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Old Town Hall brings back Andover Saturday tradition



Andover Selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli, left, Andover Senior Center volunteer Gail Renaud, and Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski stand in front of the Old Town Hall, where a welcome center will offer refreshments on Saturday mornings.

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Like the middle of a doughnut, the downtown has felt somewhat empty for some residents since the disappearance of an Andover tradition – conversation over free coffee and doughnuts. Free doughnuts and coffee were a staple at the former Andover Bank on Main Street every Saturday morning for years. Neighbors gathered to talk. Politicians knew that they needed to be at Andover Bank on Saturdays if they were to win votes and know what their constituents were thinking. But after Andover Bank was bought out by what is now TD Banknorth, the practice eventually stopped. Now Selectman Alex Vispoli believes the ritual should be brought back – and with the help of Council on Aging volunteers and donors he believes it will return for good. “There’s a void downtown...people

DOWNTOWN DOUGHNUTS AND DEMOCRACY

miss it,” he said. “It’s something that makes downtown special.” As of Saturday, Sept. 12, downtown’s charm moves up a notch as the coffee and doughnuts return. They will be served from 9 to 11 a.m. at Old Town Hall at 20 Main St., presented by donors. Vispoli said he does not yet know who will offer the breakfast each week. But a team of greeters from the Andover Senior Center will serve as hosts for the two-hour event. Gail Renaud and Mary McGivert, both of Andover, make up the kick-off team and agreed that bringing back the practice

is a good idea. “I think it’s worth it and that’s why I am doing it,” Renaud said of her greeting duties. McGivert, a 30-year town resident, also believes some residents do miss the doughnuts and coffee. “There’s no place to go and hear people’s opinions on the issues. People miss that,” Vispoli said. “There was really no gathering spot in the center of town.” Before Andover Bank, the dump used to be a great place for opinionated discussion. When trash pickup went curbside in town, grabbing downtown doughnuts while depositing pay checks became the reason for people to congregate and talk. Resurrecting the doughnut and coffee event at the Andover Town House, also known as Old Town Hall, may help turn the building into a true welcome center, he believes. He said small businesses may be able to set up tables to let more people know about what they offer.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

700-acre plan being shaped

Residents can help set I-93 interchange area

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Residents and planners this fall will begin to decide what could be built on the 700 acres that will be opened up by the proposed Interstate-93 interchange where Andover, Tewksbury and Wilmington meet. Building a new exit between the Route 125 and Dascomb Road exits on Interstate 93 has been talked about for decades. Now, it appears the exit will be built, opening up significant amounts of land to development. During the next 15 months, the three towns will shape the look of the area – from its streetscape and layout, to its buildings’ heights and styles. Several open forums are planned to get feedback from abutters, residents and other stakeholders. “We’re at a critical point now,” said Paul Materazzo, Andover’s planning director. “This will create a sense of place. A detailed plan of how tall the buildings can be, the scheming, what they look like ... It will create a look, and entice development in a certain direction, what we feel the highest and best use is.” “This way, the community comes up with a design, not Joe Developer,” he said.

The plan will include mixed use, residential, industrial and retail zoning and green open space. Possibilities include recreation outlets on the Shawshen River, restaurants, offices, shops, condominiums, a hotel and conference center and train station. Simon Property Group, which owns malls and shopping centers all over the U.S., owns a piece of land on the Tewksbury side of the I-93 parcel, said Materazzo. The idea is to have the plan or zoning in place and ready to go once the interchange is constructed, said Materazzo. Developers and business owners looking to build in the area won’t have to check the guidelines of three separate towns, but simply follow one code. “This is setting the table, ahead of the curve,” said Materazzo. “We will already know the infrastructure capabilities, water/sewer lines, traffic models – permitting turn around will be easy. We will have a detailed game plan.” “It’s also an opportunity for the town to learn different types of planning nuances, such as road design, which we can sprinkle throughout other parts of the community.”

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Former NCIS agent leads UU church

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

There are many reasons Rev. M. Lara Hoke feels she is a good fit for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation on Locke Street. Along with the congregation’s open-minded membership, toward the top of Hoke’s list is their love of pot-luck meals. “It’s a mystery meal, you never know what you’re going to get,” said Hoke. “But it always end up being surprisingly delicious.” Pot-lucks are a good metaphor for church congregations, she says, with a mix of personalities, talents and backgrounds coming together. Hoke will lead her first service as a part-time minister of Andover’s UU congregation on Sept. 13. She has been attending Andover pot

lucks throughout the summer, getting to know the members of her new congregation. “There’s a real warmth there, they are always happy to grow and see new people,” said Hoke. “They’re a diverse congregation, with lots of different philosophies. A very bright congregation, very free thinking, and I really like that about them.” In addition to her work in Andover, Hoke will continue as a part-time minister of the First Congregational Parish, Unitarian, in Petersham, Mass., traveling every other Sunday between the two congregations. On Sundays when Hoke is away, the Andover congregation will be lay-lead, as it has been for the past

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The Rev. M. Lara Hoke, a former nonprofit director, veteran of the U.S. Navy and graduate of Harvard Divinity School, is the new half-time minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover.

COURTESY PHOTO

Selectman Charlie Wesson remembered

Dies 5 weeks after ‘tag team’ partner Silverman

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Charlie Wesson and Jerry Silverman, political partners who also shared a friendship spanning 35 years, have died just five weeks apart this summer. Wesson, a selectman for 12 years from 1983 to 1995, served with Silverman for nine of those years. Wesson, 77, died last Thursday, Sept. 3. Silverman died on July 27. “They just enjoyed campaigning together and serving together,” said Silverman’s widow, Myrna. “They were a tag team and wanted to be together.” “Jerry was perhaps the voice, and Charlie was the voice of reason, maybe,” Wesson’s widow,



Charles Wesson

Mary, said of the two just after Silverman died. “Charlie was the quiet one behind the voice. They were an absolutely unique team. “(Charlie and Jerry) ran as a team, worked as a team, lived their community life as a team. Charlie had a financial background, and Jerry had the education background. Together, they covered all aspects of the needs of community. There was such dedication, with integrity, that is just hard to match,” Mary Wesson said.

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Debate begins anew on Taylor Cove affordable housing plan

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Taylor Cove, a development of 32 townhouses proposed for River Street in Ballardvale, is back in front of the Andover zoning board for what promises to be a lengthy discussion on the project’s merits. Members of the zoning board of appeals will visit the proposed development’s 12.09 acres at 86 River St. on Wednesday, Sept. 16. Under the business name Taylor Cove Development, Andover resident Todd Wacome has applied to build 32 three-bedroom

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, Sept. 16: Zoning Board of Appeals site visit to Taylor Cove, 86 River St., 6 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 1: Taylor Cove on ZBA agenda; meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the Selectmen (third-floor) conference room, Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St.
townhouses in the southern section of Andover. One-quarter of the units, eight condos, would be affordable housing units. Wacome went before the ZBA on Sept. 3, for the first time since the board initially denied Taylor

Cove in January. The ZBA’s denial stemmed from a disagreement over a 2.6-acre piece of Taylor Cove’s 12.09 acres. In 1984, that parcel was approved by the ZBA for a single-family home as part of Charlotte Circle. The 2.6-acre plot remains undeveloped. Wacome did not want to redesign Taylor Cove without the 2.6 acres, and appealed to the state Housing Appeals Committee. In July, the state board sided with Wacome, sending the project back to the Andover ZBA for reconsideration.

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HIGHWAY: Residents can help develop look of development area

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Members of the project's tri-town task force hope to have what is called a finished "form based zoning code" to bring to voters in Andover, Tewksbury and Wilmington for approval at Special Town Meetings in October 2010. It is possible that the code will be far enough along to give annual Town Meeting voters a "sneak peek" at the plan in the spring, said Materazzo.

Mass Highway hopes to have a design for the highway interchange as soon as this fall. Northbound access, on the east side, in Andover, will be built first, said Materazzo, and could be constructed within five years.

"It's becoming more real every day," said Materazzo.

The new interchange, proposed for between exit 41 (Route 125) and exit 42 (Dascomb Road),

RAMP UP YOUR INVOLVEMENT

- Sept. 10, 9 a.m.: webinar (online seminar) on zoning, "Learn How Form-Based Codes Can Transform Cities and Towns," Andover Public Safety Center conference room, North Main Street
- Sept. 24, 8 a.m.: Tri-town I-93 task force meeting, Andover's School Administration Building, second-floor (school committee) meeting room
- Sept. 22 and 23, all day: tri-town task force meetings with stakeholders (abutters, property owners, interested parties; contact the planning department, 978-623-8310, for details)
- Oct. 6, 7 and 8, 6 to 9 p.m.: "listening sessions" to get feedback in Andover, Tewksbury and Wilmington (specifics TBA, check www.vhb.com/tri-townfbc)
- Oct. 22 and Nov. 19, 4 to 8 p.m.: public information and feedback sessions (specifics TBA, check www.vhb.com/tri-townfbc)

To come up to speed on the project, or for more information, visit:

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will open hundreds of underutilized, landlocked acres, creating opportunity for development

while alleviate traffic problems that have plagued surrounding neighborhoods for decades,

TOWNHOUSES: Back to ZBA

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"We're not back to square one, but we're back," said ZBA Chairman Stephen Anderson. "A higher authority has said, essentially, 'we disagree with you.'"

Anderson said the board will continue to put Taylor Cove on meeting agendas until they've exhausted discussion on every aspect of the project's design - from aesthetics to density and impact on the area. On Sept. 3, the ZBA tackled just the tip of the iceberg, discussing traffic conditions in the River Street area.

Taylor Cove would cluster 32 townhouses in a mix of two and three-unit buildings, centered around a cul-de-sac off River Street. Each would have three bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms and an attached two-car garage, totaling 2,085 square feet, and would rise two and a half stories. The market rate condominiums would be estimated to sell at just under \$500,000.

State law Chapter 40B makes it easier for developers to skirt certain zoning laws if they create affordable housing developments in communities that have less than 10 percent affordable housing. Andover has been below the 10 percent mark since 2007.

One year ago, when Taylor Cove first went before the ZBA, some abutters and Ballardvale neighbors opposed the project, concerned with overcrowding at local schools, increased traffic and destruction of the parcel's woods. Of Taylor Cove's 12 acres, 1.14 acres are wetlands.

There is also concern for Charlotte Circle property values if the 2.6 acres originally approved for the neighborhood is used as part of Taylor Cove.

Anderson said he is "extremely troubled" by this issue, and will address it at a future ZBA meeting.

"If I were a person owning a

home in that division, I would want to get some professional advice," he said. "Caveat emptor."

Traffic: round one of Taylor Cove discussion

A traffic study completed by a Boston firm confirms what many residents already know: River Street is a busy thoroughfare, with many drivers going above the posted 25 mph speed limit.

The study, completed in the fall of 2008, focused on the area where Taylor Cove would be built, near Laconia Way and Hillcrest Drive, said Ken Cram, principal with Traffic Solutions Inc.

In September 2008, motorists ranged in speed from 32 to 38 miles per hour on that part of River Street.

"It's clear River Street is used as a cut through to 125 or I-93" even though a "commuters use alternate route" sign is posted, said Cram. "We expect 90 percent of traffic (from Taylor Cove) would follow that commuter pattern."

The study also found motorists would need a 290-foot line of sight to see a car at the entrance of Taylor Cove, 86 River St. Five motor vehicle crashes were reported from the Taylor Cove area from 2005 to 2007, said Cram.

No pedestrian activity was observed during the traffic study, save one jogger and one walker.

Cram, and residents in attendance at the Sept. 3 meeting, noted the study's lack of pedestrians is probably due to the busy road and "significant gap in sidewalks" in that area of River Street.

Not only does River Street lack sidewalks for most of the Taylor Cove area, but has no shoulder and a steep dropoff, said Frances Wheeler, a Hillcrest Road resident.

"You can't even jump aside from a car," said Wheeler, whose front door looks out onto the Taylor Cove parcel.

WESSON: Remembered for his passion for family, serving his community

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Selectman Ted Teichert remembers the duo attending a gathering of former selectmen for a cable show in September 2008.

"I called them 'Starsky & Hutch' [because] they campaigned together. They used to go to the dump to campaign," Teichert said. "They were neighborhood guys. I remember them saying they were going to some neighborhood to see what the issue really was. That's how they did it."

"Just a wonderful human being," Rep. Barry Finegold said Tuesday. "I just came from the wake and there is a huge line up the street."

A father of six daughters and grandfather of 13, Wesson enjoyed youth programs in town and was passionate about cheering for his daughters at various activities while they were growing up on York Street. He eventually switched to rooting for his grandkids, said his daughter Dana (Wesson) Lanio

of Andover. (For his obituary, see Page 9.)

Wesson, who served as chairman of the selectmen several times during his tenure, brought his 38 years of business experience at John Hancock Insurance Co. to the selectmen's table.

He also served on the Finance Committee for six years and was recognized at a Town Meeting for his outstanding service to Andover.

A former president of Merrimack College Alumni, Wesson was active at St. Augustine Parish in Andover. He was a Parish Council Member and Administration Commission chairman from 1974-1980. His daughters attended the parish school.

"Whenever I would see Mr. Wesson, he was always the calm, stable voice amidst the action in his large family. When he spoke, he had something to say. He was kind, gentle in nature and humble of heart. He was a man of deep faith as he was a daily communicant here

Canal District in Lowell, where a design was created to revive a historic area, said Materazzo.

Existing zoning for the I-93 area will remain unchanged, said Materazzo - the new code will simply create an overlay district for new development.

"Conventional zoning would not facilitate the highest and best development for this parcel," he said. "This (form based zoning code) helps the three communities unify."

In the spring of 2008, Andover Town Meeting voters passed a warrant article designating the I-93 corridor as a priority development site. The vote allowed planners for the three towns to apply for technical assistance from the state, and \$300,000 was awarded to create the project's form based zoning code, said Materazzo.

at St. Augustine's," said family friend Katie LeBlanc, who runs the confirmation program at the church. "Our community feels the family's loss."

Daughter Dana Lanio said the doctors performing her father's cancer surgery last June discovered more tumors than expected. The prognosis was terminal and his family sprang into action along with his numerous friends in Andover. He wanted to be cared for at his Marwood Drive home, and he was.

From his wheelchair, he met with Silverman just days before Silverman's own death.

"They sat out by the pool and just talked," Lanio said. "They were such good friends."

Arrangements were held Tuesday and Wednesday this week at St. Augustine Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wesson Family Memorial Scholarship Fund, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover, MA 01845.

