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## New year brings a new market

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

As the year 2010 arrives in Andover, it will bring a new supermarket to town as Stop & Shop plans to open its doors in Shawsheen Plaza on North Main Street sometime in October.

As the popular New Year's saying goes, it's out with the old (Market Basket) and in with the new (Stop & Shop). The switch was made public in a February 2009 Townsman article.

Longtime tenant Market Basket is not renewing its lease at

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Shawsheen Plaza and will leave in July 2010. The supermarket has been there for 37 years, according to the Andover Historical Society.

Shawsheen Plaza was sold in October 2008, and plaza changes have been talked about ever since. A group known as the Guys of Andover LLC bought

the 12.6-acre property for \$12.7 million. Stop & Shop now holds the master lease at the shopping center.

A Stop & Shop spokesman said the company will work within the Market Basket footprint and update the grocery store. The Andover store will not be a super-sized store as Andover zoning will not allow it.

Renovations are expected to be complete within three months for the October grand opening.

"We'll do some interior work, like new shelves and that sort of thing," said Stop & Shop

spokesman Bob LaRochelle. "Andover will be very happy."

LaRochelle said his company is "in conversation" with tenants at Shawsheen Plaza and that none of the tenants, which include CardSmart, Best Dry-cleaners, Marshall's, Andover Liquors, Rite Aid and Citizens Bank, are being asked to leave. In fact, Marshall's has already renewed its lease, he said.

As for Card Smart, LaRochelle said the small half-price card and accessory store was never

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The Market Basket in Shawsheen Plaza will be replaced by a Stop & Shop in the coming year. Market Basket is part of grocery store chain started by a pair of Andover brothers, the DeMoulases.

ANGIE BEAULIEU/  
Staff photo.

## Battle brewing for state rep. seat

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Next year will feature a state race between two town residents, as lawyer Peter Cotch has thrown his hat in the ring to run against State Rep. Barbara L'Italien.



Peter Cotch

Since 2003, L'Italien has represented the 18th District, which includes parts of Andover, Boxford, Georgetown, Haverhill, Methuen and North Andover. L'Italien says

she definitely intends to run again as her term expires.

The election will be in November 2011.

As a Republican, Cotch's candidacy is an alternative to the status quo, he says.

"I'm offering myself as a better

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## HELLO, 2010



Mark Stout works on the dessert for New Year's Eve at Palmer's Restaurant in Andover. The balloons are used to shape a candy cup, and then removed.

ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo.

## Restaurants expect a typical New Year's

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

Andover food establishments don't expect a down economic year in 2009 to affect New Year's Eve celebrations tonight, Dec. 31.

Business is good at Palmers Restaurant and Tavern and New Year's Eve promises to keep that trend going, says Rebecca Ingalls, events and marketing director at the Elm Street restaurant. More people have made dinner reservations for New Year's Eve than did last year.

"We had 80 reservations before Christmas. Usually people wait longer to make reservations," she said. "Reservations are up and we're happy about that."

"It's our busiest day of the year," said a Peking Garden worker who did not give his name. "It's always a busy night."

The Chinese food restaurant on Park



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo.

Restaurants in Andover are preparing for New Year's Eve celebrations.

Street plans to surprise customers making big orders with a free order of fried rice or crab rangoons. The restaurant always does that on New Year's Eve and this year will be no different.

Nearby, at Dylan's, it's lobster heaven as owner Sam Petrovich said his customers

"like seafood on all the Eves." "Seafood is big on New Year's Eve," he said. "We'll have two or three lobster dishes."

Petrovich said the New Year's Eve scene in Andover is certainly not like a city's New Year's Eve.

"Customers come with their kids and they're all gone by 11," he said.

At Palmers, final call will usher in the new year as it happens at 12:30 a.m.

At the newest restaurant in town, Yella, owner Danielle Carbone Berdahn wrote in an e-mail that "things are going great at the restaurant, we are doing incredibly well."

The Lebanese restaurant has a special menu for its first New Year's Eve in Andover, including a three-course dinner and optional wine pairings.

Meanwhile, Jeanne Topham, owner

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## Shawsheen School Districts to change if school closes

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

If a new 700-student school is built in Andover and both the Bancroft Elementary School and Shawsheen School are closed, Shawsheen's 283 students would not necessarily go to the new school on Bancroft Road.

Shawsheen is a pre-kindergarten through second-grade choice school, and its students come from all over town. If Shawsheen closes, its students would return to their neighborhood schools - and 179 of them come from the West Elementary district. The already delicate population balance at Andover's five elementary schools would be thrown off, and redistricting would be necessary to prevent overcrowding, according to Andover educators.

"If you were to close Shawsheen tomorrow and send everyone home to their home school district, it wouldn't work. West Elementary would have unacceptably high class sizes, high into the 30s, and things would have to be shifted ... We would certainly want to do it in a way that is the least disruptive way possible," said Annie Gilbert, who sits on both the School Committee and School Building Committee. "We would do redistricting so everybody's accommodated in an elementary school. We'd likely be shifting student populations to other schools from where their home district are now."

Alleviating overcrowding at Shawsheen or closing the school is being considered as the town looks at replacing Bancroft Elementary. Closing Shawsheen is just an idea, not a definite result, emphasized Gilbert.

Bancroft, built in 1969, has

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**ARRESTS**

Tuesday, Dec. 22 - At 1:05 a.m., John Jerrett, 22, of 728 Whipple St., Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.  
At 8:31 a.m., Chap Sokhom, 43, of 166 Suffolk St., Lowell, was arrested on warrant for motor vehicle charges.  
At 11:51 a.m., Martha Chea, 58, of 102 Main St., was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.  
At 1 p.m., David Wishnack, 31, of 3 Pioneer Circle, was arrested on a warrant in relation to a domestic dispute.  
Wednesday, Dec. 23 - A 16-year-old male from Lawrence was arrested and charged with larceny over \$250.

Thursday, Dec. 24 - At 10:10 a.m., James Castricone, 56, of 4 Harding St., was arrested and charged on a warrant for assault.  
Saturday, Dec. 26 - At 7:17 p.m., Jose Santana, 39, of 649 South Main St., Haverhill, was arrested and charged with a one-way street violation, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and driving an unregistered motor vehicle.  
**INCIDENTS**  
Tuesday, Dec. 22 - At 12:31 a.m., mailbox vandalism was reported on Lowell Street.  
At 11:05 a.m., domestic abuse was reported.  
Wednesday, Dec. 23 - At 10:31 p.m., an employee of Yella restaurant on Post Office Avenue

reported that eggs had been thrown at the back door of the restaurant and at several cars.  
At 10:38 p.m., a noise complaint was reported on Salem Street.  
Thursday, Dec. 24 - At 9:55 a.m., a domestic dispute was reported.  
Sunday, Dec. 27 - At 2:26 p.m., egg throwing was reported again at Yella restaurant on Post Office Avenue.  
At 5:34 p.m., egg throwing was reported on Fern Road.  
Monday, Dec. 28 - At 8:08 a.m., graffiti was reported on the oil tank behind West Middle School.

**AUTO ACCIDENTS**

Tuesday, Dec. 22 - At 5:16 p.m., a car accident with personal injury was reported on Shawshen Road.  
**AUTO INCIDENTS**  
Wednesday, Dec. 23 - At 7:12 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported outside Ann's Cleaners on Railroad Street.  
At 10:41 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported on River Road.  
Friday, Dec. 25 - At 12:02 a.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported on Juniper Road.  
**THEFT**  
Wednesday, Dec. 23 - At 12:18 p.m., missing property was reported on Morton Street.

# Workshop on special education rights scheduled

Ellen Chambers of the non-profit group SPEDWatch will conduct a workshop, "Basic Rights: Denied," on Saturday, Jan. 19 from 10 a.m. noon at Northern Essex Community College, Amesbury St., Lawrence.  
This workshop teaches participants how to use the law, policy, procedure, and basic advocacy techniques to address the most common problems and regulatory violations that occur at each stage of the special education process.  
The material is presented in a meaningful context so it is easy to understand and retain.  
This is powerful information that will give parents and others the ability to effectively maneuver around systemic roadblocks that frequently deny children a free appropriate public education.  
Fee for the workshop is \$35 per person, \$60 per parenting couple.  
Registration is required by contacting Ellen Chambers at 978-433-5983 echambers@sped-watch.org.

