerVenture starts new programs for fall

BoomerVenture, a group of programs geared to Baby Boomers, is beginning a new series of classes, now offered on three afternoons per week. Call to register: 978-623-8321.

The BoomerVenture Campus is at 30 Whittier Court in Andover. BoomerVenture fall semester will return to Thursday evenings after Labor Day.

Information is available for the following classes upcoming in the fall semester:

**The Times, They Are A-Changin'!**: BoomerVenture Campus will expand its days and times beginning in September.

**Boomer Zumba**: Cardio fitness with a Latin flair. Dance to Afro-

Caribbean music and Latin beats, with flamenco, belly dance, rock and hip hop thrown in to mix it up. You'll party instead of working out. Licensed Zumba instructor Katie Pina, Andover High School teacher. Program runs Sept. 10 to Nov. 19, on Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:20 p.m. and costs \$60 per 11 week session.

**Nordic Walking**: Use specially designed poles to activate both the upper and lower body, resulting in as much as 46 percent increase caloric expenditure over walking. Low impact on joints, as you increase upper body strength and release shoulder and neck tension. Find out why this specialized form of walking

has become the fastest growing physical activity throughout Europe. Custom poles available/space limited. Program runs on Wednesdays, starting yesterday, Sept. 2 through Oct. 7, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at a cost of \$36 for a six-week session. Instructor: Denise Boucher. Bonus: Join a Free Nordic AVIS walk on Saturday Oct. 3 at 9 a.m.

**Energize with Exercise**: Work-out hard without going to the gym. High results with low impact floor aerobics and weight training. Sept. 14 - Dec. 14. Mondays 3:25 to 4:25 p.m. \$65 for 12-week session. Instructor: Denise Boucher

**Boomer Bridge**: If you ever thought about learning to play

bridge then now's the time. This introductory course is both for first-timers and those who are returning to the game. Bridge is a partnership card game with three elements: bidding, playing, and defending. Our eight-week session will get you through the basics of modern bidding. Each lesson will consist of one hour of lecture and demos and one hour of play. ACBL accredited bridge instructor Terry Kay Bargar. Oct. 26 - Dec. 14. Mondays 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. \$125 per eight-week session.

Pre-registration required. Call 978-623-8321 or visit [www.boomerventure.com](http://www.boomerventure.com) to download registration form.

## Young teachers, inner-city classrooms

### Four local college grads sign up with Teach for America

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

#### ANDOVER'S TEACHERS FOR AMERICA

Four Andover natives and recent college graduates are tackling a very different classroom environment this fall.

Matthew Brennan, Benjamin Hoerner, Anne Sharp and Jessie Shields have signed up to teach inner-city students in the public schools of New Orleans, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. with Teach For America.

Teach For America places recent college graduates of all backgrounds and academic majors in public school classrooms in low-income communities around the U.S. The organization recruits outstanding college students, with leadership experience and top academics, with the goal of eliminating educational inequity in America.

"I am sort of a lifelong academic, I guess I would use the word nerd. I loved school, from kindergarten through college. I came into Teach For America with the unfair impression that learning always happened in a classroom," said Matthew Brennan, who is teaching English Language Arts to at-risk high-schoolers in New Orleans. "What I know now is that my students have an emotional and personal maturity and integrity that I don't have and may never have. They have dealt with things I can never have imagined dealing with, and have come through, for the most part, for the better, with a strong fabric of personality."

"I have learned there are other kinds of learning that exist. That you can be a successful, decent, hardworking person and never have had success in school," he said.

All four of the Andover natives in Teach for America graduated from college last spring. Shields is an Andover High School

■ Matthew Brennan, a graduate of Phillips Academy (2005) and the University of Southern California (2009), teaching in New Orleans

■ Benjamin Hoerner, a graduate of Phillips Academy (2005) and Cornell University (2009), teaching in New Orleans

■ Anne Sharp, a graduate of Phillips Academy (2005) and Georgetown University (2009), teaching in Washington D.C.

■ Jessie Shields, a graduate of Andover High School (2005) and Vassar College (2009), teaching in Philadelphia

graduate and Brennan, Hoerner and Sharp are graduates of Phillips Academy.

Teach for America sends its members to a five-week training program, observing classrooms and veteran teachers, before they are sent out into the field. Throughout as two-year commitment, TFA teachers partner with experienced teachers and mentors.

Jessie Shields, a member of the AHS class of 2005, now teaching in Philadelphia, attributes many of the gains made by TFA teachers to the veteran teachers they have as mentors.