MINISTER: Rev. Hoke to lead congregation

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year, with congregation members or guest speakers leading services. Rev. Ralph Galen, the congregation's previous minister, left the church in the summer of 2008.

"I love that they're so strongly lay-led. I think that's the way it should be. An ordained professional can only do so much. At the end of the day, a congregation will only be as strong as their lay leaders," said Hoke. "They grew a lot in terms of the lay leadership, and taking on responsibilities (in the past year). In many ways the (Andover) congregation is stronger after learning what they can do. The ministry is for everyone, not just professionally

ordained ministers, and they proved that."

The Andover UU congregation has a membership of about 60 adults, said Hoke.

A Pennsylvania native, Hoke served with the U.S. Navy in Italy, as a special agent with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

Hoke's four years with NCIS does translate to the ministry, she says.

"They always say in the Navy it's not a job, an adventure, and I have to say that was true," said Hoke. "In the ministry you just never know what any given day will bring. That's very much like being a special agent with NCIS. That sense of adventure feels strangely familiar."

Hoke also worked in the

nonprofit sector before going to Harvard Divinity School. After Harvard, she has worked as a parish minister and hospital chaplain.

Hoke says her favorite part of the ministry is "watching people and congregations transform and grow. Working through tough times in their lives, either individually or as a congregation, and finding out they have inner strength and support, and support from the beloved community."

Hoke has an undergraduate degree in government from Cornell University. She lives in Worcester with her wife, Emily Ferrara.

For more information on the Andover UU Congregation, visit www.uuandover.org

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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: This mansion was built on Main Street in the late 19th century by James Smith, president of the Smith and Dove Co. The building was demolished in 1957 to make way for the municipal parking lot.



NOW: The small stone wall at right is the only thing that remains from Smith mansion built in the late 19th century by James Smith, president of the Smith and Dove Co. on Main Street. The home was purchased by the town and used as veterans' apartments and the local Red Cross chapter offices. It was briefly considered as a possible new location for the town offices. The building was demolished in 1957 for the municipal parking lot.

Events at West Parish Garden Cemetery

The Chapel at West Parish Garden Cemetery, 129 Reservation Road, Andover invites the public to the following free events as part of the 100th anniversary chapel celebration on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

There will be an Historic Walk through of the Chapel and the Cemetery. Wear your walking shoes and come hear some great history.

At 11:30 a.m. free ice cream celebration immediately following

the Historic Walk tour. Free Hydrangea Picking will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hydrangea Circle in the Cemetery. Bring some shears and cut your own beautiful hydrangeas.

On Sunday, Sept. 20 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Squirrel Hill Jazz Band Concert. This is a free concert and open to the public.

Call the Cemetery office at 978-475-4068 or more details or visit westparishgardencemetery.org.

Parents, meet new Andover High principal

The Andover High School Parent Advisory Council will meet next Monday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Andover High School Media Center.

The agenda includes comments and discussion introducing our new principal Jonathan Harris and assistant principal Christopher Phillips. They are taking over for Peter Anderson and Tom Mead.

Drummer at festival

Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center hosts a Wellness Festival on Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Jane Gossard of Andover, storyteller and drummer, will lead a drum circle beginning at 10:30 a.m. Gossard brings African djembe drums and other musical instruments and no experience is necessary to enjoy the drum circle. Music, labyrinth walks, house tours and nature walks will also be offered.

For more information, contact Larry Peacock at Rolling Ridge at 978-682-8815.

Sept. 11 ceremony at Town Offices

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 11 terrorist attacks. For more information, contact that Veterans Office at 978-623-8218.

NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPT. 10	FRIDAY, SEPT. 11	TUESDAY, SEPT. 15
<p>School Building Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.</p> <p>Council on Aging, School Administration Building, third-floor conference Room, 8 a.m.</p> <p>Webinar on Form Based Codes (related to the Interstate 93 tri-town interchange project), Public Safety Center, North Main Street, 9 a.m.</p> <p>TRIAD, Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Information Technology Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 3 p.m.</p>	<p>School Committee meeting with Townwide PTO, School Administration Building, school committee room, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>MONDAY, SEPT. 14</p> <p>Board of Health, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., first-floor conference room, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Conservation Commission, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16</p> <p>Zoning Board of Appeals "Taylor Cove" site view, meet at 86 River St., 6 p.m.</p> <p>Finance Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Recycling Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>TUESDAY, SEPT. 22</p> <p>Planning Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.</p>

Pack 79 Cub Scout registration tonight, Sept. 10

Pack 79 invites all interested boys in grades 1-5 to join Cub Scout Pack 79. Registration night is tonight, Thursday, Sept. 10 at St. Roberts Church, 198 Haggetts Pond Rd, in Driscoll Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$70. There will be information for any interested parties as well as a video of past events and a display table.

Cub Scout Pack 79 participates

in a variety of activities all year long. "The Scouts take part in a fall and spring hike and campout where they learn about nature, sing songs and make new friends. The cubs also enjoy sleepovers on battleships, at the Museum of Science, and at the Higgins Armory Museum to name a few.

Other fun filled events include the pinewood derby, father/son

bakeoff, swim and pizza and more. The Cub Scouts take part in community service events each year," according to a release from the pack.

Last year the boys raised money and collected food for Lazarus House, a soup kitchen in Lawrence.

Residents with questions or who wish to find out more are invited to attend registration

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■ POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Sept. 2 – At 2:56 a.m., Bahram Alfred Adly, 49, of 6 Zambom Terrace, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

At 3:37 p.m., Keisha M. Brown, 22, of 23 Springfield St. Apt. 1, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with failure to wear a seatbelt, speeding and driving with a suspended license.

At 3:47 p.m., Randall J. Clark, 28, of 309 Salem St., Apt. 3, Lawrence, was arrested on a warrant.

At 8:45 p.m., Steven B. Webster, 45, of 15 Millville St. Apt. W3, Salem, N.H., was arrested and charged on a warrant for larceny by check, over \$250.

Sunday, Sept. 6 – At 1:45 a.m., Brian Alessandro, 20, of 76 Gates St., Apt. 2, South Boston, was arrested and charged with trespassing, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. Alessandro was brought in by Merrimack College police.

At 2:50 a.m., a Crescent Drive caller reported that a suspicious vehicle pulled up and tried to open her car door. At 3:38 and 4:04 a.m., Justin E. Nitzsche, 22, of 7 Abbott Road, North Reading, and Gregory Daly Marshall, 19, of 88 Timberneck Drive, Reading, were both arrested and charged with two counts of breaking and entering in the nighttime for a felony, two counts of larceny over \$250 and possessing a burglarious instrument.

At 2:07 p.m., Darlene M. French, 44, of 265 Crystal Lake Road, Gilmanston, N.H., was arrested and charged with possession of a class A substance; also on a warrant for failure to pay fines for possession of heroin.

Monday, Sept. 7 – At 12:12 a.m., police were called to the Railroad Street station for a belligerent incoming train passenger. At 12:34 a.m., Darwin E. May, 49, address listed as “homeless, Haverhill,” was arrested and charged on warrants for assault and battery, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, threatening to commit a crime and an ordinance violation.

At 1:56 a.m., multiple 911 calls were received reporting a vehicle hit a pole on North Street and the driver fled. At 2:35 a.m., Rafael Moore, 27, of 800 Pine Brook Drive, was arrested and charged with leaving the scene of property damage and driving under the influence of liquor.

At 3:13 p.m., Gustavo Feliz, 24, of 622 Andover St. 1st floor, Lawrence, was arrested and charged on warrants for driving without insurance, larceny of a vehicle, larceny, assault and battery, two restraining order violations, driving with a suspended license, malicious damage, placing a false 911 call and charging

Police: Dining driver causes tractor-trailer crash

A crash involving a tractor-trailer and several vehicles on River Road Wednesday morning, Sept. 2, was found to be caused by a woman eating breakfast while driving, said police.

Francisca Ayala, 37, of 40 Sullivan Ave., Lawrence, was eating a breakfast pastry out of a bowl with a fork when she suddenly veered into oncoming traffic, slamming into the back of the tractor-trailer and then hitting a car, police said.

Ayala was heading west on River Road near the Lawrence line about 9:10 a.m., when the accident occurred.

Michael McKenna, 50, of Barrington, N.H., the truck's driver, told police he saw Ayala's car coming toward him and she appeared to be looking down. In attempt to avoid Ayala, McKenna pulled his truck as far to the right as he could, blowing out his tires on the curb.

Ayala's car struck the back end of the truck and slid



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

A Toyota Camry is towed away by Elm Street Towing after crashing into the back of a tractor trailer truck near 24 River Road in Andover last Wednesday shortly before Townsman deadline.

underneath before veering back into the right lane, where it hit a car driven by Andrew Duggan, 36, of Barberton, Ohio.

Ayala's Toyota Camry was crushed, but she received only minor injuries. She was cited

with impeded operation and failure to keep to the right.

Because Ayala only received civil violations, she will only have to pay a fine. The accident will be reflected on her driving record.

BREAKS

Tuesday, Sept. 1 – At 8:27 p.m., a River Road resident returned home to find someone had broken into the house. Items had been moved around and closet doors left open.

Wednesday, Sept. 2 – At 7:02 a.m., a River Road 911 caller reported his window had been smashed overnight with a rock.

Monday, Sept. 7 – At 9:50 p.m., a Dufton Road resident returned home to find a window screen had been sliced and a fan pushed in a window.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Sept. 1 – At 1:10 a.m., a Brook Street resident called 911 to report their neighbor's trash was on fire.

At 10:40 a.m., a trash barrel fire was reported on Main Street.

At 12:59 p.m., a person called police because she thinks her food is being poisoned. The incident was listed as a “disturbed person” in the police log.

Wednesday, Sept. 2 – At 9:49 a.m., police responded to a report of an attempted suicide.

Thursday, Sept. 3 – At 4:07 p.m., a person walked into the police station to report their son was

offered marijuana for sale in the Park, Bartlet Street.

At 6:29 p.m., a Samos Lane resident called to report a loose pit bull in her yard, which went after her husband and child.

Friday, Sept. 4 – At 8:39 a.m., a Locke Street resident called to report he found a purse on his front porch.

At 10:38 a.m., an officer spoke to a small group of protesters on

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Trails & Sails

The Andover Historical Society is one of many organizations in Essex County participating in the eighth annual Trails & Sails: Two Weekends of Walks & Water, from Sept. 18-20 and Sept. 25-27, 2009. This year, expanded to two weekends, the event will offer over 100 free events in an assortment of historic, cultural and natural sites, hosted by organizations and recreation-based businesses. All events are designed to give residents and visitors a taste of the region's history, landscapes and hidden gems. Events include art walks, farm tours, poetry readings, kayak trips, archeological digs, local music,

wooded hikes, behind the scenes tours, vintage baseball games, and much more. The public is invited and the admission is free. Join the Andover Historical Society for a special tour of "The Hill: Exploring Andover's Academy Hill Historic District" on Saturday, Sept. 19 and 26. The tour will begin at 10 a.m. on the corner of Main and Phillips streets. For more information and a full listing of events, visit www.trailsandsails.org.

Those who do art, teach it, too

What makes faculty members at the School of the Museum of

Fine Arts, Boston, unusual is that they are all practicing artists themselves, says the school.

On view through Oct. 17, the "Faculty Show: Fritz Buehner, Erica Daborn, William Flynn, John Schulz and Yoshiko Yamamoto" celebrates five artists who took sabbatical during the 2008-09 academic year.

Schulz is an Andover resident, and people can see his works at an opening reception tonight, Thursday, Sept. 10, 5 to 7 p.m. or hear an artists' talk by Schulz and Daborn on Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 12:30 p.m.

Admission is free. For more information call 617-369-3718 or visit www.smfa.edu/exhibitions.

Get a massage, help Ironstone Farm program

Residents have the chance to improve the way their back feels while also helping a lauded Andover institution.

On Sept. 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Align Health will have an open house to benefit Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm. Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone

Farm provides beneficial therapy for people with a wide range of physical, emotional and cognitive disabilities. The open house will provide new and existing patients with a variety of services for only a \$10 donation, and 100 percent of the proceeds will be donated. For \$10, participants will receive

a stress test utilizing NASA technology, a chiropractic adjustment, and a chair massage.

"Walk-ins are welcome, but due to the time restrictions, we encourage you to schedule in advance!" according to a release from chiropractor Dr. Richard P. Tellier.

Many Andover classrooms show president's speech this week

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

President Barack Obama addressed the nation's school children in a televised speech on Tuesday, Sept. 8. In Andover, the speech was shown in many classrooms – a decision made by each individual principal and then on a class by class basis.

On Friday, Sept. 4, Superintendent Claudia Bach sent an email home to every parent in the district, noting that the speech may be shown in classrooms through this week. Parents that had reservations about their children watching the 16-minute speech were urged to contact their child's school.

"I recognize that the speech

has generated some controversy. For this reason, our State Department of Education is asking teachers who plan to have their students listen to the speech to respect the requests of any parents who ask that their child not participate.

"Although we will not be providing optional activities in lieu of viewing the presentation, parents are always free to dismiss their child prior to the address if they so choose," wrote Bach in her email.

The speech aired at noon, when many students are at lunch or recess.

Recordings of the speech were made available to classrooms, as well as the Department of Education's curriculum and

classroom activities created to go with the president's speech.

At Doherty Middle School, Obama's speech was recorded on Tuesday and shown to students later in the week.

At Bancroft Elementary, Principal Francine Goldstien sent an email home to parents saying she had read the text of Obama's speech ahead of time, and felt it fit into Bancroft's theme of "respect." Classes were combined into groups by grade level and shown the speech in the library and cafeteria, with a question and answer session afterwards.

A recording of Obama's speech will also be rebroadcast on Andover's cable access channel later in the week.

Middle-schoolers: Learn how to be a top-notch baby-sitter at annual course

Volunteers from the Andona Society announce their annual Babysitting Course, an interactive program designed to educate middle school children from Andover on the basics of babysitting.

Course topics include first aid, child development, safety, and babysitting as a business. Course instructors include members of the Andona Society and the Andover police and fire

departments, a child-development specialist and a certified nurse practitioner.

There are two sessions, one Tuesday evenings which begins on Sept. 29 and runs through Oct. 27, and the other on Thursday evenings, from Sept. 24 through Oct. 22. Each session will run from 6:30 to 7:50 p.m. at Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover.

Classes are limited to 30

students each; enrollment will be first come first serve, with priority given to eighth-graders for a limited time only.

Registration forms will be distributed through the school Listserv or they can be downloaded by going to the "Special Programs" area of the Andona Web site at www.andonasociety.org. Registration forms must be received no later than Sept. 18.