# College dedicated to helping soldiers' children

Merrimack College has committed to help make college possible for children of Massachusetts soldiers who were killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.  
The college has become the first higher education institution to match funds provided by the Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund, a non-profit organization which seeks to honor Massachusetts fallen servicemen and women by

helping their children defray the costs of their college education.  
MSLF provides \$10,000 per year total of \$40,000 over four years towards educational expenses for eligible students. With this partnership, Merrimack College will match the donation for eligible students who apply and are accepted to the college.  
"When Merrimack College opened its doors in September

1947, over 60 percent of students were World War II veterans utilizing the G.I. Bill. We are proud to continue our commitment to the families of U.S. soldiers by partnering with the Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund," said Dr. Ronald Champagne, president of Merrimack College.  
To date, over 80 soldiers, whose home of record at the Department of Defense was Massachusetts,

have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. Of those, 30 were parents, and their over 60 collective children are eligible for educational assistance through MSLF.  
"Merrimack has a long history of assisting service members, and this recent commitment to the Fund only highlights that support," said Peter Trovato, founder of the Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund.

# RESTAURANTS: Will be busy

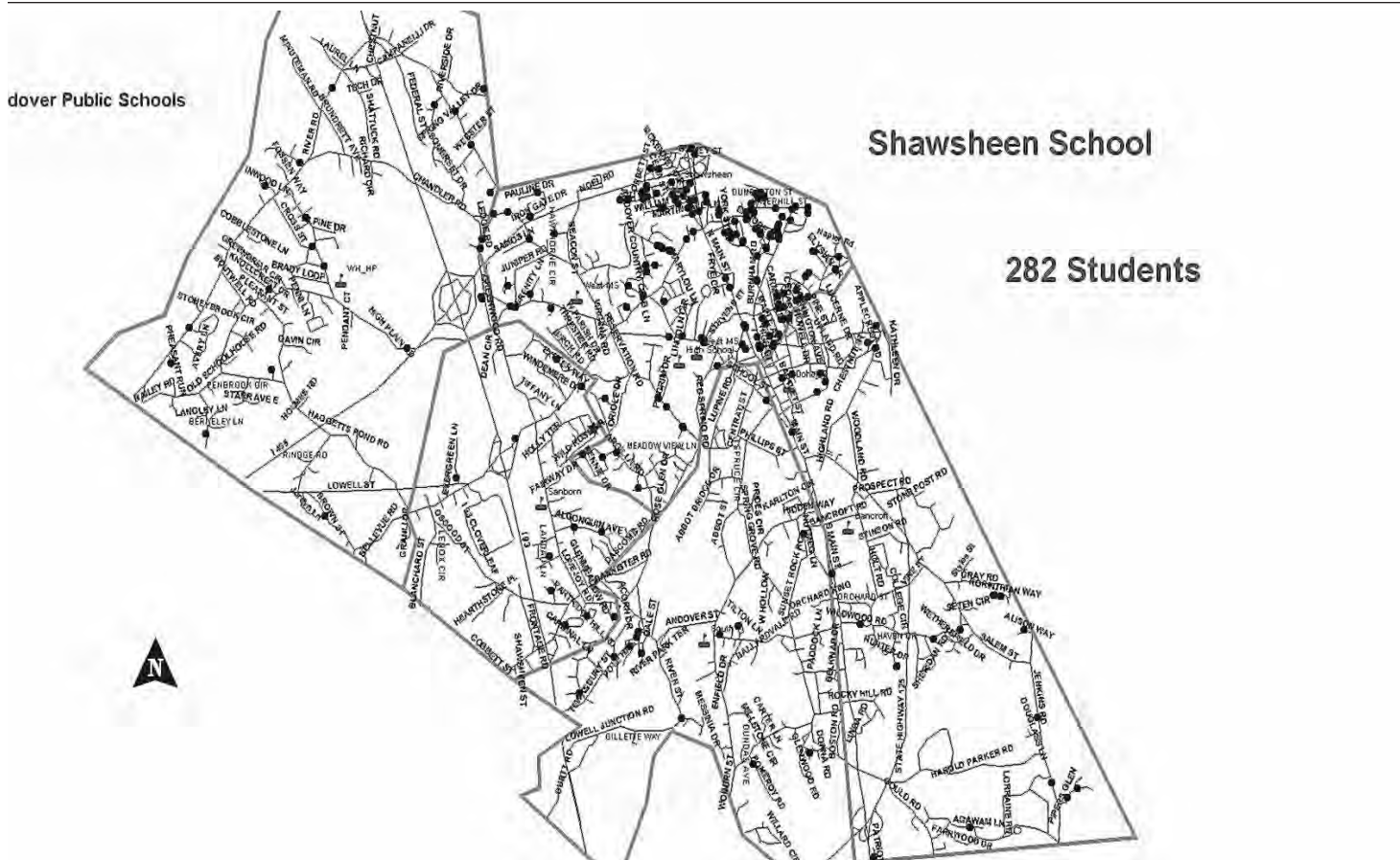
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of I Dream of Jeanne Cakes of Andover, is busy with three weddings planned for New Year's Eve.  
"I've been busy this year," she said. "Although I have found customers to be more cautious with their spending - say, selecting a cupcake for \$2.50 a person, instead of cake, which is \$5 a person."  
She plans to relax after making sure those three cakes are delivered.  
"I think people just hang out at home and that's what I'll do," she said. "I think everyone just likes being home and nibbling on good food."

# COTCH: Running for seat

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alternative, for everybody. It's not about partisanship, it's about accountability, and seeing this district get its due," said Cotch, 58. "We send a lot to Beacon Hill (in the form of taxes) and we get a paltry return. Our state aid is a small return on the millions of dollars we sent to Boston and I just don't think we're getting our fair share in return."  
"There's nothing personal against the incumbent, but rather a matter of differing philosophies," said Cotch.  
If elected, Cotch said he will not give up his career as a lawyer.  
"Government should not be a career, but more of a voluntary effort," he said. "I believe in the Jeffersonian principal of government - less is more."  
**MEET PETER COTCH**  
■ Age: 58  
■ Profession: attorney, specializes in trusts and estates  
■ Political party: Republican  
■ Family: wife Maureen O'Connor  
■ Lived in Andover 15 years  
■ Previous experience in public office: Just out of college, Cotch worked as the administrative assistant to the senate president in Concord, N.H. During his 20s, he held an elected seat on the Concord, N.H. city council. In 2008, he ran unsuccessfully for the Andover Board of Selectmen, losing to incumbent Mary Lyman.  
■ Grew up the son of a steelworker in Troy, N.Y.  
■ Undergraduate degree in political science from New England College in Henniker, N.H.  
■ Active in: Andover Rotary Club, Andover Republican Town Committee, St. Matthew's Lodge of Masons

# A Q&A WITH PETER COTCH

*What experience do you have to be a representative?*  
I know the legislative process. I'm not just arriving without a sense of the operation.  
Being a lawyer, I believe it gives one certain skills that are useful in operating within the legislative process - the ability to question and not take things for granted.  
I'm not a shy person. I'm not bashful.  
I see it as one's civic duty to get involved, especially if you have specific skills or resources. I'm not one to sit on the sideline and observe.  
*This seat's district covers six towns. Is that a challenge in campaigning?*  
I will be spending a lot of time in Georgetown and Boxford. There is a cadre of activists out there I hope to work with, which will help.  
I feel it is a district drawn to favor Republicans (in demographics).  
But (party affiliations) are irrelevant to me. I feel the election will turn on the non-affiliated or independent vote.  
*What's one thing people would be surprised to know about you?*  
(Laughing) I sleep with a Democrat - my wife, Maureen is a Democrat.



The above map shows with black blocks where the students who attend Shawsheen School live. Most live in the West Elementary district.

# SHAWSHEEN: Students would need to be redistricted

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structural problems and the Massachusetts School Building Authority is partnering with the town to build its replacement. Shawsheen, built in 1924, is Andover's most expensive school to maintain and is not handicapped accessible.  
This month, the School Committee voted to support building a new school with 700 students, 620 students in kindergarten through fifth-grades as well as 80 in the pre-K program.