"For it is those veteran teachers who often set up the inexperienced TFA teachers for the successes that are so widely and publicly celebrated," said Shields in an e-mail to the Townsman. "My summer school classroom of 11th-graders in Northeast Philadelphia went from an average of 36 percent mastery of the subject material to an average of 90 percent mastery in just five short weeks. They had the highest gains in the school. Every single student passed the course and got

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Courtesy photo

Andover native Matthew Brennan will be teaching language arts in a New Orleans public school for the next two years as part of the Teach For America program. Brennan graduated from Phillips Academy in 2005.

## Thinking about new outlet outside the column arc

### Bill Dalton



Most of you don't know me and some of you may be curious why I write this column. That's a good question, since I haven't lived in Andover

for several years.

Andover is my hometown. The Dalton family came to Andover in 1907 after my newly widowed grandmother started a downtown bakery. Later, my dad owned a drug store downtown that was a high school hangout, and my Aunt Frances (dad's sister) headed the public school's art department. My mother, Jeanie Scannell, grew up in Ballardvale. Mom's grandfather, Farquhar MacKenzie, the bright spot in her

young life, owned a grocery store near the bottom of Essex Street on Red Spring Road, and a bar in Lawrence. I have many relatives in Andover.

I was a lawyer in town for 30 years, the town moderator for five years, and a selectman for six. I was on the Planning Board as a fill-in for a year. It was the most boring thing I ever did, and I admire folks who can do such work.

During the 1980s, I wrote two columns a week for the Eagle Tribune, and did book reviews. I wrote about lots of things, but many of the columns were about Andover. Some were collected in a small book called "Local Touch" and printed by the Eagle Tribune. I was fired when I wrote that Andover was being taken over by Yuppies. Heck, I was only joking, wasn't I?

I grew up at 57 Chestnut St. and helped my first wife, a good person and wonderful mother, raise our kids at 9 Old South

Lane. After they were through growing up, I moved to Atlanta when I began working for the American Cancer Society, and then transferred to Austin, Texas, where I lived with my new wife, Katharine, for four years. She and I moved to New Hampshire late last year. She's from Berkeley, Calif. but likes cold weather and snow, as I do. We wanted to live in a quiet, rural place, so we bought a log cabin in the woods. I have a son who is a lawyer in Andover, another son who is a police sergeant in Durham, N.H., and a daughter who runs a retail store in Portsmouth.

I have two stepchildren, who are much younger than my other children, and my wife is much younger than I am. She's smart and has a wide range of knowledge and is an expert on autism. She ran an autism foundation in Atlanta. Katharine reads my columns before I submit them and doesn't hesitate to tell me when

they flop. Despite this, we have a fun relationship, and I'm enjoying life. My outward demeanor is often more severe than what I feel. My grandchildren call me "Grumpist," and I like the name.

New Hampshire is not new to me. I went to UNH in 1961 for my BS in economics. My law degree came from BU, and I have a masters degree from the Kennedy School. I was never in the service due to an athletic injury. I know quite a bit about labor law because I was a commissioner of labor relations in MA and published a short book on the subject. I'm now a specialist in nonprofit law, since my only client has been the American Cancer Society for 12 years. In addition to law, I've owned a book store and a real estate development company. As you can see, I've done a lot of things, some were successful, some were not.

I have an unusual memory, partly the unintended result of

brain surgery when I was 51. I'm now 66. My long-term memory improved, but my short-term memory declined. To compensate, I take a lot of notes and am mildly obsessive-compulsive. (My family would suggest dropping the word "mildly.") The tumor that required the surgery permanently disrupted my balance, so I stagger and fall a lot. It's an unattractive trait, and I gave up such things as tennis, golf, and flying small airplanes. To replace what I can't do, I find things I can do. That's part of the aging process anyway. I enjoy working outdoors, even though I lose my balance a lot. I've fallen on my vegetables several times this summer. I compensate by mumbling bad words.

Writing is a hobby and a distraction, and I enjoy it. When I write, I lose track of time and become focused. It's like meditation. I've been writing the Andover Townsman column for

five years. Most of what I write about is Andover's history. I'm not an historian, but I'm pretty careful with my facts. Many of my columns come from my readers' ideas.