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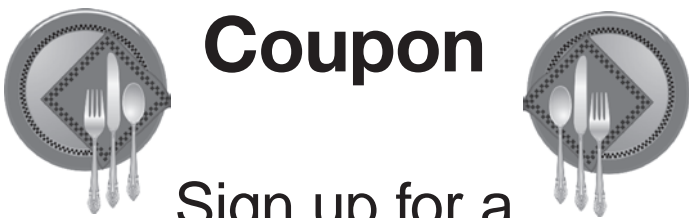


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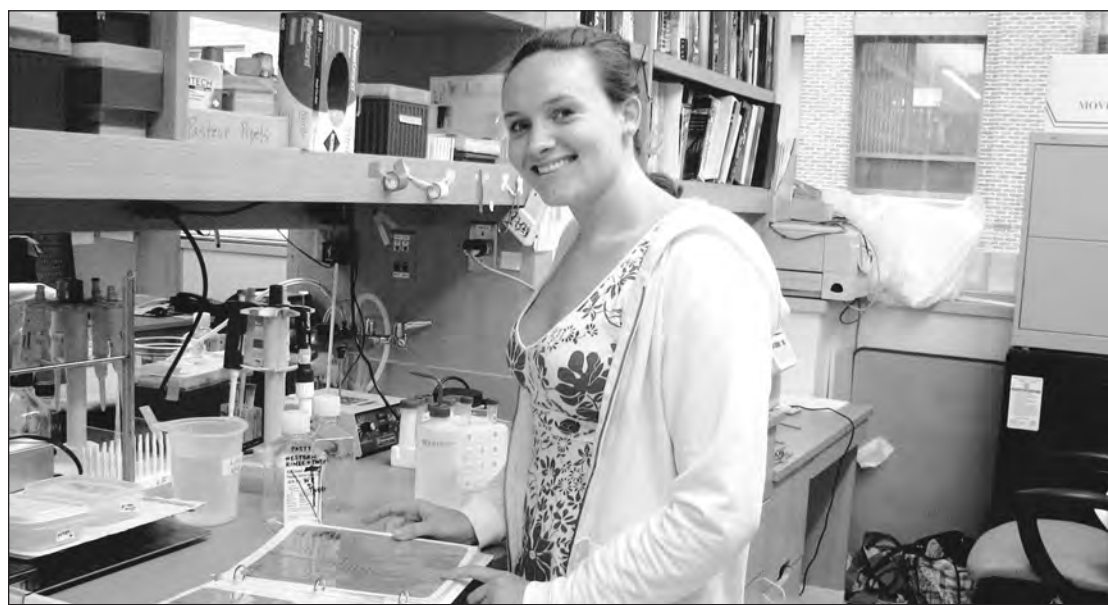
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Business



Patricia Collins of Andover, recipient of the Alvan T., Viola D. Fuller-American Cancer Society Junior Research Fellowship, in the lab at Boston University Medical School.

Andover woman studies cancer as research fellow

Patricia Collins of Andover has spent the summer serving as an Alvan T., Viola D. Fuller-American Cancer Society Junior Research Fellow under the guidance of Nader Rahimi, a researcher at Boston University Medical School in Boston. Collins is a senior majoring in psychology with a minor in chemistry and neuroscience at the University of Connecticut.

As a 2009 Fuller Fellow, Collins received a grant from the American Cancer Society's New England Division to study how blood vessel growth is controlled and how it may be possible to stop tumors from spreading.

She became interested in cancer research because it is a disease that affects so many people. "No one can say they haven't been affected by cancer," said Collins. "I want to be a part of something important, and this is a way I can make a difference."

Eventually Collins wants to go to medical school, but hasn't yet decided which branch to focus on. "I want to try out everything," she explains.

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Andover-based Philips Electronics CEO backs 2009 Heart Walk

Brent Shafer, chief executive officer of Andover-based Philips Electronics North America, will serve as chairman for the 2009 Boston Start! Heart Walk, an annual event that raises funds to support heart and stroke research and education.

Each step by Boston Start! Heart Walk participants raises funds to support lifesaving heart and stroke research with this year's goal at \$2.5 million. The event will be held rain or shine on Saturday, Sept. 12, at the DCR Hatch Shell on the Charles River Esplanade in Boston.

It will bring together more than 15,000 walkers including many heart disease and stroke survivors on a 1-, 3- or 6-mile jaunt along the Charles River.

The walk is expected to generate substantial funds to fight heart disease and stroke, the Nation's No.1 and No. 3 killers, and involves top companies and hospitals from the Greater Boston area.

As chairman, Shafer has been providing leadership for the recruitment of corporate teams and sponsorships, according to a release about the event. Health and wellness are a focus at



Brent Shafer, CEO of Andover-based Philips Electronics North America

Philips Healthcare in Andover. The organization boasts one of the world's largest healthcare businesses and is expanding into home healthcare and consumer health and wellbeing products, making an event such as this a crucial way to reinforce the need for people to stay active and look after their health, according to a release from the American Heart Association.

The Heart Walk is part of a larger corporate initiative called Start!, which is a corporate wellness and walking program run through the American Heart Association. According

to a Harvard study, adults gain two hours of life expectancy for every hour of regular exercise. Walking for as little as 30 minutes a day provides heart health benefits. Heart disease and stroke touch almost everyone, including children, with heart defects as the No. 1 birth defect today. For the second year in a row, 60 percent of business CEOs cited healthcare as their No. 1 cost pressure.

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As a recipient of this year's Microsoft MVP award, Helmert joins individuals from

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Sullivan is director

Southworth Development in Newton has added a few new faces to its headquarters staff including Andover resident Tim Sullivan, who joined Southworth as its director of construction.

He will oversee construction on all Southworth developments including the townhomes at Meredith Bay, the Clubhouse at Creighton Farms, the hotel and golf cottages at Cat Island, as well as the golf cottages at Machrihanish Dunes and the restoration of the Ugadale and Royal Hotels in Scotland.

Upon graduating from Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. Sullivan joined Turner Construction of Boston where he worked for 21 years. With Turner, Sullivan began as an assistant superintendent moving next to a senior cost engineer, a project superintendent, a senior estimator/preconstruction, a project manager, special project interiors, to operations manager, special

projects interiors and finally to project manager. From 2001 until 2007, he was with Eastern Development of Woburn serving as Director of Golf Course Development and Aviation Services and then as Director of Design and Construction.

His final stop was with Pyramid Project Management of Boston which is a division of Pyramid Hotel Group which owns and operates some 40 hotels with 13,000 guest rooms throughout the United States. There he was the vice president of project management. Sullivan resides in Andover, with his wife and two sons.

Valin is TS consultant

Kara Valin of Andover has become independent consultant with Tastefully Simple Inc., a national direct-sales company featuring easy-to-prepare food products. Valin can be reached at klvalin@hotmail.com.

As consultants, they offer the company's gourmet foods and beverages to guests at home taste-testing parties. Guests receive samples, easy meal ideas, recipes and serving suggestions.

State sees no deficiencies at Wingate at Andover

Wingate Healthcare has announced that Wingate at Andover has received a deficiency-free survey from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

"It is an honor to be recognized as a facility with no deficiencies, as evidenced by the excellent standards that are upheld at Wingate at Andover," noted Steven Tyer, Chief Operating Officer of Wingate Healthcare in a release. "We would like to extend our full congratulations and thanks to our wonderful team at Wingate at Andover for all of their hard work."

"We are extremely proud of our loyal and dedicated staff," said Wingate at Andover Administrator Michael Flaherty. "We've got a great community of experienced professionals and new talent on our team who are equally committed to teamwork, ongoing skills development, and attention to detail."

Every 9 to 15 months, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health visits health-care facilities unannounced to conduct a survey under contract from

Medicaid and Medicare Services. The survey is a resident-based inspection that examines more than 400 regulations governing patient care and life in a skilled nursing facility, including resident and family interviews, observations of resident care, a look at the resident environment, and reviews of clinical records.

"We are a family-oriented facility and know our patients and their families very well," said Flaherty. "As a multidisciplinary team, we all work together to ensure that our residents' needs and preferences are met."

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Obituaries

Margret Andersen

ANDOVER — Margret Andersen, previously of Westfield and Falmouth, passed into God's hands Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009 in Andover.

She is survived by her high school sweetheart and husband of 63 years, Robert. She also leaves behind children, Laurits of Westfield, Carolyn of West Lafayette, Ind., Christian of Andover, Sandra of Woodbridge, N.J., and Niels of Minneapolis.

Meg (or, Mrs. A, to her students) taught chemistry and directed numerous high school musical productions in Westfield and Dennis-Yarmouth, was

a Reagan Presidential Award winner for excellence in Chemistry, and a Smith College Medal winner. After retiring, Meg was a tutor of calculus.

Her husband, five children, 15 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren mourn her passing after succumbing to Alzheimer's disease. We praise and thank God for her life, work, teaching, nurturing and guidance.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service was held at First Congregational Church, Falmouth, Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009. Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Foundation of America at alzfdn.org.

Herbert Edelstein, 85

ANDOVER — Herbert Edelstein, 85, formerly of Andover and Brooklyn, N.Y., passed away on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009 at the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center in Roslindale.

Born in New York, he lived in Brooklyn, N.Y. for 60 years with his late wife Sylvia G. (Goldstein) Edelstein. In 2007, they moved to Andover, but he had resided at the at the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center since December 2008.

Mr. Edelstein served in the Navy during the end of World War II, after the war he met his wife at a dance in Brooklyn. He owned a small grocery store in Brighton Beach, Brooklyn, N.Y. and also worked for various other specialty food stores in the New York Metropolitan area including the famed Zabar's in Manhattan.

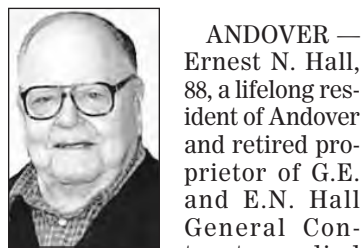
He was an active member of the Jewish War Veterans and

served as Post Commander of his local Post in N.Y. He also enjoyed cooking, baking, and reading about all things related to food as well as the food industry.

Mr. Edelstein is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Marion and Richard Santiago of New Windsor, N.Y. and their children, Jared and Erica; and his son and daughter-in-law, Peter and Beth Edelstein of Andover and their sons, Adam and Jason.

ARRANGEMENTS: Graveside services were held at Wellwood Cemetery on Long Island, N.Y. on Sept. 9. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy in his memory may be donated to the Jewish War Veterans, 1811 R Street NW, Washington, DC 20009; Congregation Beth Israel, 501 South Main St., Andover, MA 01810; or Monroe-Temple Beth El, 314 North Main St., Monroe, NY 10950. Arrangements were by Goldman Funeral Chapel, Malden.

Ernest N. Hall, 88



ANDOVER — Ernest N. Hall, 88, a lifelong resident of Andover and retired proprietor of G.E. and E.N. Hall General Contractors, died

suddenly on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009 while vacationing with his family in the White Mountains of Albany, N.H.

Born to the late Marguerite (Nelson) and Edward P. Hall and raised in the Ballardvale section of Andover, Mr. Hall attended Puncard High School and in 1938 was awarded a degree in building construction and management from Wentworth Institute, Boston.

Ernie "Bud" was a veteran of the U.S. Navy Seabees serving from June 1942 to December 1945 in the South Pacific Theatre during World War II.

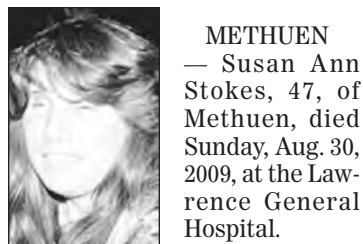
In addition to being a self-employed building contractor for many years, he was active in Town affairs having held several positions including Building Inspector, Director of Urban Renewal project development, and Zoning Board of Appeals member. A Kiwanis Club member for 47 years, former trustee of the Ballardvale United Church, and former committee member of the Boy Scouts Troop 76, Ernie also enjoyed many pastimes such

as fishing, hunting, gardening, travel and was a fan of baseball and football. He loved spending winters in Lake Placid, Fla. and vacationing in the Passaconaway Valley of New Hampshire.

He was a devoted and loving family man who will be deeply missed by his beloved wife of 61 years, Barbara L. (Parker) Hall of Andover; sons, Robert Hall and his wife Lisa of Fairview, Pa., Gary Hall and his wife Susan of Andover; daughter, Louise McKallagat and her husband Peter of Andover; his sister, Evelyn Darby of Andover; his adoring grandchildren, Jeffrey Hall, Robin Hall, Christopher McKallagat, Greg McKallagat; loving great-granddaughter, Alyson Hall; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, Russell Hall and Gordon Hall.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends may call on Friday, Sept. 11, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. A funeral service will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12 at the Ballardvale United Church, which he built in 1967, located at 23 Clark Road, Andover. Burial will follow in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover. For those who wish, Ernie may be remembered through donations to the Ballardvale United Church Memorial Fund, 23 Clark Road, Andover, MA 01810. For funeral home directions or to sign the family guest book, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

Susan A. Stokes, 47



METHUEN — Susan Ann Stokes, 47, of Methuen, died Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009, at the Lawrence General Hospital.

Born in Lawrence, the daughter of the late Wilfred and Kathleen (Birch) Stokes, Susan was educated in Lawrence schools. She received her Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certification in 1994, and was employed as a Home Health Aide for several local agencies. She was a lifelong area resident. She had a love of animals and devoted her life to helping others. She enjoyed gardening and

reading mysteries. She is survived by a sister and her husband, Karen A. and Marc Milas of North Andover; step sisters, Janice Morris and her husband Brian of Methuen, Mary Grasso of Haverhill, and Pauline York and her husband David of Andover; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and a great-nephew.

ARRANGEMENTS: At the request of the family, funeral services are private. There are no calling hours. Arrangements under the direction of the Boles Memorial-Baron-McAuliffe-Yameen Funeral Home, 184 Jackson St., Lawrence (978-686-0386). Memorial contributions may be made to the M.S. P.C.A., 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844.

Gary R. Wright, 61

ANDOVER — Gary R. Wright, of Andover, age 61, died Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009.

Gary was the beloved son of Elinor (Clayton) and Robert Wright of Andover, brother of David Wright and his wife Bethlyn of Wilmington, Carol (Wright) Pardee and her husband Richard of Cataumet and Barbara (Wright) McGuire and her husband Robert of Wilmington and uncle to Dan Pardee, Cara McGuire and Colin McGuire.