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
Districts where Shawsheen Primary School kindergarten through second-graders live:  
West Elementary: 143  
Bancroft Elementary: 27  
High Plain Elementary: 23  
Sanborn Elementary: 10  
South Elementary: 4  
Districts where Shawsheen pre-kindergarten students live:  
West Elementary: 36  
Bancroft Elementary: 10  
High Plain Elementary: 10  
Sanborn Elementary: 6  
South Elementary: 13  
The next step in the process is a feasibility study to determine if a 700-student school could fit or work on the Bancroft property. If a 700-student model does not work, the School Committee will take another vote concerning the new school's enrollment.  
If the feasibility study

dictates that Shawsheen must remain open, the School Committee could still decide to redistrict and alleviate some of the overcrowding at Shawsheen, said Gilbert.  
As of Oct. 1, Shawsheen had 283 students, including 75 in the pre-K program.  
All but one classroom of the district's pre-K program is housed at Shawsheen. Fifty percent of the students in the pre-K have special needs, and don't pay tuition by state mandate.  
Bancroft had 469 students, as of Oct. 1.

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# In Brief

## PAST & PRESENT



**THEN:** A 1958 view of 96 Main St. stores included, from left, Academy Barber Shop, and a women's clothing shop owned by Ruth Morrison and Ruth Macreadie.



**NOW:** A look at 96 Main St. today. Shops include the Van Ward Gallery, left, and the Ultimate Perk Coffee Shop.

## QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



I don't begrudge the last 20 years of subsidizing school buildings my children no longer need, but it's time to pay back to seniors a tiny fraction of that outlay. The seniors (and juniors who will become seniors) deserve a new senior center. Resident Fred Banzi in a letter to the editor. See Opinion, page 7.

We never single out any one player. We have no captains. We never discuss the score sheet after a game. It is a total team concept. Part of an essay that won the Andover Girls U12 youth hockey team tickets to the much sought-after 2010 NHL Winter Classic hockey game at Fenway Park on Jan. 1. See story, page 6.



## International education speaker at Collins Center

The Andover, Hamilton-Wenham, Methuen, and North Andover public school districts will host international speaker Dr. Willard R. Daggett on Wednesday, Jan. 6, at the Collins Center in Andover.

Leadership in Education and is recognized worldwide for his proven ability to move educational systems in their efforts to focus on the skills and knowledge students will need to be successful in the technological, globally driven world in which they will live and work.

On Wednesday, Jan. 6, Daggett will meet with administrators from Andover, Hamilton-Wenham, Methuen, and North Andover from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Following that presentation, he will meet with the community from 6 until 8 p.m. The Collins Center is located at

Andover High School, 80 Shaw-sheen Road. Daggett speaks on a variety of topics including preparing students for the 21st century, rigor and relevance for all students, bringing focus and effective practices to our classrooms, and leadership components of school

## Grandparents in need of volunteers to help with everyday care

Volunteers are greatly needed to help provide basic services to local elders affected by recent budget cuts. Many local elders seeking home care assistance after Sept. 8 were surprised to learn that, due to state cuts in Home Care services, they would not be able to get the services they needed. In the first six weeks since the cut, 79 Merrimack Valley elders were waiting and hoping to get the assistance they need to stay in their own homes. Another 44 elders declined to even go on the waiting list because they felt their situations required a more urgent response, according to Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley. "We are in an especially difficult position" said Rosanne DiStefano, executive director of Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley.

While the Governor spared further cuts to the Home Care Program with the most recent round of cuts, the situation has continued to decline because the Protective Service program was cut by 14 percent, she said. In the Merrimack Valley that means either a greater deficit for a critical program or fewer case-workers available to investigate up to 100 referrals monthly for potential abuse, neglect and financial exploitation of elders. "These kinds of reports have grown not only in the Merrimack Valley but also statewide in these very stressful economic times" said DiStefano. In addition, prescription advantage funding was cut 79 percent, causing great difficulty for low income elders who need prescription insurance assistance to help pay for their medication. Emergency funds like the Elder Care fund at Elder Services of the Merrimack

Valley, Inc., will be stretched to the limit as the benefits and programs for elders continue to shrink. Elder Services is mobilizing volunteers to help address the need of those seniors who are waiting for services. "There are many elders who have been assessed for services and are still getting the information they need on what may be available" said DiStefano. "Help with the practical chores of daily life are all that some people are requesting, and it is frustrating for elders and caregivers to simply wait not knowing if help is on the way. We know how generous our fellow neighbors can be to those in need" If you are interested in learning more about the Homecare Volunteer Program, contact Eileen Giordano, volunteer coordinator at egiordano@esmv.org; or call 978-683-7747.

## Sidewalk snow-removal reminder

The town has issued a press release to remind people to shovel sidewalks downtown. According to Andover General Bylaw, Article XII, Section 20, there are delineated areas downtown, including both sides of Main Street between Elm Square and Punchard Avenue, that require snow to be removed by a tenant, occupant or owner of any building. The removal of snow is for the benefit and safety of the patrons, customers and pedestrians.

People are asked not put snow into the street. The full bylaw and designated locations can be found in the above-mentioned General Bylaw. Also, to prolong the lifespan and prevent crumbling of the new sidewalks in downtown, products with minimal or no salt are encouraged. For more information people may call the Highway Division at 978-623-8350.

## Test for high school seniors could bring \$60K science scholarship

High school seniors interested in computer science have the chance to win a \$60,000 scholarship - that's \$15,000 per year for four years, to study at Merrimack College. On Saturday, Jan. 30, at 10 a.m., the First Annual Computer Science Scholarship Competition, an academic competition, will be hosted by Merrimack College's Computer Science Department at Mendel Hall, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. High school seniors will be tested on their quantitative,

analytical and problem solving and logic skills. Students will compete for a \$15,000 annual scholarship to study computer science at Merrimack College, learn more about computer science and information technology programs, meet current Merrimack computer science students and faculty member, and tour the facilities. Entrants must be enrolled in the 12th grade, be qualified for acceptance to Merrimack College, and have the

ability to maintain a minimum 2.8 grade-point average while at Merrimack College to retain the yearly scholarship. The deadline to register is Monday, Jan. 15. The contest is open to all high school seniors. There is no registration fee required, and entrants don't need to prepare for the exam. Visit [www.merrimack.edu/cs](http://www.merrimack.edu/cs) for information and registration forms. For more information contact Mary Noonan, associate professor/chair of computer

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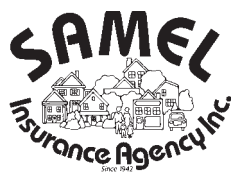
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## Special Education Teacher Loses 23 Pounds and is now a Size 12!



As I was organizing my pictures, I came across this photo, and barely recognized myself. I know I had reached the breaking point - either continue wearing elasticized pants (like my grandmother) or get real about my health and body image. I knew I needed help. I had joined commercial gyms in the past. To them I was just a paying customer - no individual attention, no meal suggestions, and most of all, no one pushing me to show up. At Get in Shape for Women, all these needs were met and more. Knowing that a personal trainer and nutritionist were expecting me provided all the incentive I needed to show up. Generally I don't like to exercise, but the staff and other clients are cheerful and full of support that I almost forget that I'm exercising. In addition to exercise, the nutritionist also set me up with a meal plan that was easy to follow. Since I don't like to cook, I was skeptical at first. But they provided me with enough choices to fit my busy schedule, and I am never hungry! It's been almost 7 months since I joined. I have lost 23 pounds and have gone from an 18 pant size to a 12! I haven't been in a size 12 since the 1980's! Not only am I looking better, but I feel great - both physically and mentally. Thank you for helping me find the fun and energetic person that was hiding inside those pants!



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UPDATES ON '09

# Home where meth lab was found is on the market to be sold

The two Andover men arrested March 25 for cooking methamphetamine have pled guilty and will be sentenced nearly a year after federal agents raided a Lowell Street home and uncovered their small meth lab. Jay Keough and Ryan Emmett each face up to 20 years in prison.

Keough's parents, an elderly couple who owned the home lived there until recently, have since moved out of Andover and plan to sell the house, according to their son Bradley Keough, Jay

Keough's older brother.

With the aid of state and local police, members of the Drug Enforcement Administration raided the 478 Lowell St. home on March 25.

The town condemned the home on April 1. Property owners Walter and Gertrude Keough were ordered to make a number of repairs and hire a consultant to conduct air sampling in the room where the crystal meth was cooked. No remnants of harmful chemicals were detected after a

consultant performed a number of tests, according to town records.

Jay Keough and Emmett pleaded guilty in September to manufacturing methamphetamine. According to their plea agreements, they began cooking methamphetamine at 487 Lowell St. in early 2008.