I have strong opinions, especially about politics, economics, baseball, and America's culture. I keep my opinions out of my column, or at least I don't hammer on them, because I want my column to be a place you can go and not be assaulted. Someday soon, I'll find an outlet for my opinions, but the outlet won't interfere or mingle with this column. I will broaden the subject matter of the column but in ways I think you'll enjoy.

■■■  
I welcome your emails at [billdalton@andovertownie.com](mailto:billdalton@andovertownie.com). If you wish, please respond online. Virginia Perry Reck pinch hit for me the last two weeks and wrote two interesting columns. Thank you, Ginny.

# TEACH: Four locals to work at inner-city schools

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the necessary credit needed to go on to the 12th grade, but I can tell you, point blank, that I could not have lead my students to success without the help of the veteran teacher who was assigned to be my advisor. Jayne Johnson sat in the back of my classroom every single minute of every single day and then provided extensive feedback in return... [She] absolutely pushed me to become a more effective teacher."

Brennan was a double-major in history and film at the University of Southern California. In New Orleans, he teaches in a pre-GED program, where students learn job skills. His students range in age from 16 to 21, with reading skills ranging from illiterate to middle-school level.

"The kids themselves are not necessarily challenging. A lot of

them have never had any success in school at all, and express their frustration through acting out or not being motivated. It's a challenge to have such a wide range - you can't just pick one book for all of them. And I don't want to pick something too hard, and continue their frustration," said Brennan. "My understanding of how our educational system works is immensely deeper, after being in the classroom. There are so many deserving kids in this country that the system doesn't serve well."

Growing up in Andover prepared and inspired him to join Teach for America, he says.

"I have always been interested in teaching because I had some unbelievable teachers both in the Andover Public School system and at Phillips Academy. They gave me everything I love about the academic and intellectual fields," said Brennan.

## AUGUST FIRST BIRTHDAYS



**Evan Michael Beetham**

Evan Michael Beetham turned 1 on Aug. 14. He celebrated his first birthday on a family vacation in Maine. He is the son of Tom and Rona Beetham of Andover. Grandparents are Bob and Elaine Hurst of Newton and Bill and Susanna Beetham of Gilford, N.H. Evan is a very happy boy who loves to give hugs and smile. He enjoys bubbles, splashing in the pool and playing peek-a-boo. Most of all, Evan loves to play with his big brothers, Matthew, 9, and Danny, 7.



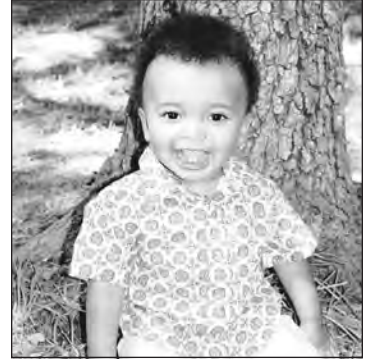
**Oona Ann Kathan**

Oona Ann Kathan celebrated her first birthday with her family and friends on Aug. 12. Oona enjoys exploring new situations and especially likes to play in the sand at the beach. She also likes being amused by her brother, Gus, 4. She is the daughter of Scott and Emily Muldoon Kathan of Somerville. Grandparents are Nancy Muldoon of Andover, and Pete and Penny Kathan of Wolfeboro, N.H.



**Lauren Hellman**

Lauren Hellmann celebrated her first birthday on Aug. 6 and has a smile for everyone she meets. Her parents are Mike Hellmann and Mary Lalley, of Andover. Her grandparents are Loretta and Dennis Lalley and Joyce and Wayne Hellmann. Her mom wrote, "We are all having so much fun with you, especially your big brother, Sean, and big sister, Elise."



**Benjamin Kwaku Gyimah**

Benjamin Kwaku Gyimah celebrated his first birthday on Aug. 6. He is the son of Emily Kaplan Gyimah, formerly of Andover and Kwabena Gyimah of Jacksonville, N.C. Grandparents are Joel and Debby Kaplan of Andover and Emanuel and Cecilia Gyimah of Alexandria, Va.



**Anna Ruth Zytkevich**

Anna Ruth Zytkevich celebrated her first birthday on Aug. 7. She is the daughter of Mark and Molly Zytkevich of Andover. Anna enjoys cruising around the house and playing with her older brothers, Max, 6, and Luke, 4.

The Townsman typically prints first birthday messages for babies in the last issue of the month they were born. Sometimes, however, they are printed in the first issue of the following month. First birthday messages for babies born during September 2008 are due Friday, Sept. 18 for inclusion in the Sept. 24 Townsman.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Power of the pen celebrated with letter-writing workshop

BY BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

First, snail mail gave way to e-mail. Now, social networking Web sites like Twitter and Facebook are slowly making inboxes everywhere seem antiquated. But when was the last time you received a hand-written letter?