A long-time resident of Andover, a graduate of Andover High School, Class of 1967 and a graduate of Belknap College. He was also a member of The Parish

of Christ Church in Andover. For many years Gary was employed as a pipe organ builder and piano restorer. Past member of The Associated Pipe Organ Builders of America and the Organ Historical Society.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service will be celebrated on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009 at 11 a.m. at The Parish of Christ Church, 25 Central St., Andover. Memorial contributions may be made to the Christ Church Organ Fund, 25 Central St., Andover, MA 01810. To sign the family guest book, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com Arrangements have been entrusted to the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Charles H. Wesson Jr., 77



ANDOVER — Charles H. Wesson Jr., 77, a resident of Andover since 1958, died at home surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, Sept.

3, 2009.

He was born and raised in Lynn and was the son of the late Helen (Hogan) and Charles H. Wesson Sr. He was the beloved husband of 51 years to Mary T. (Piazza); loving father of Paula Lamagna and her husband Larry, Dana Lanio and her husband Vic, Mary Ellen McIver and her husband John, and Anne Marie Yastrzemski, all of Andover, Elaine DaCosta and her husband Ed of New Jersey, and Kathy O'Connor and her husband Stephen of Merrimac. He was also the dear brother of Robert M. Wesson, his wife Michelle and their children Bobby and Kerry all of Florida; brother-in-law of Paul and Pat Piazza of Andover, Richard Tibak of Lawrence and the late Joanne (Piazza) Tibak; devoted and cherished "Gampa" of Michael, Joseph and Lauren Lamagna; E.J. and Emily DaCosta; Vic and Kara Lanio; Gavin, Michaela and Matthew McIver; Michael Yastrzemski; Kayla and Jake O'Connor.

Mr. Wesson was a graduate

of St. Mary High School in Lynn and received his B.S. in Business Administration from Merrimack College in 1954. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Intelligence Division from 1955 to 1957 during the Korean War. Charles was a retired 38-year employee of John Hancock Insurance Company in Boston and while living in Andover served as a Selectman for 12 years (1983-1995) and as Chairman several times during his tenure. He was also a member of the Finance Committee for six years (1973-1979). Among his other accomplishments he was Member of St. Augustine Parish Council-Administration Commission Chairperson from 1974-1980, President of Merrimack College Alumni Association for two terms, volunteer of New Horizons for Youth, Elderly Services, Andover Senior Tax Assistance Program, and as a CYO Basketball coach.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were held on Tuesday, Sept. 8, in St. Augustine Church, Andover from 4 to 8 p.m. A funeral Mass took place on Wednesday, Sept. 9, in St. Augustine Church at 10 a.m. followed by interment at Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover. In lieu of flowers donations in Charlie's name may be made to Wesson Family Memorial Scholarship Fund at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover, MA 01845. For more information visit dohertyfuneralservice.com.

Antoinette Zappala, 90



LAWRENCE — Antoinette (Torrissi) Zappala, formerly of Lawrence, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009 at the Masconomet Healthcare Cen-

ter in Topsfield.

She was born July 3, 1919 and was the daughter of the late Gaetano and Concetta (Gangi) Torrissi and the beloved wife of the late Santo M. Zappala.

Born and raised in Lawrence, Antoinette "Toni" Zappala resided at 103 Haverhill St. in Lawrence for most of her life. She was a member of Holy Rosary Parish, and was an active supporter of Holy Rosary School and Austin Prep when her children were in attendance.

Toni was a well-known designer of custom interior window treatments, specializing in hand made draperies, curtains, irs stiffing, and coordinating bedspreads. Her work was featured in House Beautiful. Since 2000, she resided in Meriden, Conn., and became known as the "Ornament Lady," for her intricately hand beaded Christmas ornaments that were featured on local television news and in the local newspapers. More recently, Toni appeared on the popular WCCM AM radio program "The Sicilian Comer" with a humorous weekly segment, "Checking In With Ma."

Most importantly, Antoinette was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, and friend.

She leaves three children, Alfred M. Zappala of Methuen, Thomas P. Zappala and spouse Ellen K. of Merrimacport, Anna M. (Zappala) MacArthur and

spouse Randy of Meriden, Conn.; seven grandchildren, Jennifer (Zappala) McCormick and spouse John of Groveland, Nicole Zappala-Shapiro and spouse Daniel of San Francisco, Matthew Zappala and spouse Lindsay of Haverhill, Jessica (Zappala) Sykora and spouse John of Newton, N.H., Thomas A. Zappala of Amesbury, Jacqueline S. Zappala of San Francisco, Catie Zappala of Boston; four great-grandchildren, Rose McComiskie, Noey Zappala, John McComiskie, and Matthew Zappala; three step grandchildren, Matthew, Kate and Ashley MacArthur all of Connecticut and her sister-in-law, Elvira Torrissi of Andover, as well as several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her five brothers, Thomas, Joseph, Peter, Alfred, and Salvatore Torrissi.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends called on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. Her funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 10 a.m. in the Corpus Christi Parish at Holy Rosary Church, 35 Essex St., Lawrence. Burial followed in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Barker Street, Lawrence. In lieu of flowers the family is asking that donations be made in the name of Antoinette Zappala to the Three Saints Building Fund, 20 Common St., Lawrence, MA 01840. For directions and condolences please visit our online website at www.cataudellafh.com.

Joyce J. White, 67



ANDOVER — Joyce J. (Tucker) White, 67, of Andover, Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009 at Lawrence General Hospital.

She was born in Bangor Maine, Aug. 26, 1942.

Widow of Robert J. White, Mrs. White leaves behind her long-time companion, Frank B. Watson of Andover; two daughters, Veronica Buckley and her husband Fred of Derry and Stella Libby of Lawrence; one son, Stanley White and his wife Sandra of Colorado Springs, Colo.; grandchildren, Michelle Travis

of Lawrence, Jude and Leora Norvilus of North Andover, Sandra Lewis of Haverhill, Rebecca Drewis of Andover, Erica Vieux of Boston, Jennifer Libby of Saugus, Stephen Libby of Roslindale, Scott Potter Jr. of Effingham, N.H., Michael Michaelis of Colorado Springs, Colo. and Christopher White of Colorado Springs, Colo.; as well as 11 great-grandchildren.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends attended a memorial Mass on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009 at St. Patrick Church, Lawrence. At the family's request, there were no calling hours. For more information go to www.burkemaglozzi.com.

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Tuesday: Nachos topped with beef and cheese sauce, manager's choice, pretzel and string cheese or yogurt, spanish rice, Mexican corn and chilled fruit cup.

Wednesday: Spaghetti, meat or marinara sauce, bread stick, soup and sandwich, cheese flatbread sandwich, garden salad, cookie and fresh fruit.

Thursday: Popcorn chicken and dinner roll, macaroni and cheese with dinner roll, veggie chili and crackers, battered macaroni, green beans and apple.

Friday: Pepperoni or cheese french bread pizza, manager's choice, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, garden salad, apple crisp and topping and juice.

Middle schools

Monday: "Rib-a-que" on bulky roll, soft shell taco and veggie toppings, tuna-salad pocket, whole kernel corn, pasta salad with fresh veggies, side of nachos with salsa and melon.

Tuesday: Pan pizza, cheese or sausage, buffalo chicken wrap with lettuce and tomato, bean and cheese burrito, Maine potatoes, zucchini sauteed with oregano and warm peaches, brown sugar and whipped topping.

Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat or marinara sauce, bread stick, manager's choice, ham and cheese wrap, garden salad, sliced banana and pineapple chunks and juice.

Thursday: Pepperoni or cheese personal pizza, manager's choice, chicken fajita and toppers, spanish rice, steamed broccoli and fresh fruit.

Friday: Manager's choice, cheddar burger, ravioli topped with mozzarella and sauce, garlic bread, salad, fresh fruit and juice.

Andover High School

Monday: Pasta bar, spaghetti or rotini, meat or marinara sauce, garlic bread and side of chicken or meatballs.

Tuesday: Oven-roasted pork dinner, mashed potatoes, seasoned veggies, dinner roll and fresh fruit.

Wednesday: Nachos with ground beef and all the fixings, cheesy refried beans, whole kernel corn and pineapple.

Thursday: Honey BBQ chicken with noodles, seasoned green beans, dinner roll and chilled fruit.

Friday: Manager's choice

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ASL teacher gets sign she can return

State grants another 1-year

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Daniela Ioannides, an American Sign Language instructor who students and the teachers union rallied around after she was not rehired at the end of last school year, has returned to Andover High School this fall.

The state has granted her a waiver to teach this year without state certification. Superintendent Claudia Bach received the news on Sept. 2, the day before school started in Andover.

"We are happy she's back. She's a successful teacher," said Bach of Ioannides. "We're happy for this good resolution, and we do believe she's an outstanding teacher. I'm sure the students will be very pleased, because she obviously has a lot of student support. We're glad she'll be back in the classroom with her students."

Ioannides was told on June 23, during the last week of school, that her contract would not be renewed because she has failed to pass the English competency part of the state's teacher certification exam.

Ioannides has taken the teacher test several times and has failed the English portion of the exam because ASL is her first and natural language. The syntax of the two languages is totally different according to Ioannides, who has been deaf since birth.

For the five years she has taught at Andover High, Ioannides has been granted a waiver to teach without state certification.

"It's a very good resolution that she's getting a waiver for the

coming year. Beyond that, I'm not sure. It's always just one year," said Bach. "Until there is some change at the legislative level, the expectation of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is that she pass the test. Unless the requirements for deaf teachers change, we'll have to see what they're going to do."

As required by the waiver process, the Andover schools posted Ioannides' job this summer. One application was received, and after an interview, it was decided Ioannides was "more experienced and a better candidate for the job," said Bach.

In mid-August, Bach wrote a letter to the DESE commissioner asking for a waiver for Ioannides, and heard back on Sept. 2.

This summer Ioannides and several other teachers from Andover High met with David Haselkorn, associate commissioner for the Center for Educator Policy, Preparation, Licensure and Leadership Development, to plead Ioannides case and ask that an American Sign Language test for teachers be instituted in Massachusetts.

The state currently has two options for Ioannides: become certified as either a "teacher of the deaf" or a teacher of some other classroom subject. Neither option applies because she teaches hearing students, not deaf students, Ioannides has said.

Two rallies were held in Andover over the summer, showing support of Ioannides and drawing attention to her case. A video recording of a rally in July was rebroadcast on Andover cable access over the summer.



FILE PHOTO

ASL teacher Daniela Ioannides expresses her concerns during a rally at the Andover school administration building in July. The contract of Ioannides, who has been a teacher at Andover High School for five years, had not been renewed by the Andover Schools because she had failed the English competency exam. Ioannides and her supporters say the test for teachers is not fair to deaf people who have spoken ASL as a first language because their grammar, reading and writing skills in English are not at the same level as someone who has grown up hearing and speaking English.

Handing a message down through the generations

Ken Seifert



There is very little I know about my Grandfathers Seifert and Buchanan. The same is true for Grandmothers Buchanan and Seifert. It

would have been important to know what they thought about their values, country, family, problems and dreams. The list is endless. A part of them is a part of me.

I have started a folder, "Letters to my grandchildren by Grandpa Seifert," and I have told my children there is such a folder. How and when the letters will be shared has yet to be determined. Some

of the articles printed in the Townsman have already been included.

Here is one that was just sent to my children, with a copy placed in the folder. They should share it with their children when they feel it is appropriate.

Dear grandchildren, There is always a bigger picture than you: family, friends and community. Here are three thoughts that I believe with all my heart. I think our generation made a dent in progressing towards these thoughts. We still have a long way to go. These are not original thoughts.

1. We are all on the spaceship Earth traveling through eternity. Our journey started thousands of years ago. We should all be first class passengers, but we are not.

2. There is a path to true progress for all. It has three stages-dependency, interdependency and interdependency. Throughout history no state culture, country or civilization has learned that process. Why do mighty nations rise and fall? They have all been strong, but too independent. They did not realize we are all on the spaceship Earth traveling through eternity. Will the United States be the latest in the long list that were given the chance to progress but did not see the next step, interdependency?

3. A group of very futuristic dreamers agreed we all have rights. The basic three were life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. They shared this with the world in the 1700s.

We were taught that to sustain life, we need food, clothing and shelter. I think we also

need a basic level of health care for all. Our country has not achieved the very first step.

Liberty has many definitions. One is freedom from slavery, bondage, imprisonment or control of another. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you is another favorite. Sometimes war is necessary to protect your liberty. It should not be confused with greed and taking life and liberty from others in the process. This is the second step.

One can look at pursuit of happiness as the third step. Once we have life and liberty for all then and only then can we all pursue happiness. This is not to say you should not pursue your dreams but just realize you will always have others who will attempt to deny you that privilege for many reasons. They want the good

life also, or perhaps are just evil people.

It will take us many years before we are all first class passengers. Remember Grandpa's three thoughts. In spite of the problems, there is a good life out there. It will not be a smooth flight but it should be better than the one Ugh-Ugh the Cave Man had. Mine was better than his. Yours should be better than mine.

Your Great-grandfather Seifert did not always provide the answers to life for me. He would say, "Here is what I think." You have your own life, you live it. I wish you the very best luck and to your children. With sincerest love, Grandpa Seifert

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

Tale doesn't have her number

By MARI MIYACHI
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

When I think of postmodern literature, one of the first authors that comes to mind is Kurt Vonnegut. A prolific novelist, Vonnegut is well known for his Vietnam-era satirical works and humanist tilt. As a person who tends to veer toward more traditional fare, I decided to mix things up as I gearing up for school with a healthy challenge. I chose to read Vonnegut's "Slaughterhouse-Five" after reading the back cover. Dubbed

BOOK REVIEW

'SLAUGHTERHOUSE-FIVE'

"one of the world's great anti-war books," I was intrigued.

Slaughterhouse-Five is told from the point of view of an anonymous narrator, beginning with his visit to Dresden. The novel, however, revolves around the story of Billy Pilgrim, an optometrist and survivor of the Dresden bombings. What makes Billy unique is that he "has come unstuck in time." The result is a disjointed narrative that follows Billy as he journeys through time and space uninhibited - jumping from childhood memories, to wartime scenes, even to Billy's own death.

Vonnegut makes a profound statement with Slaughterhouse-Five, criticizing humanity at its lowest point: during war. There are ironies aplenty - in his introduction, the narrator claims that "People aren't supposed to look back," yet Slaughterhouse-Five examines the essence of history, fate and purpose. Vonnegut's work is especially poignant considering the historical context. Written during the Vietnam War, Slaughterhouse-Five seems an adamant protest of America's "preventative" policy overseas, a statement that war is not inevitable.