Keough and Emmett are scheduled for sentencing March 11 in U.S. District Court in Boston.

Methamphetamine is an addictive stimulant of the central nervous system that can be smoked,

injected, snorted or ingested orally. The drug is commonly made by distilling ephedrine from cold medicine containing pseudoephedrine.

Keough and Emmett cooked the drug using cold medicine and materials purchased at area Home Depots, including plastic tubing and hydrochloric acid, according to court documents.

Both men have been detained by U.S. marshals since their arrest.

— Brian Messenger



The house on Route 133 in Andover where Andover police and DEA agents found a meth lab is up for sale.

FILE PHOTO

## ■ BEST OF THE 2009 POLICE LOG

One of the most well-read features of the Townsman each week is its Andover Police Department log. Below are some of the interesting items from 2009. The list includes some serious events, but other incidents recounted here have a more light-hearted element.

### Early candidate for 2009 'Naughty' list

Friday, Jan. 2 — At 8:25 p.m., a resident reported the theft of a Santa Claus decoration from their yard.

### Are you Tiger?

Sunday, Jan. 4 — At 4:36 p.m., a resident called police because a female wearing a blonde wig entered her home, asking for a certain man. The caller had never seen the person before. A responding officer found that "it appears the incident was a mistake involving a wrong address," said the cop log.

### This is not Oklahoma

Thursday, Feb. 26 — At 9:06 a.m., a resident called police because she had a hawk circling her car, and was unable to get into it. Animal Control Officer Wayne Nader responded, but the hawk was gone.

Thursday, Nov. 5 — At 8:09 a.m., a resident called police because a hawk had flown into his screened porch and was trapped. Nader responded and

was able to free the bird.

### Unnecessary drama

Thursday, March 5 — At 5:12 p.m., a resident reported as missing her daughter, whom she expected home at 2 p.m. A responding officer found the mother had forgotten that her child had drama practice.

### Not best use of police departments' time

Friday, March 27 — At 3:35 p.m., a 911 call was received reporting a goose being attacked by a swan at the Highland Lake in Norfolk. Andover police notified the Norfolk police.

### Never did like this car

Saturday, March 28 — At 8:10 p.m., a 911 call reported that a man in a red Ford SUV pulled over, got out of his vehicle and smashed two of its windows.

### Common mistake

Tuesday, April 7 - At 3:35 p.m., a caller reported seeing a body in a Dumpster as she was taking out her trash. Two responding officers found the "body" to be a judo bag.

### Domestic dispute hits parking lot

Saturday, May 23 — At 1:18 a.m., a 911 caller reported a woman hitting and kicking a black car in a parking lot,

causing the alarm to go off. The woman drove off, only to return and start hitting and kicking the car again. A responding officer couldn't find the woman, and found a car that matched the description with a flat tire. At 2 a.m., another call was received reporting the same female hitting the same vehicle. A responding officer confronted the woman, who said "she was hitting her ex-husband's vehicle, trying to make the alarm go off to get his attention, due to the fact that she didn't know which apartment he was in," said the police log.

### Your beach ball is so round, so firm, so fully packed

Saturday, July 18 - At 11 a.m., a resident called police after finding a live skunk in her pool.

### Maybe it does take a village

Friday, July 31 - At 9:34 a.m., a resident called police because an 8-year-old boy was using a lawnmower by himself in the neighborhood, with no adults around watching him. A responding officer spoke to the parents.

### My mistake

Sunday, Aug. 9 - At 2:28 a.m., a resident reported a prowler outside her home. The resident later called back reporting it was actually her son, and

apologized.

### Send the insect officer

Sunday, Aug. 23 - At 3:55 p.m., a resident called police reporting "she may possibly have a scorpion in her apartment and needs an officer to assist her," said the police log.

### Unwanted decorations

Sunday, Aug. 23 - At 9:38 p.m., a resident reported a gathering of kids in the Park took some construction signs and put them all over his car. A responding officer found no damage to the caller's vehicle.

### Call in the Coast Guard

Monday, Aug. 24 - At 5:05 p.m., a resident called 911 after hearing suspicious noises outside his home. A responding officer found the sound may have been the homeowner's sprinklers turning on.

### Beats the alternative

Thursday, Aug. 20 - At 10:42 a.m., police responded to a home alarm going off. Upon entering the house with a keyholder, police found a balloon floating around. It was removed.

### Furniture gone wild

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

Saturday, Oct. 31 - At 3:27 p.m., a motorist reported a dresser in the road on Haverhill Street. A responding officer moved the dresser out of the roadway.

Sunday, Nov. 1 - At 7:32 a.m., multiple 911 calls reported a table in the middle of Route 125.

### Did he pay new hotel tax?

Thursday, Sept. 10 - At 1:48 p.m., a caller reported finding someone sleeping on their back patio. A responding officer found the person to be a hitch-hiker, headed to Vermont.

### That potato looks like Charlie

Monday, Sept. 14 - At 8:14 p.m., a 911 call from River Road Mobil reported the gas attendant found a bag in the trash possibly containing human remains. A responding officer found the bag in question to contain food.

### Gardener raises important call

Wednesday, Sept. 23 - At 7:02 p.m., a resident called 911 after his wife found what looked like a hand grenade while digging in their garden. The state police bomb squad was called, as well as Andover fire rescue. The device was taken to Ledge Road, where it was destroyed, said the police log.

At 10:50 and 10:52 p.m., police

received calls from North Street and Oakland Road reporting hearing a loud explosion, which was the device from Apple Blossom Road being destroyed.

### Perhaps a bit less caffeine is the answer

Monday, Oct. 12 - At 10:18 a.m., McDonald's, North Main Street, called to report a customer had gone out of control because his coffee order was not correct. A responding officer gave a no trespass order to the customer.

### Bambi gone bad

Saturday, Oct. 17 - At 5:02 a.m., an Abbott Bridge Road caller reported a break-in attempt to his garage. A responding officer found the "break in" noise to be a deer in the yard that ran into the garage door.

### Message: You're going the wrong way

Tuesday, Oct. 20 - At 8:24 p.m., a motorist on Route 125 reported seeing a male run across the road carrying a one-way street sign.

### Harry Houdini started the same way

Tuesday, Nov. 3 - At 12:38 p.m., an 11-year-old came into the police station with handcuffs on her, with a broken key. Police were able to assist her out of the cuffs.



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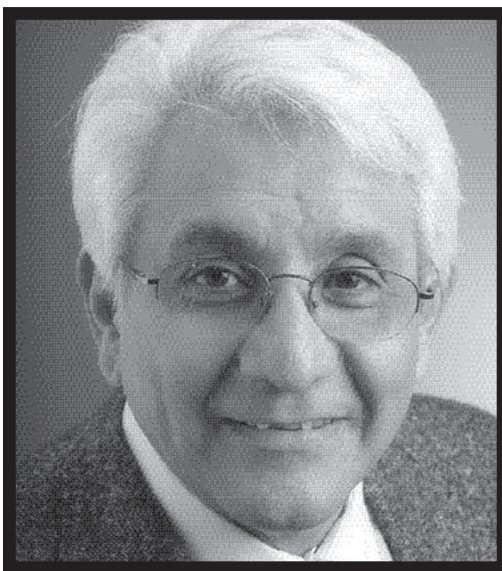
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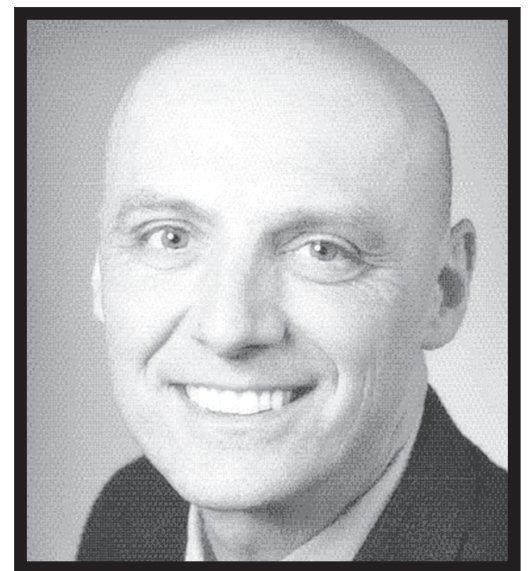
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UPDATES ON '09

New superintendent by March

Job seekers looking to become Andover's next superintendent of schools have until Jan. 15 to submit an application.