That's the question staff at Memorial Hall Library and the Andover Senior Center are asking as they promote a new series, "Letters, Literary and Literally," a letter-writing workshop that begins Sept. 27. "People miss receiving letters," said Community Services Librarian Emily Classon, who said the

series is designed to help residents "recapture the art of letter writing." Rather than completely reverting back to pen, paper and the postal service, Classon said a renewed interest in letter writing can instead supplement modern forms of communication. "Many people are busy and rely

on e-mail and Facebook and a lot of convenient electronic ways to keep in touch with friends and family," said Classon. "I think a lot of people are looking for something a little more personal, a little more hands-on, a little more creative." The letter-writing workshop will be led by instructor Karen

Fullerton, a mother, letter writer and community volunteer who has interests and experience in foreign travel, French language and culture, and nutrition and creative cuisine. Fullerton also has a master's degree in education from Tufts University. Fullerton said she has a passion for letter writing and began

her enthusiastic embrace of the art during a six-month sojourn in southern France, where she attended the Festival of Correspondence in a small stone village. Classon said space is limited for the free workshop and

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### EVENTS CALENDAR

#### THURSDAY, SEPT. 3

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**, Andover. **LIVE ACCORDION & SONG**, with Dave Caponigro, Northern Essex Community College, 2 p.m. in the Technology Center on the Haverhill campus, 100 Elliott St. S2; Charlene Boucher, Life Long Learning program coordinator, at cboucher@necc.mass.edu or 978-556-3825.

#### FRIDAY, SEPT. 4

**LIVE COMEDY**, with Zach Galifianakis, co-star of the hit movie "The Hangover, tickets at the door are \$25, advance tickets for students are \$12 and \$20 Campus Recreation Center, UMASS Lowell East, 100 Pawtucket St., Lowell; www.umtickets.com, 978-934-5001. **OPENING RECEPTION**, "Nudes of the World" by John Greenwald, 6-9 p.m., The Loading Dock Gallery at Western Avenue Studios, 122 Western Avenue, 2nd floor of the A-Mill, Lowell, through Sept. 27; www.theloadingdock-gallery.com, Maxine Farkas at 978-349-8069.

#### SATURDAY, SEPT. 5

**ANDOVER FARMERS MARKET**, Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., Andover, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., 15 vendors; 978-475-2236. **LIVE MUSIC**, with Adam Ezra Group, 7 p.m., fireworks follow at 10 p.m., Salisbury Beach, Salisbury.

#### MONDAY, SEPT. 7

**BREAD & ROSES FESTIVAL**, at the Campagnone Common Park, 200 Common St., Lawrence, noon to 7 p.m., Free admission, lots of live music, puppets, dancing, historical tours, children's entertainment, food court & more; 978-794-1655, breadandroses99@hotmail.com, www.breadandroses.net.

#### TUESDAY, SEPT. 8

**CALL FOR SINGERS**, Merrimack Valley Players, looking for singers for Christmas concert, 7-10 p.m., St. Anthony Maronite Church, 145 Amesbury St., Lawrence; Josie 978-914-5383, info@merrimackplayers.org.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9

**MUZZLELOADING COURSE**, Lawrence Rod and Gun Club, Webster Road, Andover, 7-9:30 p.m., Sept. 9, 11, 16 and 18; Must pre-register, 978-632-7648.

#### THURSDAY, SEPT. 10

**LIVE JUGGLING**, with the flying Karamazov Brothers, to kick off 2009-2010 season, Merrimack Repertory Theatre, Merrimack Street, Lowell, 7:30 p.m.; 978.654.4MRT (4678).

#### FRIDAY, SEPT. 11

**OPENING RECEPTION**, for "Photograph," images by Larry Elardo of Groveland, Eva Timothy of Newburyport and Joseph Votano of Tewksbury, 5 to 7 p.m., Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; 978-685-2343.

**OPENING RECEPTION**, for "Meet me at Green Eyes," photographic portraits of young women working as entertainers at Japanese night clubs by Toru Nakanishi, 5 to 7 p.m., Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; 978-685-2343

**RUMMAGE SALE**, First-Calvary Church, corner of Rte. 125 and Mass Ave., North Andover, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., free admission; 978-685-1502. Also being held on Sept. 12.