Like any piece of art, however, there will be readers who appreciate and enjoy this book more than others. For this reason, I would give Slaughterhouse-Five a 7 out of 10. Personally, I prefer more traditional plotlines and relatable characters to Vonnegut's postmodern writing style and story development. This being said, everyone, despite literary taste, can appreciate Vonnegut's powerful humanitarian message. Though not for me, there is definitely a type of reader - perhaps a science fiction fan willing to branch out - who would enjoy Slaughterhouse-Five as a surreal masterpiece.

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

ON CAMPUS

Fairfield University, a comprehensive Jesuit university in Fairfield, Conn., that challenges its students to lead inspired lives of leadership and service, has announced the names of the students who qualified for the dean's list for the spring 2009 semester. **Jilliam L. Himmer**, daughter of Brenda Barron-Himmer of Andover was named to the dean's list. She is majoring in nursing at Fairfield University.

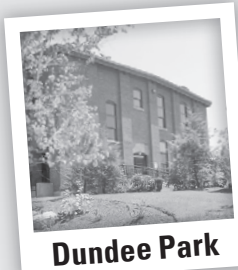
The following Framingham State College students were named to the dean's list for the 2009 spring semester.

Jonathan W. Howie, a business administration major and **Amy E. Philpott**, undeclared major both of Andover.

To be selected for the dean's list a student must earn a quality-point average of 3.25 or higher.



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Opinion

Coffee and community

Andover volunteers and donors will bring back an Andover tradition with few holes in it: a place for community members to gather for free coffee and doughnuts on Saturday morning.

For years, residents gathered at the now defunct Andover Bank to talk with neighbors and, sometimes, civilly debate community concerns. It was a great place for those running for office and those looking to get to know the candidates. But when Andover Bank disappeared, the Saturday morning tradition soon went with it.

Now, thanks to the effort of volunteer greeters and Selectman Alex Vispoli, the tradition will return, this time at Old Town Hall, also known as the Town House, at 20 Main St. Old Town Hall is home to the town's welcome center, but the coffee and doughnuts will make the building far more welcoming on Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m.

The appeal of the coffee, doughnuts and conversation crosses generational and other lines, and should draw together all elements of the community. Taxpayers will not pay for the refreshments. But they will have a chance to meet new people and catch up with others. The offering may attract people to the downtown who became less frequent visitors as a result of the downtown construction that now has virtually drawn to a close.

We hope the effort finds support and helps build a greater sense of community. It's nice to see the tradition return. The only question is, in 2009, would bagels or doughnuts attract a bigger crowd?

Speech brouhaha much ado about little

There was a time when our president saying something such as "ask not what your country can do for you" was considered inspirational for youth. But our nation has become so politically polarized that some Americans view an address by the president encouraging students to work hard in school as threatening and dangerous.

That's sad. And it's another sign that too many of our political battles seem to be more about individuals than issues.

President Barack Obama offered an address to the nation's schoolchildren Tuesday via the Internet and the cable channel C-SPAN, calling for students to take personal responsibility for their own education, to set goals, and to make the most of their opportunity.

That sounds like a reasonable message for the president to deliver to children. It is something children should be hearing from their parents. And if hearing it from the president of the United States as well helps drive the message home, all the better.

But there was an uproar rising across the nation over the presidential address. Opponents claimed President Obama would be "indoctrinating" children. "As far as I am concerned, this is not civics education — it gives the appearance of creating a cult of personality," Oklahoma Republican state Sen. Steve Russell told the Associated Press. "This is something you'd expect to see in North Korea or in Saddam Hussein's Iraq."

That's ridiculous.

There was some valid, mild criticism raised about the presidential address. Some of the related educational materials provided by the Department of Education tread close to propaganda and were removed. There are those who, on principle, believe all educational matters should be left to the states.

But surely people realize that presidents, including Republicans, have long tried to demonstrate their commitment to education by appearing with or before schoolchildren. President George H.W. Bush delivered a similar address to students in 1991 — and was rewarded with similar criticism from Democrats. George W. Bush at the time of the infamous 9/11 terrorist attacks was in a school showing his support for a reading-to-children program.

Such presidential involvement in schools may be self-serving, but it is at worst harmless and may even be, for some students, parents and teachers, inspirational.

There are many important political battles to be fought for the sake of the nation's future. Like too many political battles lately, this wasn't one of them.

SUDS FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

George Saunders takes advantage of the nice weather and washes his van in the driveway of his home in Andover.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Town's drinking water is not reason people value Andover

Editor, Townsman:

Clearly the mood at the last town meeting was "Cut, cut, cut. Andover has spent way too much during the 'good' years and now we must cut back." But before we all take out our calculators and try to figure out a mathematical solution in a couple of hours to solve a problem built up over years, our citizens need to step back and examine our values. Sorry, Buzz Stapecznski, but you can't take values and divide them: 35 percent town, 65 percent schools.

People don't want to move to Andover for our drinking water. Sure it's very nice to have new sidewalks in the downtown center, trees planted along the street and a new public safety complex. But at the end of the day our school system, and the outstanding teachers and administrators, are the heart of our town. They have already been proactive and have cut their budget back by extraordinary amounts, millions have been cut including over 40 staff; but numbers alone do not reflect the real story.

Let me put it in dramatic perspective: Wood Hill has dropped its computer technology lab. That's right, when parents in second and third world countries are taking their life savings to build schools with computers so their children can have a better life, we're going to solve our budget problem by taking computers away from our kids. The sad news is that decision has already taken place. The tragedy is we are going to continue to look at our budget problem through accountant's eyes and try to cut even more from the schools.

What's left you ask? Teacher headcount. If any further cuts are taken, teachers will be let go and our class sizes will balloon from 22 to 28 students per teacher. I would challenge any of our town officials to control 28 kids for a day, let alone teach them to the level our incredible teachers do. Enough.

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THURSDAY FILE

"An amazing thing, the human brain. Capable of understanding incredibly complex and intricate concepts. Yet at times unable to recognize the obvious and simple."
— Jay Abraham

Cut back overtime, cut back services, cut back planned expenses, cut back Town Offices hours of operations, rent out unused space, renegotiate leases, make do with what we have. Yes, reduce our government and the services it provides so we can live within our means, but the education system and our students have already cut back too much.

DAVID YACHNIN
5 Ellsworth Road

Public option, based on existing programs

Editor, Townsman:

During this past month we have seen a heated national health-care debate. I personally think we need changes in our health-care system that will:

1. cover most of our citizens, and
2. help reduce the current unsustainable cost of health care

I suspect the primary cause of many bankruptcies is medical catastrophe, with the associated cost that is either not covered or covered inadequately by health insurance. During my working years I was fortunate to have health-care coverage from my employer, which paid about half the cost for me and my family. Since I turned 65 I have been the beneficiary of the public option known as Medicare. Medicare plus a medigap policy means that health insurance is affordable for me during my retirement. Why shouldn't all citizens have a right to the same benefit I receive just because I am over 65? A public option, based on the Medicare model, would mean that all ages would be covered at a basic level and those who wished and could afford it could purchase additional private coverage that would reduce out-of-pocket costs when medical services are needed.

Other options might include extending the veterans medical system to those who wished to enroll, or allow citizens to buy into the coverage offered to our federal employees and/or legislators. It is my understanding that most of the universal systems in place in other industrialized countries were developed in a time of crisis and were based on what was already in place at the time. We are in a time of crisis and we have many models on which to build a system that will cover residents of all ages.

I am most grateful to be eligible for Medicare (even though my health expenses to date have been minimal) and feel that similar health-care insurance should be a right and not privilege, for all. We need a public option for all ages, similar to Medicare, as part of health-care reform.

SUSAN STOTT
30 Pasho St.

WEB QUESTION

Debate over doughnuts

Web voters seek more information from police

A story in last week's Townsman highlighted the Andover police's policy not to release details surrounding a sexual assault incident, including whether it happened in town. With 167 people voting, an overwhelming majority said that is not enough.

Top choice, with 94.61 percent of votes, was the response "the public should be informed of more information."

A distant second, with 1.8 percent, was "Depends on the circumstances. I trust police to make the call."

Third choice, with 1.2 percent, was "Victims' rights and privacy are most important, so little to no little information should be released" and "I want to know where and how it happened, in case it could happen again in town."

The responses "I would want

to know if it happened in my neighborhood" and "Releasing information could be used as a teaching tool about safety" received 0.60 percent.

This week's question

The tradition of having a place to gather for free coffee and doughnuts will return to the downtown this week, as volunteers welcome people to Old Town Hall. But, given the changes to Andover and its residents' tastes over the years, are doughnuts still the right draw? What would you like to see at the welcome center?

- Doughnuts
- Bagels
- Danish
- All of the above
- None of the above

To cast your vote, go to www.andovertownsman.com and scroll all the way to the bottom of the page.

Statehouse internship, public service path

Editor, Townsman:

Internships are a great way to gain experience and exposure in a particular field. My experience at the Massachusetts Statehouse has given me a real understanding of what true public service entails. Working for state Rep. Barry Finegold showed me hard work, motivation, and devotion to your constituents could make it even more gratifying.

I was given the opportunity to research and present my findings on different topics such as the Bottle Bill and Cable Franchising Bill, while exploring projects pertaining to the environment, energy and telecommunications. I also went to public hearings on the bills that I researched.

Once I stepped into the Statehouse and saw the history, murals and beautiful architecture, the enormity of my responsibility became more real. Being immersed in the environment and the culture helped me realize I want to be involved in public service and help others. Whether it is helping my community, or something else on a larger scale, I know the guidance and encouragement Rep. Finegold and his staff gave me helped me realize that this is a path I ultimately want to take.

The experience was like no other, and his example showed me that hard work on behalf of others can be satisfying on a personal and community level.

JOHN BRODY
7 Preston Circle

Government control not the answer on healthcare

Editor, Townsman:

Government control of health care is a bad idea. Our government is quick to fault private industry for poor management but neglects to see its own failure in managing Medicare and Medicaid. Based on its current track record it would be foolish to give the government more responsibility in managing our health care. I strongly feel that if Congress wants insurance to be more competitive, so that the uninsured can afford it, they should make it possible for more private insurance carriers to compete. By adding the government as both an insurer and regulator is counter-productive in terms of competition.

Doctors should be treating patients and not spending their time with the government bureaucracy on health-care issues. Patients should learn to be their own advocates and decide with their doctor what their best treatment is. The government, increasing its role as the middleman, will only further separate the patient from the doctor. If the current health-care bill is passed, we will have more regulation, poorer quality health care, increased cost and less personal contact with our physician.

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Townspeople

A life in baseball, planes and engineering

Bill Dalton



It's been over 40 years since I'd seen Bill McCarthy. We were classmates, Andover High School class of 1961 and played baseball together. He was a quiet, well liked, pleasant guy who could cover a lot of ground in the out-

field. The yearbook said he was shy, but that wasn't accurate. He wasn't loud and obvious, but that didn't make him shy.

Except for when he was in the service, Bill lived all his life in Andover until he retired. He and his wife of 21 years, Pauline (Becotte), now live in Freedom, N.H. Pauline grew up in Lawrence and graduated from St. Anne's in 1967. Every winter, Bill and Pauline travel to Florida in their 27-foot recreation vehicle, stopping on the way to visit friends and relatives.

A couple of weeks ago, after exchanging e-mails, Bill and I met at the "Little Miss Wakefield" diner on the Spaulding Turnpike. Our wives joined us. It was a perfect August day. In spite of the many years, Bill and I recognized each other immediately. He looked bigger and more solid than I remembered him. We sat down at a table, ordered lunch, and talked for over an hour.

The high school yearbook said Bill liked building model airplanes. In fact, he liked airplanes so much he signed up for the Air Force while we were still in high school, and he went in right after graduation. The Air Force trained him in electronics, and he was assigned to Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas as a communications/navigation instruments technician. He spent four years of active duty at Nellis and learned to fly.

Bill tried out for the Nellis baseball team. In high school, Bill had been a good defensive player but not a strong hitter. In the service, he was given eye glasses, and it made a big difference in his hitting. In fact, he was so good that he was dared by the Nellis coach to try out for the nearby Triple A minor league franchise, then called the Las Vegas Stars. Much to his surprise "amazingly," he says, he made the team. His Air Force obligations allowed him only to play in regular season home games, but he accrued leave time to travel to the playoffs.

A service-related knee injury ended his baseball dreams, and he left the Air Force, staying in the reserves. Back in Andover, he went to Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston and studied electronic engineering. He graduated in 1967. Later that year, his knee "came apart," he says. Surgery was followed by two years of rehabilitation.

Bill took a temporary job at the Malden Mills in Lawrence as an electronics technician and master electrician. The "temporary" job lasted 34 years. He was there when the mill burned down just before Christmas in 1995. It was the biggest fire in Massachusetts in over a century. But it was owner Aaron Feuerstein's actions that made the fire the subject of news stories around the world. After the fire, Feuerstein announced that he would continue to pay his employees until his money ran out, even though the employees had no place to work.

Bill says the workers reacted: "Everyone involved gave a 100-percent effort. As a result, we had the first mill machine running in four days. It was an amazing accomplishment. There were hundreds of tradesmen, engineers, and union workers outside of Malden Mills employees who played an important role in rebuilding the business." However, it was a long time until the mill business was functioning near its original capacity.

As sidelines, Bill was a Lieutenant in the Lawrence Auxiliary Police and was the firearms training officer. He was active in the Civil Air Patrol. "The Air Force's best kept secret until 9/11," says Bill. From 1968 to 1988 he shot muzzle-loaded firearms in competition throughout the Northeast, spending many weekends shooting at the Andover Sportsman's Club. Bill says he was "lucky" enough to win many trophies.

In 2005, Bill had a pacemaker installed in his chest to stabilize his heart beats. A couple of months ago, he had emergency surgery to replace the pacemaker because one of the its electric leads was defective. Every time Bill moved his arm a little, the pacemaker thought that Bill's heart was unstable and jolted it to correct a problem that didn't exist. He laughed about having to hold his arm very steady on the long trip to the hospital. His wife said it was "nerve-racking." Since the pacemaker replacement, he's been kayaking and says his life is back to normal.

This "shy" guy, as the yearbook called him, is interested in getting in touch with old classmates.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman and likes to hear from you at billdalton@andovertownie.com.

BIKER MOMS

Andover women ride 'metric century' to build Afghani women's center

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER



Andover moms Suzanne Griffin (left) and Pamela Drouin are riding 100 kilometers in the Beyond the Bike charity ride on Sept. 12. The bicycle ride will raise money to construct a women's community center for widows in Afghanistan through Beyond the 11th, a nonprofit organization founded by two American women widowed after Sept. 11, 2001.