Claudia Bach, Andover's superintendent since 1998, announced in October her intention to step down. The School Committee intends to hire Bach's replacement in early March with the person starting on July 1, 2010. Bach is free to leave her Andover position if she finds another job before the end of the school year.

"Everything is going well, and is on course with our timeline," said School Committee Chairwoman Debra Silberstein last week.

This fall, the committee hired the Massachusetts Association of School Committees as a consultant to conduct the superintendent search. MASC representatives circulated a survey and met with focus groups to find what the town is looking for in a superintendent.

Based on more than 300 responses from parents, school staff and community members, MASC found Andover is looking for a candidate with qualities including financial management skills, educational leadership, curriculum development and instruction and good communication skills between parents and



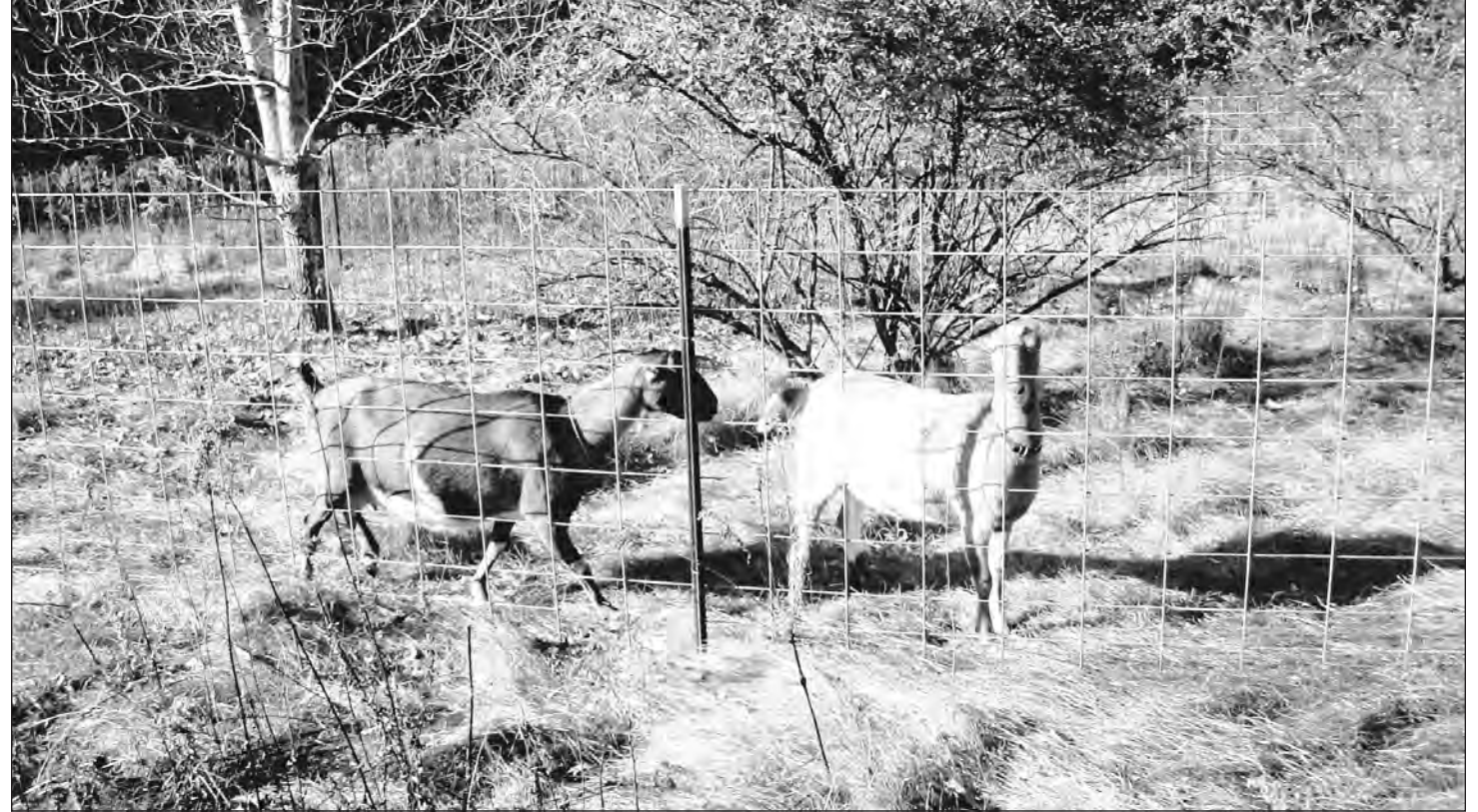
STAFF FILE PHOTO  
Claudia Bach will leave the district after more than a decade as Andover superintendent.

the community, said Silberstein. The job has been advertised with a salary range of \$180,000 to \$200,000 per year, with a three-year contract. Candidates must have a master's degree and 10 years of education experience.

The School Committee will select finalists on Jan. 29, conduct site visits and interviews and vote to hire someone on March 4. The teachers union has asked to be a part of site visits.

- Bethany Bray

Town eats up goats-as-grasscutters pilot program



STAFF FILE PHOTO

A pilot program allowing farm animals to graze on town conservation land will continue this spring, with resident Lucy McKain's dairy goats enjoying the vegetation on a three-and-a-half-acre meadow in the Virginia Hammond Reservation on High Plain Road. The effort drew national attention following the first reporting of the effort in the Townsman. "It turned out to be a real fun partnership," said conservation director Bob Douglas. "I can't imagine we'd discontinue the program. I think we'll end up opening it up to other individuals and expanding the program."

Drowning aftermath: Case for teen party host still in court

Pre-trial conferences were held Sept. 29 and Nov. 24 in the case of Zachary Zimmerman, an Andover teen charged with providing alcohol to minors at the party from which his Concord Academy schoolmate Elizabeth Mun wandered away and drowned last winter. Zimmerman, who is being represented jointly by Andover attorneys John Valerio and Fred McAlary, was not present at the hearings and had been excused while away at college.

His case is continued until Jan. 5 for another pre-trial hearing, according to spokesman Steve O'Connell.

In August, Zimmerman, 19, pleaded not guilty to charges of providing alcohol to minors at the Feb. 14, 2009 overnight party at his William Street home.

The medical examiner investigating the death of Mun, 16, found her drowning to be suicide, and that alcohol was not a contributing factor.

- Bethany Bray

New principals feeling at home

This fall, Andover Public Schools began the year with two new principals: Pam Lathrop at High Plain Elementary and Jonathan Harris at Andover High School. Both leaders, who took over for Brenda O'Brien and Peter Anderson, veteran principals who were well-regarded in the community, say they have settled into Andover during this first semester.

"My past six months here at Andover High School can be defined as a tremendously positive and enlightening experience," wrote Harris in an email

to the Townsman. "I am still amazed on a daily basis by the commitment the students, faculty and community exhibit towards the school, whether in academics, athletics or community service. The support from all stakeholders has been overwhelming and greatly appreciated. I look forward in 2010 to continue promoting the excellence that Andover High School epitomizes; and to further achieve by unveiling the potential within areas previously untapped."

- Bethany Bray

Town yard out, housing units in?

The search for a new location for Andover's town yard has been narrowed from four sites to two.

This fall, four parties submitted properties for consideration for Andover's next town yard: 146 Dascomb Road, 5 Campanelli Drive, 167 Greenwood Road and 69 North St.

The Campanelli Drive and Dascomb Road (Brockway-Smith) properties remain in the running; the other two would not fit the town's size and location requirements, said Hooks Johnston, town yard task force chairman.

The town has hired an appraiser to look over both properties and will compare the appraiser's value to the two asking prices.

The town yard, currently located off Lewis Street in the downtown, is where Andover houses and repairs some town vehicles and stores sand and road salt.

On Monday, Dec. 21, selectmen approved Planning Director Paul Materazzo's request to apply to the state for 40R "smart growth" district status for the 14.44 acres between North Main, Pearson and Railroad streets. This sets in motion a plan to rezone the area, once the town yard is moved from the downtown.

The town's 40R application is

headed to the state Department of Housing and Community Development, and must be approved by the Andover Planning Board and Town Meeting voters.

On Dec. 21, Ken Buckland of the Cecil Group, the consulting firm hired to draft Andover's downtown smart growth plan, told selectmen the smart growth area could have 255 residential units per acre, built to a maximum of 65 feet above the level of Main Street. Such units would average two bedrooms each.