**ORGAN RECITAL**, with Douglas Major, 8 p.m., Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway, Methuen, \$10, \$5 children.

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## Andover band rocks Haverhill

### One Step Away wins rock battle

Neither blazing sun nor driving rain could keep the bands from competing in Haverhill Rocks 2009. And in the end it was a band with Andover ties that won.

"It could have been a complete disaster," said event organizer, Chris McCarron, "but everyone just kept smiling."

Despite the failure of the sound board, which was attacked by wind-swept rain, the bands, the judges and the volunteers all managed to keep cool, according to a release about the show. At one point during the most torrential rain, Haverhill Rocks organizers offered to stop the contest and share the prize money equally among the bands. The bands unanimously decided to

keep playing, despite the adverse weather conditions and the fans were just as hearty, cheering on the competing bands and the students from the DeAngelis Rock School, who opened the day.

By the end of the day the sun was out and the band One Step Away had the highest score given by judges Dave Clark, Chris Difaia, Sandy Moore, Tracy Paris and Taborri Stone, all veterans of the music industry.

"They were tight," said Sandy Moore, owner of Circle S Productions, a booking agency and promoter. "We couldn't believe they were only 16-years-old and

had only been playing together for 18 months. They came out rocking and never let up." Terry Nuzzolo, mother of bassist Michael Nuzzolo of Andover, echoed the boys' excitement, saying "This is wonderful! The band needs money for new equipment and this will really help them out."

The band won \$1,000 donated by Trinity EMS and the production of a music video donated by ABE Multimedia of Haverhill.

Bands were judged on audience enthusiasm, musicianship, stage presence, originality and professionalism with a scale of 1

to 10 in each category. One Step Away finished with 41 points. Haverhill bands, Have At It and Hysteria, took second and third places, respectively, with Something Green and Through Fear just a few points behind.

One Step Away is Andover's Adam Carrington (lead vocals) and Mike Nuzzolo (bass), Peabody's Alex Kwmuntis (drums) and Wilmington's Terence Healy (lead guitar). Adam and Michael are students at Andover High School while Alex and Terence attend St. John's Prep.

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### SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

**DATE CHANGED FROM AUG. 29 --LIVE JAZZ**, with Rebecca Parris, called "First Lady of Jazz," part of Maudslay Arts Center summer season in Newburyport, at 7 p.m., patio seating at tables is \$20 and lawn seating overlooking the stage, bring your own chairs or blanket is \$18. Children 12 and younger are invited to all performances and lawn seating is free. Anyone who purchased tickets for Saturday, Aug. 29 may use them on Sept. 12. If you are unable to attend the Sept. 12 performance you can receive a refund via Pay Pal where tickets were purchased. For more information call 978-499-0050.

**DOWNTOWN MORNING COFFEE RETURNS**, 9 to 11 a.m., Andover Council on Aging sponsors, drop-in center at the front of Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., Andover. Council members will solicit donations of coffee and pastries from local businesses; members and other volunteers will serve as hosts.

**CHILDREN'S AUTHOR VISIT**, Tomie de Paola will read from his latest book, "Strega Nona's

Harvest," 3 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St.; 978-475-0143.

**ANDOVER FARMERS MARKET**, Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., Andover, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., 15 vendors; 978-475-2236.

**GENTLY USED KIDS STUFF SALE**, toys, clothes, books, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Central Congregational Church, 1 Worthen St., Chelmsford, \$1 admission, under 14 free. Cash Only. Sponsored by the Nashoba Valley Mothers of Multiples, www.nashobavalleymom.org, 978-376-2939.

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

**ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH PICNIC**, Andover Recreation Park, Mass at 12:30 p.m., followed by a cookout, moonwalk, games and gift basket raffle. Tickets are on sale at the parish office, 35 Essex St., Andover, \$3/person, \$12/family; 978-475-0050.

**OPEN HOUSE**, Temple Emanuel of the Merrimack Valley, 101 West Forest St., Lowell, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; www.temv.org, 978-454-1372.

**AUDITIONS FOR NUTCRACKER**, New England Civic Ballet, info regarding ages, times, and proper dress attire, www.newenglandcivicalballet.org, or call 978-975-0289 and press 4.

**JOINT PICNIC**, St. Gregory Armenian and St. Michael's Church, 1 to 5 p.m. on Main Street in North Andover directly inside the town center.