BETHANY BRAY/Staff photo

Andover residents Pamela Drouin and Suzanne Griffin have one very important thing in common with the Afghani women they will support through a 100-kilometer bicycle ride this weekend: motherhood.

Beyond the Bike, which begins and ends in Needham on Saturday, Sept. 12, aims to raise money to build a women's center in Afghanistan. "We hope

BEYOND THE BASICS

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- For ride details, click on the orange "Beyond the Bike" button on Beyond the 11th's home page.
- To sponsor either Andover rider, visit: www.firstgiving.com/pameladrouin or www.firstgiving.com/suzannegriffin

this is a good example for our kids, that it's important to put people who are in need in front of ourselves," said Griffin. "It gives them some perspective, to look at the world and how they fit in."

The two Andover women will join close to 50 riders in the Beyond the Bike event, and estimate they will complete the 62-mile trek in about four hours.

Before they started training for Beyond the Bike 12 weeks ago, Drouin and Griffin described themselves as "recreational" bikers. The hours spent riding has taught them about themselves and afforded time out from their busy lives. Drouin and Griffin are both stay-at-home moms, each with two young children.

"It's been a great experience, and rewarding to know, especially as a mom of two fairly young kids, you can set a fairly challenging goal and reach it," said Griffin. "And that we, in our local community, can make a difference in lives across the globe - it really makes the world smaller."

Drouin said training has improved her focus and described the pair's rides through Andover, Boxford and North Andover as peaceful.

Beyond the Bike is the first bicycle trek fundraiser organized by Beyond the 11th, a nonprofit founded by Susan Retik and Patti Quigley, two American women widowed by the events of Sept. 11, 2001. Beyond the 11th partners with existing nongovernmental organizations to provide support to widows in Afghanistan, the training ground for the terrorists who killed the cofounders' husbands.

Retik spoke at an event at Temple Emanuel in Andover in May, and Griffin and Drouin were inspired to keep in touch with Retik and join her cause.

Beyond the Bike aims to fund the construction of the Dragon Valley Women's Community Center in Bamyan, Afghanistan. Plans include laundry and shower facilities, classrooms for job training and a community garden, all luxuries the local women have never experienced in their culture.

Chamber Music players return to more intimate home

13th season begins Sunday

Andover couple Julie Scolnik and Michael Brower were recognized by the Massachusetts Senate last year for their "12th year of bringing world-class, accessible music to the Merrimack Valley."

On Sunday, Andover residents will again have a chance to hear this music, and in the place where it all started. Now entering its 13th season, Andover Chamber Music will present "Brahms and his Circle" on Sunday Sept. 13, 4 p.m., at the West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road in Andover.

"We are very excited about returning to our first home," said Scolnik, the series' artistic director, who founded the series with her husband, Brower, in 1997 at the West Parish Church.

"I always missed the intimacy of the beautiful sanctuary when we moved to the Rogers Center to accommodate our growing audience. I really believe that chamber music should be in a hall or church of this size. The acoustics in the church are incredibly perfect and as music is all about communicating, we love the way the curved pews envelope us as we play, increasing the connection between us."

For the opening concert on a Sunday, Sept. 13, Scolnik has assembled what she calls a dream team of familiar ACM artists to perform the Brahms String Sextet in G. "I have emancipated myself from my



FILE PHOTO

Bladimir Jaime received a lesson on how to conduct from Julie Scolnik, flutist and artistic director, when the Andover Chamber Music Series visited the Guilmette Elementary School in 2008. Scolnik recently was honored by the state senate for her work with the series. It will return to the West Parish Church (pictured above right) for performances this fall, starting Sunday.

last love," Brahms wrote when he finished composing this piece which has been subtitled Agathe, the name of his beloved whom he fled when marriage



seemed imminent.

Also on the program is a newly discovered, never-before-recorded and, until recently, out-of-print Divertimento for flute and strings by Friedrich Gernsheim, a close friend and colleague of Brahms. The program will open with a beautiful Romance for violin and piano by Joseph Joachim, Brahms' closest friend.

Scolnik wants people to know that they will be using platforms to create a highly visible stage, so that site lines will not be a problem.

Because West Parish Church is a smaller venue than the Rogers Center, where ACMS performances have been held recently, Scolnik said in a release, "I do want to people realize that they will have to plan ahead, that buying tickets at the door may no longer be possible."

Apart from the annual Baroque Holiday concert which they always play at South Church, Andover Chamber Music will consider WPC its new home this season, and will play its four-concert series there. The Nov. 8 concert is called "Fairytale," the annual Valentine concert on Feb. 7, "Heartstrings from Saint-Petersburg," and the season finale on April 11, "Impressions."

Tickets are \$30. For group and family discounts, go to AndoverChamberMusic.org to order tickets directly or call the office at 978-474-6222, sales@andoverchambermusic.org.

Tell-tale signs that you've 'jumped the shark'

Sue Tabb

In the world of television, "jumping the shark" is the point at which a show's plot or characters become so absurd that it is painfully clear the series has passed its prime and can only move down in the ratings. I believe the colloquialism originates from an episode of "Happy Days" in which Fonzie - in his swim trunks and leather jacket - literally jumps a shark while waterskiing in Hollywood. The fact that I know this is sort of frightening but just bear with me.

My point is simply that I've jumped the shark. I've become a ridiculous caricature of my former self. I finally understand the desperation of those sitcom writers who were anxiously trying to stay on top despite the odds. But the downward spiral is bound to happen, even when there is no logical explanation. Just consider the Fresh Prince

of Bel-Air, which aired six seasons compared to a whopping 15 seasons for E.R. Where is the justice?

So we all jump the shark at some time or another and it comes down to acceptance. I think I have finally come to terms with the fact that I am older, lamer and becoming an embarrassment to myself and those who admit they know me. Here are a few reasons why:

- My idea of a fun night is watching "House Hunters" on HGTV and having a glass of wine. My idea of a wild night is watching "House Hunters International" and having two glasses of wine.
- I am uncomfortable around the mural of the half-naked boy in Abercrombie & Fitch.
- I am excited when I buy a new set of high thread-count sheets at Marshalls. I am ecstatic when I find a matching comforter.
- I actually consider a shoe's comfort before making the

purchase.

- When traveling, my personal bag - with its hair products, wrinkle creams, and medications - weighs more than my suitcase and could actually double as an anchor for a cruise ship.
- I have not been whistled at by a construction worker in over a decade.
- My kids refer to my childhood as "back in those days."
- I own a "body shaper" (a more polite word for girdle) that is a must-have undergarment when there is no Lycra in the fabric covering my belly.
- I don't know the difference between an iPhone and an iPod...and I can still sleep at night. I simply close my iLids.
- A good party is when guests go home by 10 p.m. and you score a couple of decent bottles of wine. A good party "back in the day" was measured by how many times the cops showed up at the door.
- There are no new skeletons

in my closet.

See what I mean? Lame. Go ahead and think it. It won't bother me because I've already moved past the denial phase. The problem is that once you get to this stage, you have absolutely no shame whatsoever. I might as well start wearing sandals with gym socks.

I think there is a certain day that we all turn. Remember when your kids were smiling, darling babies and then one day, right around when they turn 2, you go in to find a toddler with attitude jumping out of his crib? There is a definite and distinct and most times quite unpleasant turning point. For adults it's somewhere around the time you discover you use to babysit your kids' first grade teacher.

Shows jump the shark. Kids jump the shark. Grown-ups jump the shark. It's just the circle of life.

So grab your water skis and a nice leather jacket and get ready to leap, Fonzie.

ENGAGEMENT

Elizabeth Krieger and Jonathan Holt

John and Mary Krieger of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Krieger, to Jonathan Holt, son of Tom and Maggie Holt of Rustburg, Va.

Elizabeth is a graduate of Andover High School. She received a bachelor of science degree from Gordon College in Wenham, and a doctorate of medicine from Georgetown University Medical School. She

is currently employed as a hospitalist at Hilo Medical Center, Hilo, Hawaii.

Jonathan graduated from Rustburg High School, Rustburg, Va. and received a bachelor of business administration in management from James Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va. He is employed as a configuration specialist with Dataprise Inc. in Rockville, Md.

The couple plan a March 2010 wedding in Hawaii.

BoomerVenture starts new programs, time for fall 2009

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.

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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 to 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 to download registration form.

TOWNSPEOPLE

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts is pleased to announce that Andover resident **Melissa Morgante** will participate in this year's Leading Women Awards committee.

As a member of the Leading Women Awards committee, Morgante will help secure event

sponsors that will raise funds to help develop and deliver innovative programming to help today's girls become tomorrow's leaders. The 18th annual Leading Women Awards Breakfast event will take place on Thursday, Oct. 29 at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

KAREN PAYNE TAYLOR
SENIOR CENTER STAFF

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.

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. from Sept. 9 and 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.

Men's breakfast: Friday, September 18, 8:30 a.m., advance registration. Colonial Medical Show: 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. Pre-registration a must.

Fall organizing: Helpful hints on

getting started and maintaining momentum with our professional organizer Susan Walko as she teaches us to "lighten our load" by creating space that embraces you she will teach a one process de-cluttering on Sept. 22 at 1:30 p.m. \$3 and "attain equilibrium," by learning routines that save time and keep your organizing on track. Sept. 29 at 1:30 p.m., for \$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.

Estate-planning forum: Friday, Sept. 25 10 a.m. Features Captain Jason Ebacher, Esq. As the TRIAD Director at the Essex County Sheriff's Department as well as a local attorney. He will discuss estate planning as well as health care proxies and living wills. Pre-registration for this free Forum.

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

Letters, Literary and Literally: Explore the nearly lost art of letter writing in this unique three part series jointly presented by the Andover Senior Center and Memorial Hall Library. Part 1: Sept. 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. This free afternoon

literary letters workshop starts the six part series, with an examination of letters as living history and compelling current-day communication, held at MHL. Call to pre-register at MHL - 978-623-8401 Ext. 49. Part 2: Insightful Writing Through Letters: Thursdays, Oct. 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 1:30 p.m. at the ASC. \$20 for four-week course. Delve into the exploration of letters as articles of value both as gifts and bearers of history. With guidance from instructor Karen Fullerton, participants will learn techniques that can be applied to various aspects of the written word. Part 3: Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History: Oct. 29 at 9 a.m. This trip will complete our celebration of the art of letter writing, \$20 includes transportation, museum admission, lunch with museum curator and course instructor on campus lunch cost of \$6 payable that day. Pre-registration required for all three parts of this series. Priority given to course participants for Spellman trip. Pre-registration required.

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.

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Arts & Entertainment

Opera for kids? By kids? Yes, at Collins Center

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Opera for kids on Youtube? You betcha, as a local instructor with more than 35 years teaching young people choral music and opera, says if you want to reach out to kids you have to do it. "It's their vehicle of communicating...they have grown up with it," Marie Stultz, founder of the

Young Opera Company of New England.

Stultz said the group's Youtube performance (type YOCNE) may not be quite up to her professional standards. But just the fact that the youth did it, had fun doing it and enjoy being involved with opera is what's so great about it.

"They did a good job overall and it shows their enthusiasm and pride," she said.

But that enthusiasm for kids opera has not yet caught on in Andover. While the group is based at the Collins Center at Andover High School and has received positive reviews, its 19 members are from other towns. Stultz is looking to double that number as two opera performances are planned for this season.

The group will perform "The Fairy Queen" by Henry Purcell

and Shakespeare's "Midsummer's Nights Dream."

Stultz said opera has a reputation of being "elitist" and that may be keeping kids away.

"But 'Midsummer's Nights Dream' is about a queen falling in love with a donkey's head. There's nothing elitist there," she said.

Stultz knows that studying opera is not easy, but parents of youth with good singing

voices should know that opera is available to their kids, and attracts youth with lots of other interests.

"One student plays soccer," she said. "I just told him to make sure he keeps his mouth closed when he plays soccer."

Andover parents can get a taste of the opera program at the upcoming Andover Days celebration on Oct. 3. Performances will take place but the time and

location has not been finalized.

Meanwhile, auditions for the Young Opera Company of New England are ongoing. To schedule an audition, call Stultz at 978-664-4705.

"The kids will be trained in a music organization where fine music in numerous languages is used to build young singers to reach their full potential," Stultz said. "It can change a child's life in the arts forever."

Artist's drawings reflect Jewish life

Andover artist Joan Nyman will have a collection of drawings, titled "Images From the Past - The Jewish World of Eastern Europe," on display at the Daniels Gallery in the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center in Boston through Oct. 7.



Joan Nyman

Nyman's drawings reflect a sense of Jewish life found in the towns and villages of Eastern Europe.

The exhibit opened yesterday, Sept. 9.

The exhibit is dedicated to the memory of the artist's grandfather, Dr. Eli Friedman, who emigrated to the U.S. from a small village in Lithuania and went on to become chief of pediatrics at Boston City Hospital.

"Nyman was head of her own business consulting firm, with no training in art, when she discovered, much to her surprise, that she had drawn an exact likeness of her grandfather," wrote the artist in a release.



COURTESY PHOTO

A drawing of Jewish life in Eastern Europe by Andover artist Joan Nyman. A collection of Nyman's drawings, titled "Images From the Past-The Jewish World of Eastern Europe," will be on display at the Daniels Gallery in the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center in Boston from Sept. 9 to Oct. 7.

The drawing of Friedman is included in Nyman's show at the Daniels Gallery.

Nyman, who is on the faculty of the DeCordova Museum School, holds degrees from Wellesley College and Columbia University. Her work has been

shown in galleries, public and commercial venues and educational institutions.

The Daniels Gallery is in the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, 1200 Centre St., Boston. For more information on the artist, visit www.joannyman.com.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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).

ANTI-RECESSION TALK, "I Refuse to Participate in the Recession," 6 p.m., 60 Island St., Lawrence. Scheduled speakers are Lawrence Mayor Michael J. Sullivan, Lisa Gonzalez Welch from the U.S. Small Business Administration, Christine Santacroce of Lawrence Exchange Club, Will Carpenter of Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, Dennis McCarthy of Lazarus House, Gary Sidell, Principal, Bell Tower Management LLC and Laura Rocha from e-Women's Network. There will be a special teleconference with the guru of business networking and New York Times best-selling author, Dr. Ivan Misner, founder of BNI.