If approved, the smart growth plan would bring in payments from the state for housing units, plus additional real estate tax revenue, said Buckland.

"The cash from the state is gravy (extra/bonus)," said Materazzo. "We consider this the right thing to do."

Town yard's move from its existing location off Lewis Street to a new property could take place in 2011, Johnston said. A "placeholder" article will be written for the 2010 Town Meeting warrant, said Johnston, so voters could approve the move and 40R district this spring.

- Bethany Bray

Coach Maglio's grievance case continues

No good!

That's how the former football coach at Andover High School responded to the decision in June 2009 to look for another football coach after 17 years. Ken Maglio also coached baseball at the school.

Fired just six weeks before the football season started, Maglio was emotional and direct about the way he believed he was treated. A 40-year school department

employee, Maglio had one question for the Andover School Committee. "I just want to know why," he said at a public meeting in October 2009.

The issue is being handled as a grievance that should be resolved in the new year.

"We're in litigation," said Andover teachers union president Tom Meyers. "An arbitrator needs to be chosen, then a date set to hear the case."

- Judy Wakefield

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STAFF FILE PHOTO

Former Andover football and baseball coach Ken Maglio talks to a crowd of supporters.

hanging a "store closing" sign since February 2009.

Meanwhile, Stop & Shop has been getting involved with town activities. The store was visible at Andover Day, a downtown event hosted this fall by Andover Business Center Association. Stop & Shop's donated \$15,000 as a corporate sponsor.

"We heard a lot of good things from Andover... We were encouraged by a lot of people and it went very well for us," LaRochelle said. "We look very forward to coming to Andover."

Downtown business shifts will continue in '10

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

Downtown's million-dollar construction makeover was a big story in 2009. It certainly didn't help the already tough parking situation on Main Street. Throw in increased parking rate at meters, and more limited parking, and downtown businesses reported throughout 2009 that tough times were made a bit worse in the bleak economy.

But it's a new year, the Main Street design has been completed and new blood is coming to the downtown.

A new Lebanese restaurant has opened, a new Mexican restaurant will open in March 2010, a salon is expanding and a new wine bar is also planned.

A couple of downtown businesses have adjusted to the economy. Gigi's on Essex Street

SAID GOODBYE IN 2009

- Alpers Fine Art
- Cassis Bistro Francais
- Culinary Concepts
- Cupcake Boutique
- Kaps
- Mawby's
- Natale's
- Raspberries
- Savour Kitchen
- Serene Restaurant
- Stitch

closed in 2009 with owner Lisa Nardone opening an upscale consignment shop on Main Street called Chic Consignment Closet. It sells upper end women's wares.

Athlete's Corner will specialize in running shoes when its new downsized store opens in

NEW ADDRESSES, BUT STILL DOWNTOWN

Athlete's Corner will swap addresses with Indra Salon in 2010. Gigi's on Essex Street closed, owner opens a consignment shop on Main Street where Stitch was formerly located. Beauty & Main moved to the former Cupcake Boutique space on Post Office Avenue, making room for Bin 28 on the first floor of the Musgrove Building.

the Elm Square space currently housing Indra Salon. Indra is expanding and moving to the former Athlete's Corner space on Main Street.

Betsy Powers, president of the Andover Business Center Association, said it's not exactly a rah-rah mood on Main Street just yet. After all, it's winter and post-Christmas, typically a down time for retailers.

NEW ARRIVALS IN 2009

LaRosa's  
Yella restaurant

EXPECTED IN 2010

Bin 28, a wine bar  
Casablanca, a Mexican restaurant

"I have no idea how everyone's Christmas sales were," Powers said. "Every time I was downtown, it didn't seem bustling. In the new year, time will tell who will make it and who will decide to close."

Here is an inventory of what businesses closed in 2009 and a list of newcomers in 2009:



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Newlywed couple Carlo and Danielle Berdahn toast their new Lebanese restaurant "Yella," which arrived on Post Office Avenue this year.

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# Andover Girls U12 to experience historic game

The Andover Girls U12 youth hockey team is one of 20 teams that will see the 2010 NHL Winter Classic at Fenway Park on Jan. 1 as winners of the "Boston Bruins Youth Hockey Team Challenge." It is the first NHL hockey game ever played at Fenway Park.

Participating youth hockey teams each submitted an essay of 250 words or less explaining their efforts to emulate the Bruins (i.e. by working hard or giving back to the community). The top 20 teams were determined by online votes, with 400,000 votes cast, and received 20 tickets to the game. An additional five teams, judged on their essays by Boston Bruins players, also received 20 tickets to the 2010 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic.

The event was presented by the Savings Bank Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts. In addition to providing tickets to the Winter Classic, the Bruins and SBLI hosted a private

celebration for representatives from each of the "Team Challenge" winning teams, including a meet and greet with Bruins Vice President Cam Neely and a special skate on the ice of the outdoor rink at Fenway Park on Saturday, Dec. 19.

Here's part of the winning essay, written by assistant coach Ted Xenakis, according to the Bruins:

*The Andover Girls U-12 Gold Team is the female version of the classic Bruin's "lunch pail" teams.*

*We have only 10 players on our squad, including the goalie. We have no standout players and approach the game from a total team concept. We play the game from the goal keeper out, focusing on strong defense in our zone and aggressive forechecking in the offensive zone. As coaches, we demand that passing the puck always be the first option, especially when moving out of our zone. We emphasize*

*strict adherence to positional play.*

*We never single out any one player. We have no captains. We never discuss the score sheet after a game. It is a total team concept.*

*Despite being a 2 level team, we usually play level 1 teams from other cities. We have a .500 record, and every one of our games has been a close, competitive battle. The girls always come ready to skate hard for three periods, and with only 10 players, the team plays with a constant sense of urgency. We have girls from several different towns in the Merrimack Valley area, and they have bonded into a cohesive unit that any coach would love to have. We coaches are fortunate to have the opportunity to teach these girls the game of hockey, the unparalleled thrill of competing as a team, the mindset to play to one's best ability, how to try to win...and to accept a loss even when you give it your best.*



Coach Brian Babcock and hockey players Kylee Babcock and Julianne Xenakis pose with legend Cam Neely and Rob Sheridan.



Kylee Babcock and Julianne Xenakis enjoy a skate at Fenway Park with their coach.

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By Jill Cataldo  
The Coupon Queen

A: These aren't the first letters I've received on the topic of in-store coupon etiquette, or the lack of it. I'm a big fan of in-store coupons. They're typically high-value and many times they also will line up with a great sale, too, like the breakfast bars the reader mentioned in the first letter.

Unfortunately, as the adage goes, it only takes a few bad apples to spoil the bunch. I have seen similar instances of shoppers' bad coupon etiquette over the years. Behavior like this is frustrating to witness. Peel-off coupons affixed to the face of a product (affectionately called "peelies" by couponers) are intended for the purchaser to peel and use immediately to purchase the product that shopping trip. They are considered part of the packaging of the product, although some shoppers seem to view them as free for the taking. I've always thought of peelies this way: if the coupon were printed on the actual packaging of the product, would you tear the coupon off the box itself, leaving the damaged product on the shelf? In my book, taking "peelie" coupons without buying the product they are attached to is theft. While it's likely not a prosecutable theft (most coupons' stated value is a mere 1/100th of a cent) it's incredibly frustrating for shoppers to see the peel-off residue on the face of a product, knowing that there was probably a good coupon attached to it at one time.

As for the tear pad coupons, they're displayed in the store because the manufacturer wants people to use those coupons and buy their product. Clearly, manufacturers don't intend for one person to take an entire 100-coupon pad. I, too, have witnessed unscrupulous shoppers taking whole pads off the display and pocketing them. I wonder what these shoppers do with all the coupons. Even for shoppers accustomed to stockpiling items for future use, having 100 of the same product would be a lot to store!

Coupon dispensers continue to be popular with both shoppers and manufacturers. Most of them are electronic and limit a shopper to taking a limited quantity of coupons from the dispenser in a certain amount of time. These dispensers can be quite sophisticated. Many even have an electric eye that prevents the dispenser from resetting until that shopper leaves the aisle in the store! This technology helps ensure that the coupons inside will be distributed over a longer period of time.

I've always been an advocate of picking up both tear-pad coupons and coupons from in-store dispensers whenever I see coupons for products I like and use. It's a great way to get multiples of the same coupon. And, if the coupons don't line up with a current sale and the expiration date is favorable, I will take several in anticipation of the next good sale. But I limit the quantities of coupons I take to the amount that I will reasonably buy and store when the next sale comes around. If all shoppers did the same, many more people could enjoy similar savings.