**RIDGEFEST 2009**, Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 660



During September, Andover artists Jane Fitzgerald Bailey and Catherine Fitzgerald Meeks will have paintings on display at Memorial Hall Library. The series will feature Bailey's pen and ink and watercolor works, and works in pastel on paper by Meeks.

Great Pond Road, North Andover. This is a Healing Arts Festival, sponsored by Rolling Ridge and includes a Blood Drive sponsored by the American Red Cross, a Wellness Expo, sponsored by Healthy Living Magazine, a Wellness Festival sponsored by Rolling Ridge and walking tours, free admission; 978-682-8815,

www.rollingridge.org.

**NORTH SHORE WALK-A-THON**, for Scleroderma, Proctor School, 60 Main St., Topsfield, noon, sign-in will take place in the Proctor School gym; www.scleroderma.org/chapter/newengland/2009NorthShoreWalk.htm.

**LIVE MUSIC**, with Tom Rush, 3, 7 p.m., \$35, Firehouse Center for the Arts, One Market Square, Newburyport; (978)462-7336 or www.firehouse.org.

**LIVE CLASSICAL MUSIC**, as the Classical Music Series returns to Lawrence, with mezzo soprano Krista Rivera accompanied by pianist Brett Hodgdo, free, 2 p.m., in Sargent

Auditorium at Lawrence Public Library, 51 Lawrence St., Lawrence; 978-794-5786, www.lawrencefreelibrary.org.

**LIVE CHAMBER MUSIC**, with Andover Chamber Music, 4 p.m., at the West Parish Church in Andover, \$30; Contact us about group and family discounts, www.AndoverChamberMusic.org, sales@andoverchambermusic.org, 978-474-6222.

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 15

**CURIOS ANDOVER SIGHTINGS**, mysterious gigantic snowballs, a strange message in the sky, an antique train travelling down the highway, are just a few of the stories, presented by local historian Joan Patrakis, as the kick off presentation of the Historical Society's newest program, Andover Stories: Presentations on interesting and obscure Andover history, free, 10-11 a.m., 97 Main St., Andover; (978)475-2236.

**LUNCHTIME NETWORKING**, Barbara Yates will give an introduction to LinkedIn, a business-oriented social networking website, 12:30 p.m., free and open to the public, bring lunch, beverages provided. Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

**LAUGH AND SAVE LIVES**, a night of comedy at Salvatore's of Lawrence, 354 Merrimack St., Lawrence. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8:30 p.m., tickets are \$20. This is in support of the American Heart Association and the Merrimack Valley Start! Heart Walk on Saturday, Oct. 3.

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## 'Dangling chad' redux

The vote on whether to impose a 0.75 percent local tax on restaurant meals was taken twice at Monday night's Special Town Meeting. The measure ended up failing by just eight votes, with 358 in favor but 366 against.

The vote was too close to decide by show of hands, so Moderator Sheila Doherty had voters stand and be counted. Of the six sections in the Collins Center, there was some confusion among voters and counters about where section five ended and section six began.

After the first vote was taken, Elm Street resident Bill Downs went to the microphone with a point of order, asking for a recount

due to the confusion. Rattlesnake Hill Road resident Greg Rigby asked the vote be taken by written ballot, a request Doherty denied.

## Brushwork by the bandstand

The Andovers Artist Guild's Art in the Park event will take up shop downtown on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the corner of Chestnut and Bartlett streets.

## Worth the wait?

Latecomers to the Aug. 31 Special Town Meeting trickled in from the hallway outside the Collins Center auditorium long

after the 7 p.m. scheduled start time. In order for latecomers to hear important information and find a seat to vote, Moderator Sheila Doherty stopped Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski during his financial presentation for a short break.

"Talk amongst yourselves," said Doherty, smiling, as the meeting paused for several minutes.

## Andover tie to Kennedy

Amid all the coverage last week about the life of the late Sen. Ted Kennedy, there were many references to the 1964 plane crash into a Southampton orchard that

left Kennedy in the hospital for months. Many will remember that the crash claimed the life of Edward Moss, a 41-year-old father of three from Andover and Kennedy's close friend and aide, as well as pilot Edward Zimny.

It was reported in 1964 that at 5 a.m. on Dec. 16, the day Kennedy was to be released from the hospital, he visited the Andover grave of Moss and then drove to the home of Moss' widow, Catharine, and paid his respects to her and her three children. Kennedy returned to the hospital at 8 a.m. and made a public departure in front of a crowd of well-wishers at 9.

— Neil Fater

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