SEPTEMBER AUDITIONS, for Coro Stella Maris, the North Shore's Renaissance music vocal ensemble. Auditions are for 2009-2010 season concerts and the group has openings in soprano, alto and bass sections. Auditions by appointment, Barbara Boles, 617/625-1857; www.corostellamaris.org.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11

OPEN HOUSE CLASSES, Music Together, the early childhood music program, free, South Church, 41 Central St., Andover, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.; 978-688-3326 to reserve space, www.musictogetheraroundthetowns.com.

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.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

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.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING, benefits Neighbors in Need, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. RAIN OR SHINE, South Church, 41 Central St., Andover, \$1 per pound of used electronics. No hazardous wastes will be accepted; Christopher, 617-233-4120, christopher@toxtour.org.

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.

ANNUAL FISHING FESTIVAL, Harold Parker State Forest, Sudden Pond, 1951 Turnpike Road, North Andover, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., fishing for all ages as event will introduce beginning and veteran anglers to fishing. MassWildlife Angler Education Volunteer Instructors will be on hand to assist. Equipment is provided; 978-475-7972, www.mass.gov/dcr.

FREE HYDRANGEA PICKING, at the Hydrangea circle within West Parish Church cemetery, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., also a historic walk through the chapel

happening at 10 a.m. with historian Jim Batchelder, free ice cream celebration at 11:30 a.m.

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. *Date Changed From Aug. 29 due to weather. Anyone who purchased tickets for Aug. 29 may use them. 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.

SINGLES DANCE, sponsored by The Social Life of Greater Haverhill, American Legion, Main Street, Rte. 121, Haverhill, 8 p.m., DJ, refreshments, door prizes; John 978-441-2765, info@thesinglelife.org.

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.

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

PUBLIC CANOE & KAYAK TRIP, 1-4 p.m.,

Please see **CALENDAR**, Page 16

NATIONAL EXPOSURE



COURTESY PHOTO OF BOYS LIKE GIRLS

Andover native Martin Johnson (second from left) will sing the national anthem at the Patriots 2009 Monday Night Football opener. He sings and plays guitar with the band Boys Like Girls and graduated from Andover High in 2004. He is pictured with Paul DiGiovanni, John Keefe and Bryan Donohue.

Andover's Johnson to ring in Pats home opener

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Martin Johnson, 2004 Andover High School graduate and lead singer for the pop/rock group Boys Like Girls, will sing the national anthem at the Patriots' season-opening Monday Night Football game.

The Andover native will sing before the game between the Patriots and the Buffalo Bills at Gillette Stadium on Sept. 14, the first game for quarterback Tom Brady since a knee injury ended his season during the opening quarter last year.

Andover's Johnson found himself launched into stardom after his band was signed by the Columbia Records

label three years ago. Girls Like Boys has toured the U.S., Japan and the United Kingdom, and had two top 40 hits on its self-titled debut album.

The band's next album, "Love Drunk," released Sept. 8, and the title track quickly climbed the top 20 on pop radio's top 40 chart and No. 15 on the iTunes singles chart, according to a press release.

Johnson and Boys Like Girls - whose members all hail from the Boston area - will play a free show at Patriot Place Plaza in Foxborough on Sunday, Sept. 13 at 2 p.m. to promote their new album and "thank their hometown fans," said the press release. For details, see www.PatriotPlace.com

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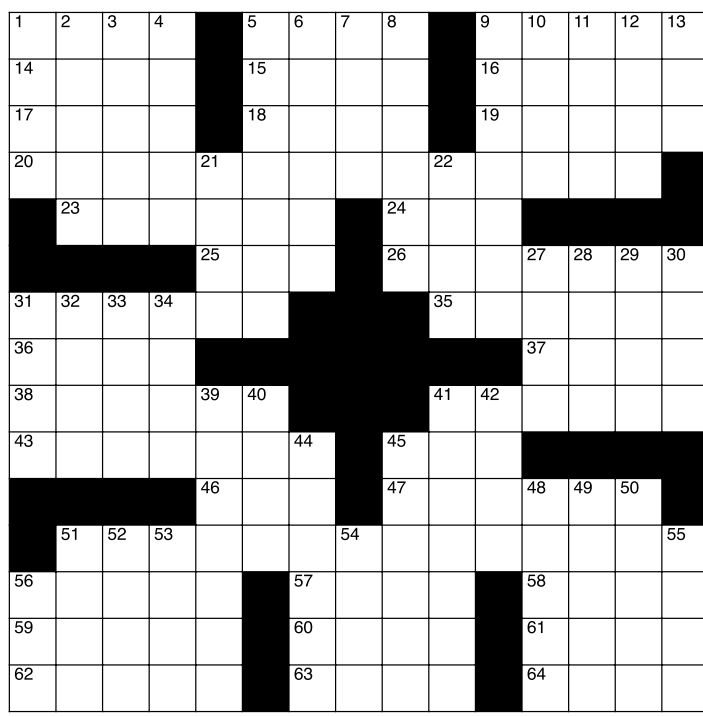
Sunday, September 20th: (following week)

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Crossword puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS**
1. Watering holes
 5. Baby's bed
 9. Volcanic craters
 14. Apple, pear, quince
 15. Perfect
 16. Chimich ____: fried burritos
 17. Pitcher
 18. Apiece neighborhood
 19. Comb-plate
 20. Moonlighting star
 23. Most rational
 24. Dined
 25. Affirmative
 26. OK to take out
 31. Actress Tomei
 35. Sequent
 36. R ____ se: let go of
 37. Barrel
 38. Backslides
 41. Conditions of balance
 43. Canadian bodybuilder Ellis
 45. Central processing unit
 46. Take to the limit
 47. Plays again
 51. Popular seafood appetizer
 56. Moshe ____, Israeli leader
 57. Jai ____ sport
 58. What a clock tells
 59. But goodie
 60. "Just Do It" co.
 61. Balanced
 62. Belongs to sun god
 63. Cheap lodging (Br. slang)
 64. Tear apart
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Design criteria for a piece of work
 2. Author John Cowper
 3. I celled protozoa (alt. sp.)
 4. Of the genus serinus
 5. New York neighborhood
 6. Cooks meat in an oven
 7. Linear unit
 8. Decapitate
 9. Broad knife
 10. Initial poker stake
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TUESDAY, SEPT. 15
BALLARDALE DAM in Andover, meet at the Ballardvale Dam and shuttle to the starting point. This trip is in conjunction with a Cub Scout troop event and they will have a cookout at Sero's Grove campsite. Bring food & beverages (no alcohol), hosted by Shawsheen Watershed Council.

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

OPEN HOUSE, Temple Emanuel of the Merrimack Valley, 101 West Forest St., Lowell, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; www.tem.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 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.

MONDAY, SEPT. 14

HYPNOBIRTHING CLASS, 6-8:30 p.m., runs for 5 consecutive weeks; Maureen, 978-738-8080, www.maternalhealthandfitness.com

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15
CURIOS ANDOVER SIGHTINGS, mysterious gigantic snowballs, a strange message in the sky, an antique train traveling 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.

INTERFAITH PRAYER SHAWL TEA, St. Augustine's Parish, Center for Education and Ministry, 35 Essex St., Andover, 2-3:30 p.m., with tea and pastry, free and open to the public; RSVP by Sept. 11 to Barbara, 978-686-4012 or cstaff@conversent.net.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16

BRIDAL AFFAIR WEDDING SHOWCASE, Vesper Country Club, Pawtucket Blvd., Tyngsboro, 6-9 p.m., free admission; www.newenglandbridalaffair.com.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17

AUTHOR READING, Jennifer Haigh will read from her novel The Condition, 7 p.m., free, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St.; 978-475-0143.

JOURNEY TO THE ANTARCTIC, 2 p.m., free, Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading. Greta Barresi of North Reading will show slides from her trip; 978-664-4942.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 18

HIKE, AVIS Deer Jump Reservation hike along the Merrimack River. Park on Launching Road off of River Road. Trail entrance is past house #15. Led by Fred Snell, 978-686-3647.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

LIVE COMEDY, Salvatore's of Lawrence, 354 Merrimack St., Lawrence. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8:30 p.m., \$20, benefits the American Heart Association and the Merrimack Valley Start! Heart Walk on Oct. 3.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

FREE JAZZ CONCERT, featuring The Squirrel Hill Jazz Band, West Parish Chapel, Reservation Road, 3 p.m.

AUTHOR VISIT, Brunonia Barry, author of The Lace Reader, benefits PATHS (Patient Advocacy Training & Health Services), a non-profit that offers training to help people learn to navigate their healthcare journey effectively, 2-4:30 p.m., Wyndham Andover Hotel, 123 Old River Road, Andover, \$20, dessert buffet, coffee, tea. Reservations: Donna Wagner, author@patientpaths.org or 978-838-0290. Email preferred.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22

BACK TO SCHOOL, BACK TO HEALTH, presented by The Champion Factory Gymnastics and Circus Arts Center, 7:30-9 p.m., Chickering Plaza behind Keys Grille on Route 125, North Andover. This is a series of free lectures with tips on how to get your child to consume more fruits and vegetables; 978-683-8493 to register.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR VISIT, Judy Schacher author of Skippyjon Jones Lost in Spice, 3:30 p.m., free, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St.; 978-475-0143.

PREVIEW NIGHT, for The Friends of Memorial Hall Library's annual book sale, through Sept. 27 during library hours, preview hours are 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$20 per person (free for Friends members); 978-623-8401, x31, www.mhl.org.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24

GOLF TOURNAMENT, hosted by The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Newburyport, Ould Newbury Golf Club, Rte 1, Newbury. Registration at 11 a.m. and the Shotgun/Scramble at noon, \$100 per player; Rena Monoxelos, 603-635-9330 or rmonox@hotmail.com.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26

GATES & GABLES HOUSE TOUR, hosted by Andover Historical Society, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tour will treat visitors to an inside look at private Andover homes displaying an intriguing diversity of architectural, collecting and decorating styles; 978-475-2236.

Art is the Park colors Park Sept. 19

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

Andover artists include Jim Primmer, an Andover resident and a photographer for over 30 years. He has been published in North Shore Magazine and won numerous awards including those from Art in the Park, Waterville Main Street and Arts Institute Group. He'll be at booth No. 48.

Gerald Smith, another resident of Andover, who is employed as an art director for a publisher in Melrose, is now pursuing his first endeavor as a fine artist. He enjoys graphite to reproduce texture and detail and water color for its spontaneity. He'll be at booth No. 60.

Young resident Zoe Yin has been showing her work in Art in the Park since age 6. She sold her art in both of the two last years and is now 8 years old. She will show her acrylics at booth No. 96.

The following is a list of some other participating artists, with descriptions provided by an organizer:

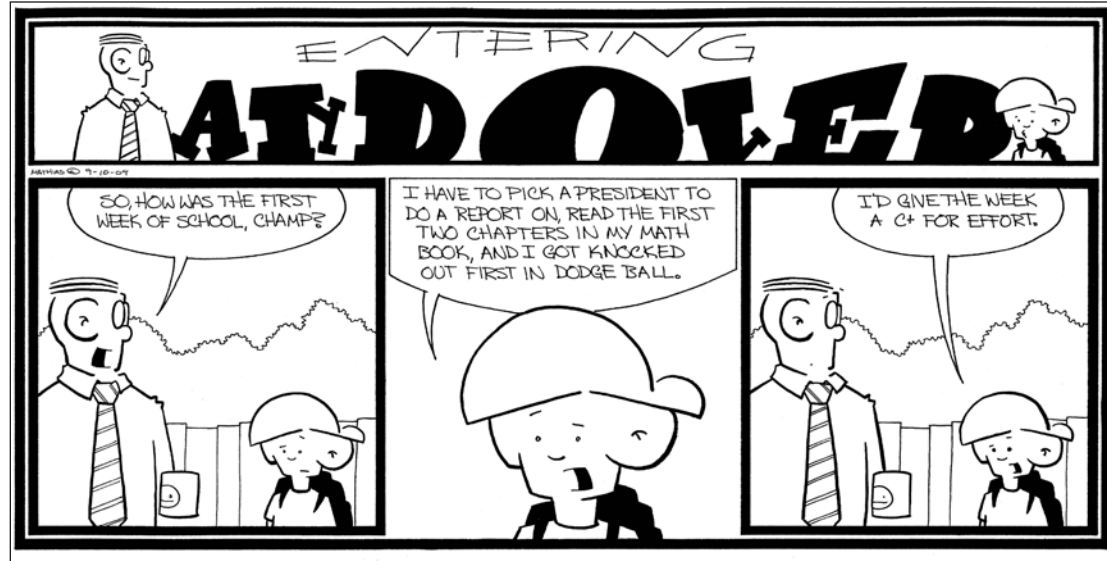
Carol Boileau: works in acrylic, mixed media, water colors. She will be showing her acrylic paintings and mixed media works. Booth No. 20

Artist Susan Bruce will be showing her oil paintings and pastels. Booth No. 40. Her Web site is www.susanbrucestudios.com

Artist Karla Cook loves portraiture, delighting in trying to capture the spirit of her subject, the play of light and shadow, and then trying to render it in oil or pastel. Most recently she has found herself focusing on her love of animals in her art. She has studied with several well known artists and most extensively with her mentor and friend, Copley Master, Mark Hayden. Her work could be seen at Bistro Casis, Post Office Ave., Andover, and on her Web site, www.reservoirfarmstudio.net. She will show her oil paintings and pastels at booth No. 9.

Artist Sheila Corbitt paints acrylics and does ceramic work. Booth No. 58.

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Sports

Fall Warriors, Part 2

FOOTBALL

TALENT AND TOUGHNESS



At 6 feet and 240 pounds, Nick Burdeau, here running through preseason workouts, is one of the keys to an experienced and talented Andover High offensive line.



Performances such as his 255-yard, four touchdown game through the air against Central Catholic on Thanksgiving have made John Hennessy one of the most feared quarterbacks in the state.



The state's all-time record holder in the 55-meter dash and Eastern Mass. champ in the 100 this spring, Andover's Chris McConnell has left plenty of defensive backs in the dust. With 556 receiving yards and eight touchdowns, he is also a consistent receiver.

Superstar offensive trio lead Warriors into new season

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

ANDOVER — It was a difficult summer for those involved with Andover football.

The team saw longtime head coach Ken Maglio let go, replaced on an interim basis by John Rex. With that change also came an almost entirely new coaching staff and a new philosophy on offense and defense.

But, after all the controversy and adjustments of the offseason, it is finally time for the Golden Warriors to kick off the 2009 season.

And when Andover does take the field, tomorrow at North Andover, it will do so with the most talented trio of offensive weapons in the Merrimack Valley Conference — and possibly

Massachusetts — in quarterback John Hennessy and receivers Christopher McConnell and Brian Miller. They highlight an all-around potent offense that is teamed with a tough-as-nails defense.