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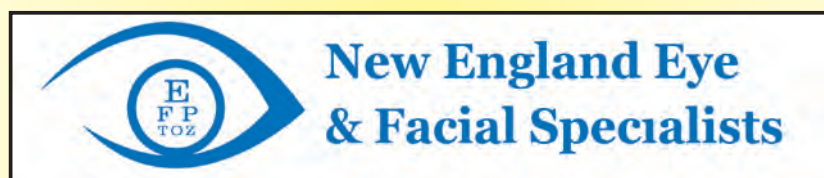
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# Opinion

## Think positive in 2010

New Year's Eve is a time to "think positive," to imagine that things can be better, and commit to making them so. With that attitude in mind, here's a look at some of the positive developments during the difficult year of 2009.

While Andover's teachers and firefighters unions refused to make concessions to help taxpayers who have taken cuts to their salaries and benefits, most unions and leaders seemed to "get it" during 2009. Most town employees agreed to take at least 1 percent less of a raise this year to save jobs and services. The majority seem to understand that those in the private sector cannot continue paying for the large annual increases fueled by their contract demands.

Here's hoping that in the new year, the town and union leaders continue working together. Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski has said he expects to begin discussing a new collective bargaining agreement with Andover's seven municipal bargaining units in early 2010. The three-year agreements all town and school employees are now working under expire June 30. Hopefully, Andover can manage to create more reasonable contracts that maintain jobs and services while bringing public-sector contracts in line with private sector benefits and economic realities. The one-year stimulus money that propped up many programs and public jobs nationwide will be gone in 2010.

Given the difficult economy, Andover didn't pursue many new public building projects in 2009. However, a successful community is always moving forward, and Andover was able to do move ahead on two fronts. First, it completed projects that had been approved and begun during more prosperous times. Chief among these was the downtown renovation project, which has added turning lanes for vehicular traffic while creating what some might consider a classic New England feel to the downtown. The town also renovated the steps to Memorial Auditorium at Doherty Middle School, returning the crumbling steps to their original look.

Secondly, the town has used this time of depleted resources to plan for the future, when Andover may be more capable of tackling large projects. Committees are setting the table for moving the town yard, building a new elementary school and adopting a plan for hundreds of acres in Ballardvale that could be developed when a new ramp off Interstate 93 is built. Each of these projects is critical for Andover, with the last representing the town's most substantial project since Interstate 93 and Route 495 were established in town. Hopefully, in 2010 residents and officials can establish plans from which generations of Andover residents will benefit.

Two new school leaders began as principals this school year, at Andover High School and High Plain Elementary School. With these additions, Andover has seen an almost complete turnover in school leadership this decade. With Superintendent Claudia Bach stepping down by the end of this school year, here's hoping the School Committee, working with the input of residents, finds a visionary replacement who can harness the energy of the new schoolhouse leadership and the talented teachers in all 10 Andover schools.

To all Andover residents, we wish you a healthy and happy new year.

## WEB QUESTION

### The buzz about the town manager

Last week's Web question was, "On Monday, Dec. 21, the Board of Selectmen released their annual review of Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski. The board gave him mostly high marks. Their lowest score for Stapeczynski was in the area of collective bargaining. In your opinion, what does Stapeczynski, Andover's town manager since 1990, do best?" Nine options were listed.

All of the above received 27.27 percent

None of the above received half the votes.

Budget preparation and administration received 13.64 percent.

Negotiations/collective bargaining received 4.55 percent.

Recruitment, selection and supervision of staff received another 4.55 percent.

Planning, vision and leadership; administrative/managerial skills; board and committee appointments; current and planned projects; projects involving town boards or subcommittees; communication (with residents, media, legislators) did not receive any votes.

This week's Web site question is, what are your plans for New Year's Eve?

- Going out of town.
- Going out, in Andover.
- Staying in.
- Nothing. New Year's is a ridiculous holiday.
- Other.

- To vote, visit [www.andovertownsmen.com](http://www.andovertownsmen.com) and scroll to the bottom of the home page.

## ALL DOWNHILL FROM HERE



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Eve Faucher and her son Miles, 1, slide down the hill in front of Andover High School on Saturday.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Time to devote some resources to new senior center

Editor, Townsman:

Andover needs a new senior center. Now, I admit I was born a junior (named after my father), and I never planned on being a senior. It happened anyway. Now I see just how critical is the need for a new senior center.

When we moved to Andover to raise a family, we spent our time and money supporting school buildings, education, infrastructure projects, and other town services that make this a great town to live in. My wife volunteered (she worked for free) at the schools our children attended.

When our two children left Andover to attend college, they no longer needed the educational services provided by the town. My wife and I, though, continued our financial support for all things Andover, most of the money going into schools.

Then, just as we were becoming seniors, my wife died and my life was changed forever. Now, for me, the most important Andover services are those provided by the senior center. It offers an astonishing array of excellent programs, and it keeps me and others in my situation physically and mentally challenged. But the building has serious flaws.

I am appalled at the antiquated, inadequate building facilities that excellent programs are forced to take place in. The center building does not at all reflect the caliber of the town we supported for so many years. In the writing group I attend each week, it is frequently not possible to hear others during discussions because of noise in adjacent rooms. The building is crowded, noisy, poorly lit and inadequately furnished.

I don't begrudge the last 20 years of subsidizing school buildings my children no longer

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need, but it's time to pay back to seniors a tiny fraction of that outlay. We should not forget, too, that the center is used for town-wide activities as well (voting and flu shots come to mind), so it is a versatile resource for the whole town. The seniors (and juniors who will become seniors) deserve a new senior center, and the town of Andover deserves it, too.

FRED BANZI  
6 Applecrest Road

### Of course health reform will add to deficit

Editor, Townsman:

We all want an improved health care system where possible and the uninsured to be helped and assisted.

However, to be told it will not add to the deficit is based on very interesting math and logic, to say the least.

Under the current plan, we will all pay in to the new system for four years – then the new expenses start kicking in for years five through ten. During this year-five-through-ten period, income does not cover expenses in a single year. Over the ten-year period income exceeds expenses, because we

had no expenses for four years.

This is called "deficit neutral" over 10 years, according to the cost-benefit analysis – also known as fuzzy math to you and me.

No wonder our elected representatives do not read the bills. They might be aghast at what they are voting for. What happens from year 10 forward? Premiums or taxes will have to go up to pay for the expense or we as a country can just borrow more from China and our grandchildren can pay it off.

I guess we all know now why there is a rush with the legislation. They don't want us to know what's in it either.

NIGEL KEENAN  
12 Candlewood Drive

### Coakley would be 'more of the same'

Editor, Townsman:

Congratulations to the voters of Massachusetts. Your recent vote created a situation giving you a real choice when electing the US Senator from this Commonwealth.

Our present delegation is 100-percent Democratic. The qualification of the last person we sent to Washington was simply her husband's last name. The voters' apparent disregard for the background qualifications is certainly consistent. Read over the work history for the president - not very impressive, but matches up well to the lack-luster job he and his czars are doing.

If you like the direction our government is headed – stop right here and vote for "More of the Same" Coakley. If you want to make an impact on the creeping socialism present in our Congress, add a new and independent voice to the Washington contingent.

Don't you think that the election of Republican governors in New Jersey and Virginia shook

a few political tree limbs in DC? What do you imagine would happen if Massachusetts were to actually send a Republican to represent us? Despite what the politicians would have you believe, neither of the Massachusetts Senatorial chairs have a party name carved into the back. It's up to you, the voter. It's your choice. Term limits exist: it's the ballot box.

Are you better off now than a year ago, your job more secure, did you get a pay raise or are you comfortable with the \$50,000 debt that the "stimulus" has put not only your head, but that of every man, woman and child in the country - the 50 percent who will pay taxes, that is? Your grandchildren may not thank you as that debt comes due. If your idea of a reason to elect anyone is diversity, rather than their moral stance and ability to think for themselves – the "lemming" instinct demonstrated by too many of our "hired" representatives – you need to take a hard look at what is happening. Our debt is spiraling out of control, unemployment is in double digits, there is no plan to end military engagements, the size of government is bludgeoning, cities, towns and schools are broke and the illegals – I do not even want to start that discussion. We tried diversity. It may make you feel warm and fuzzy, but it's not a reason to vote for anyone.