"It's a new year and a new attitude," said Hennessy. "We have a lot of players that can make big plays and make things happen. So, I think we're going to win a lot of games this season."

The offense begins with Hennessy. It was clear Hennessy was an athlete the moment he entered high school. As a freshman, he earned the job as starting shortstop with the baseball team, and as a sophomore was an Eagle-Tribune All-Star in baseball. But, last year, the question was: *Could he play quarterback?*

Hennessy answered that in a big

"It's a new year and a new attitude. We have a lot of players that can make big plays and make things happen."

Andover quarterback John Hennessy

way last season as a junior. In his first year as the starting QB, he threw for a whopping 1,648 yards and 20 touchdowns, the latter tying a school record. He also rushed for 625 yards and five more scores.

"I love to sling the ball around," said Hennessy. "I like running the ball on occasion too. It's all about getting the ball into the hands of the people that make plays."

The returning QB has plenty of teammates that can make those big plays.

Leading the Warriors' skill players

is the fastest man in the state, receiver McConnell. Last winter, the then-junior set a state indoor track record in the 55-meter dash with a 6.34, and in the spring won the Eastern Mass. state title in the 100 in 10.89.

But, McConnell is far from just a track athlete. At 5-foot-8 and a listed 175 pounds, McConnell was an Eagle-Tribune All-Star at receiver last fall, catching 36 passes for 556 yards and eight touchdowns, including 120 yards and two scores on Thanksgiving.

If McConnell is the established standout, the budding star is tight

end/receiver Miller.

The junior showed plenty of potential last year, catching 21 passes for 229 yards. But it has been an explosive offseason for Miller.

At 6-foot-4 and 220 pounds, Miller ran a blazing 4.69 40-yard dash at the Boston College football camp this summer. Also a basketball standout, he has already drawn interest from Division 1 football schools such as Boston College.

"Speed is speed," said Rex. "You can't coach speed, and McConnell can fly. And Miller has the ability and work ethic to be very special."

Rounding out the receiving corps will likely be Jimmy Johnson (6 catches, 3 TDs last year), Christian

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Remembering Krit Kearins



This summer, Indian Ridge Country Club and Pam Kearins Sheehy created the first annual memorial award in memory of Krit Kearins, an Andover High School graduate who died from injuries sustained in a bike accident. Krit Kearins was a diving and swimming coach and a lifeguard at the Indian Ridge pool and parents always noted that the children loved her positive and cheerful disposition. This award will be given annually at the end of season banquet to one outstanding member of the Indian Ridge Swim & Dive team. Recently, the first award was given to Dillon Clancy by Krit's mom, Pam Kearins Sheehy.

Cycling event helps raise ALS money

24-hour spin-a-thon in memory of Andover's Fran Muccio

Andover residents have a chance to put a great spin on the weekend, devoting time and money to bottling ALS.

On Saturday, Sept. 12 and Sunday, Sept. 13, Fitness for You, 530 Turnpike St., North Andover, will host the third annual 24-hour Spin-A-Thon. This year all proceeds generated by the event will go directly to supporting The Leonard Florence Center for Living in Chelsea, said organizers.

The Leonard Florence Center for Living is a \$60 million

state of the art, environmentally friendly facility being built for people living with ALS. A consultant for the project is an architect and a patient with ALS, according to a release.

The ALS Spin-A-Thon at Fitness for You was started in memory of Fran "Mooch" Muccio. Fran and his family have been long time Andover residents. His wife, Gina Muccio, is an instructor at Fitness for You and his daughter, Christina,

has also been employed at the gym.

Christina and Michael Muccio were both well known athletes within the Andover High School athletic program. They have spearheaded fundraising events to increase community awareness and for financial assistance for families being affected by ALS.

The Spin-A-Thon will be a family-oriented event with a dunk tank and a jump house for young children.

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FIELD HOCKEY

Giroux brings ice hockey sensibility to field

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Even now, four years into her field hockey career, Andover's Nicole Giroux still has to remind herself at times that she is not on the ice.

"I am so used to playing hockey," she said. "I was always the person getting penalties for hitting opponents (in field hockey). It's tough for me to shut it off. I have kept doing that."

Giroux's toughness is one of the attributes that has made her the anchor of the defense for the Golden Warriors field hockey team, which was scheduled to open play today by hosting Methuen.

"Nicole is so strong and so tough," said Andover coach Maureen Noone. "She had an excellent year last year, and is now more comfortable to step into a leadership role. She is just a tough kid."

Last year, her second as a starter in the backfield, Giroux

paced a defense that helped the Golden Warriors to a 18-2-2 record and an appearance in the Division 1 North final. A key part of that run was the D, which did not allow a single shot on starting goalie Tameka Geaslen in eight different games that season.

"Before every game our goal is to not allow a shot," said Giroux. "We are out there to block shots and make sure no one gets back to fire a shot on Tameka. Defense wins championships."

Shots are not all that Geaslen will block. She has become known for her physical play on the defensive end. And that toughness was learned over years as an ice hockey player. She is heading into her fourth season as a letterman on the ice for the Warriors.

"I started playing hockey when I was 6-years-old," she said. "Our old (Andover High varsity) coach Bill McCarthy always told us to be physical, and we were. Field hockey is

different because you are laying back more on defense instead of going at them like in ice hockey. But it is very similar."

Toughness, however, isn't the only aspect of her game that ice hockey has influenced.

"At first we just saw her as a tough kid that was also a great one-on-one defender," said Noone.

"But she also has great hockey skills. She has great hand-eye coordination and great passing skills. She sees openings between players and gets the ball to the right people. She has gotten so confident that she may even see some time in the midfield this season."

A standout student, Giroux is looking to play field hockey and possibly ice hockey in college. She said she has contacted numerous Division 3 schools such as Colby.

"They are two very different sports," she said. "But, in the end, it is a sport with a stick and there is hitting. There are

a lot of moves similar in both sports, like pulling the ball back and defending people. And I like to do it in a physical manner."

FIELD HOCKEY

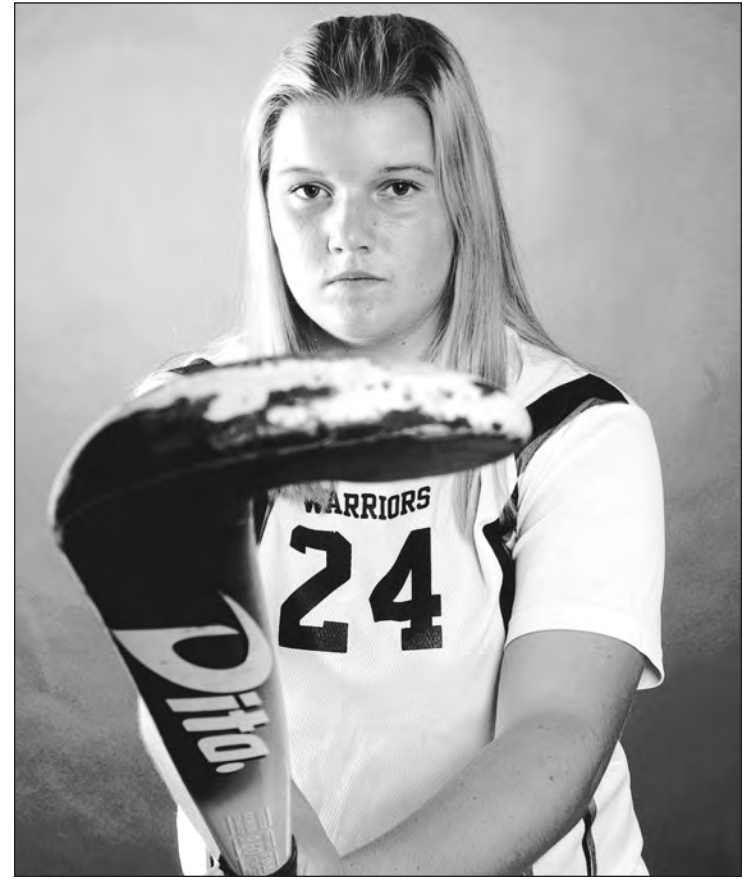
Returning starters: Tameka Geaslen, Sr., goalie; Nicole Giroux, Sr., back; Emily Hook, Sr., back; Kylie Nagy, Sr., sweeper; Sarah Oteri, Sr., midfielder; Sierra Zwerling, Sr., back; Laura Cahill, Jr., forward; Laura Dimitruk, Jr., midfielder

Returning lettermen: Ally Long, Sr., forward; Hannah Pratt, Sr., goalie; Emily Belluche, Sr., back; Vanessa Kelly, Jr., forward; Jillian Manning, Jr., forward;

Promising newcomers: Anne Farnham, Soph., forward; Kate Farnham, Soph., forward; Taylor Farris, Soph., back; Elise Krekorian, Soph., forward; Jaclynn Torres, Frosh., forward

Captains: Tameka Geaslen, Sarah Oteri, Nicole Giroux

Assistants: Shelia Selois, JV; Kristen Moriarty, Frosh.; Dan Casper, volunteer; Abby Reilly, volunteer assistant



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Years as a standout in ice hockey have taught aggressive play to Andover field hockey standout Nicole Giroux.

FOOTBALL: Offensive trio ready to lead Warriors to winning season

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Lightner and track star newcomer Kerrick Stevens.

Unlike the last two seasons, when Andover played almost exclusively spread (5 receivers), the Golden Warriors will employ multiple formations this season, including the more traditional power-I, placing a greater emphasis on the running game.

The lone position, however, the Warriors lack experience on offense is running back, with the graduation of 2008 leading rusher Tucker Devine (763 yards). He will be replaced by starting linebacker Nick Enxing, who saw limited action at running back last season (5 carries, 12 yards). He is expected to share the backfield with fullbacks Ned Deane and Alex Fortune.

"Enxing's all toughness," said Hennessy. "He sticks his nose in

there and isn't afraid to throw his body around and do what has to be done."

Enxing and Hennessy should have plenty of protection, as Andover boasts one of the most experienced offensive lines around.

"Connor Clancy, Nick Burdeau, Chris Reimer and Tim Duffy have developed into a very good offensive line," said Rex. "And Lyle Baker has really done a nice job."

Defensive adjustments

Just like its counterpart on offense, Andover's defense has also undergone a change in philosophy. But Enxing, going into his second year as a starting linebacker, is confident in his squad.

"It's a little something different than what we have done in the past," said the senior

co-captain. "We have a few new packages. We'll be bringing a little more heat and some more pressure to keep the offense on its toes."

After previously running the more traditional 4-3 (four linemen, three linebackers), the Warriors will employ a 3-5 (three linemen, five linebackers) this season. And in the center of that, once again, will be star nose guard Jake Lebowitz (62 tackles, 5 sacks in 2008).

"We're looking really good," said Lebowitz, the younger brother of 2008 Eagle-Tribune All-Star Andrew Lebowitz. "Right now we are in the base 3-5. We have a nose guard and a pair of big, meaty defensive ends like (Brian) Miller and (Lyle) Baker that can penetrate the offensive line."

Behind the line will be a group of linebackers paced by Enxing

(58 tackles, two interceptions in 2008) and fellow returning starter Ned Deane (57 tackles). Fortune, Johnson and Craig Hornung (52 tackles) will also be among the athletes counted on to make plays.

"We have a lot of tough guys out there," said Enxing. "Baker has been stepping up, with Miller and (Lebowitz) in the middle. Deane was great last year, we are counting a lot on Fortune and we have some defensive backs that can play."

After playing strictly offense in the past, Hennessy and McConnell may both be asked to contribute at safety (which Hennessy said he enjoys on occasion). Rex said the inexperienced trio of sophomore Nick Price, Lightner and Pat Farnham, of the Farnham football family, have the inside track to start in the defensive backfield.

Now, after a summer of talk, Andover is anxious to return to the field. And the Golden Warriors feel ready to win.

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Returning lettermen: Tim Duffy, Sr., OG/DL, 6-0, 235; Alex Fortune, Sr., FB/LB, 5-10, 190; C.J. Leary, Sr., TE/LB, 5-10, 200

Newcomers: Nick Price, Soph., RB/DB, 5-8, 155; Matt Crush, Soph., C/LB, 6-1, 200; T.J. Leeman, Soph., OL/DL, 6-1, 235; Pat Farnham, Jr., WR/DB, 5-7, 150; Ben McQuaide, Jr., WR/LB, 6-1, 170; Brian Martin, Sr., RB/DB, 5-10, 170; Christian Lightner, Sr., WR/DB, 5-10, 160; Kerrick Stevens, Sr., WR/K, Lyle Baker, Jr., OL/DL, 6-2, 225

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TOWN TALK

'Lying' in wait

New name. New release date. That's the news in Hollywood with regard to the movie filmed at a Regency Ridge mansion last year. The movie used to be entitled "This Side of the Truth." Now it's "The Invention of Lying."

It's a comedy that brought Rick Gervais, Jennifer Garner, Rob Lowe and other actors to Andover. Its release has been pushed back a week, to Oct. 2.

— Judy Wakefield

New leader at GLTS

Elizabeth Freedman, who was hired as an assistant principal at Greater Lawrence Technical High School three years ago, was promoted to

principal on July 1.

Freedman said her first week as principal has been "wonderful." "I love this school, and working with staff and students that I respect and admire," she said. "I feel really honored to be part of leading the school forward, excited to be part of that momentum."

Freedman came to GLTS from a comprehensive high school in Peabody, which offered traditional academic and technical curriculum.

Watching students grow and graduate with both academic and technical job skills is what draws her to technical education, said Freedman.

"Just watching students get to take classes and learn in things they're interested in (is the best part). Students tap into parts that may feel more relative to their lives and interests, and integrate that into their academics," she said. "Just seeing the talent that the students have, and watching that come out in all different ways."

— Bethany Bray

St. Augustine's to host interfaith shawl event

St. Augustine Parish will host the annual prayer shawl tea of Communities Together, Inc. on Tuesday, Sept. 15.

Prayer shawls, made by knitters

of many denominations in the Merrimack Valley, are given to church members in need for comfort — they're a prayer people can wrap around themselves.

Tuesday's tea will celebrate the Merrimack Valley's prayer shawl ministry, offer shawls for a blessing by clergy, honor knitting groups and share stories of how the shawls touch lives.

The tea will be at St. Augustine's Parish, Center for Education and Ministry, 35 Essex St., Tuesday, Sept. 15 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. People are asked to RSVP by Friday morning, Sept. 11 to Barbara at the Communities Together office: 978-686-4012 or ctstaff@conversent.net.

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