There is no single answer, no silver bullet, but you have the opportunity on Jan. 19 to start taking back your government from the multitude of appointed czars and a runaway-spending president and Congress. You have a bit over a month to read about, talk about, and make some decisions about your vote on that date. I urge you to do that. You may then give your grandchildren a proper reason the thank you.

CALVIN G. PERRY  
25 Timothy Drive

## THURSDAY FILE

"The child on camera should be flawless in image."

Chen Qigang, composer

"I get out of bed a little slower than I used to. But when I'm on the bike I feel just as good as I did before."

Lance Armstrong

"The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good."

Samuel Johnson

"Rudeness is the weak man's imitation of strength."

Eric Hoffer

"A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject."

Winston Churchill

"People who optimize their personal capital can change their world. People who optimize their social capital can change the world."

Mick Cope

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."

Sir Richard Steele

"India has huge contrast. India has more billionaires than China has. At the same time, it still has millions of poor people, people who are still living on subsistence farming."

Daniel Altman, economist

"I once had a sparrow alight upon my shoulder for a moment, while I was hoeing in a village garden, and I felt that I was more distinguished by that circumstance than I should have been by any epaulet I could have worn."

Henry David Thoreau

"Tomatoes and oregano make it Italian; wine and tarragon make it French. Sour cream makes it Russian; lemon and cinnamon make it Greek. Soy sauce makes it Chinese; garlic makes it good."

Alice May Brock

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Theodor Seuss Geisel

"Without grammar very little can be conveyed. Without vocabulary nothing can be conveyed."

David Wilkins

"Innovation is the distinction between a leader and a follower."

Steve Jobs

"Change has a considerable psychological impact on the human mind. To the fearful, it is threatening because it means that things may get worse. To the hopeful it is encouraging because things may get better. To the confident it is inspiring because the challenge exists to make things better."

King Whitney Jr.

"Every day you may make progress. Every step may be fruitful. Yet there will stretch out before you an ever-lengthening, ever-ascending, ever-improving path. You know you will never get to the end of the journey. But this, so far from discouraging, only adds to the joy and glory of the climb."

Winston Churchill

"Read not to contradict and confute; nor to believe and take for granted; nor to find talk and discourse; but to weigh and consider. Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested: that is, some books are to be read only in parts, others to be read, but not curiously, and some few to be read wholly, and with diligence and attention."

Francis Bacon

"I must say that I find television very educational. The minute somebody turns it on, I go to the library and read a book."

Groucho Marx

"I think I should have no other mortal wants, if I could always have plenty of music. It seems to infuse strength into my limbs and ideas into my brain. Life seems to go on without effort, when I am filled with music."

George Eliot

"Those who think they have not time for bodily exercise will sooner or later have to find time for illness."

Edward Stanley

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# Andover woman is freezin' for a good reason

Think it's cold just walking around this week? How about taking a dip in the Atlantic Ocean on New Year's Day in South Boston? That's what 20-year-old Hannah

Stidsen of Andover plans to do when she takes part in The Polar Plunge, which raises money for Camp Sunshine in Casco, Maine. Camp Sunshine supports

children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. The camp has the distinction of being the only program in the nation whose mission is to address the

impact of a life threatening illness on every member of the immediate family—the ill child, the parents, and the siblings, according to Stidsen's mother, Kate McHugh.

Camp Sunshine is dear to Hannah Stidsen because her identical twin, Lizzie, was born with dysplastic kidneys and received a kidney transplant in 2006. Their dad was the donor.

The family has attended camp as for six years and this past summer began their new role as "hybrid" volunteers: those family members who have received so much from their experiences at camp and from the relationships built with other families of chronically ill children that they return as volunteers.

Hannah participated in the Boston Polar Plunge last year and raised \$500. This year she is dedicating her plunge to a fellow camper who lost his life just short of his 10th birthday.



Courtesy photo

Hannah Stidsen of Andover, 20, plans to take a dip in the Atlantic Ocean on New Year's Day as part of a fundraising event for Camp Sunshine in Casco, Maine. She is pictured with her sister Lizzie after last year's plunge. Their family benefitted from the camp, which supports children with life threatening illnesses and their families.

Interested in supporting Hannah's efforts? Visit [www.campsunshine.org](http://www.campsunshine.org) and follow links to Polar Dips and Joey's Plunge. Or go to [http://freezinforareason.com/members/member.php?mem\\_id=514](http://freezinforareason.com/members/member.php?mem_id=514).

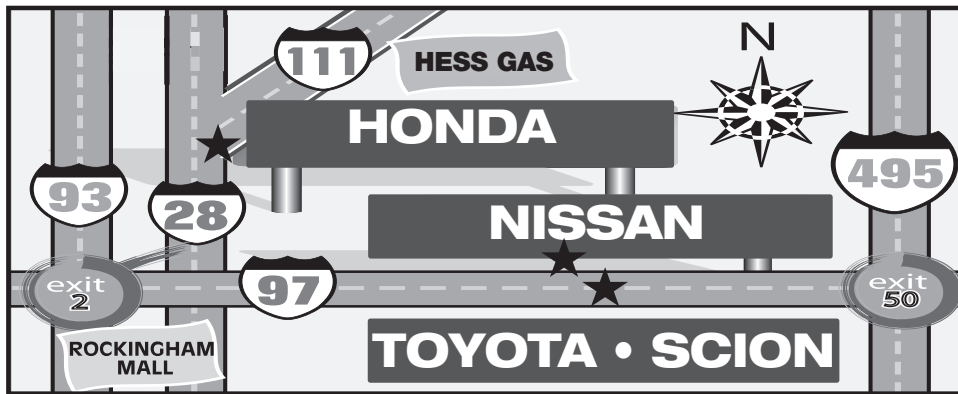
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# Townspeople

## 2009 PHOTOS OF THE YEAR

### The stories behind the images

Every day Andover Townsman photographers capture images from local events in Andover. Each photo assignment presents both challenges and opportunities. Today, staff photographers present their favorite photos of 2009, and explain how they were able to capture those images.

◀ **FEB. 4, 2009:** Kyle Vumbaco, in front, dances like a robot to the funky beat of "Newyear" music between parts he and fellow third-graders perform on their recorders onstage during a winter concert at High Plain Elementary School.



**TIM JEAN** has been covering the Merrimack Valley for the Andover Townsman since 2000.

**Photographer's Take:** My first assignment that day was the winter concert at High Plain Elementary School. I was not really looking forward to listening to middle school students trying to play music at 9:30 in the morning. The show started with the third-graders playing a traditional song on their recorders. I shot a few wide shots from the back of the auditorium until the song ended. I quickly moved near the front of the stage just before the second song started. I did not use my flash, because this would make the students look at me and not at the director, and ruin the show, so I set my camera to shoot using a high ISO, set at 800, with a shutter speed at 1/60 and 3.2 F-stop. The director said the next song would be a little different, as he and the students made a few changes. The song started out like any other, but then they stopped playing for a moment, and a synthesizer made funky beats as the students moved like robots. It made me laugh as I tried to shoot, but I managed to hold still and still snap a few shots off. The entire audience was also laughing, cheering and finally applauding after they realized it was all part of the show. I was pleasantly surprised as it turned out to be a fun photo assignment after all.



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**NOV. 11, 2009:** From left, Deborah Hartmant, Margaret Stevens and Barbara McGovern practice a circus tune with the group The Rhythm-Aires at the Andover Senior Center. The group is a tambourine music group that performs at different events throughout the town.



**ANGIE BEAULIEU** is a graduate of The New England School of Photography and has been a staff photographer for the Eagle Tribune Co. since 2003.

**Photographer's Take:** I was assigned to go out and find a feature photo for the Andover Townsman and had no ideas what to shoot. Usually, when I have to shoot a feature photo that's not about a news story or event, I just drive around aimlessly and hope to find someone, somewhere, doing something interesting. It usually works, but not this day. I finally decided to head to the Andover Senior Center to see what activities were going on. As I walked into the cafeteria at the center, I noticed a bunch of women sitting in a circle holding tambourines and chatting. It didn't seem to intriguing ... until they pulled out the clown shoes. All of a sudden the women had on full clown costumes and were hitting their tambourines to a fast-paced circus song. It turns out they were The Rhythm-Aires, a tambourine music group that performs locally.



**MAY 13, 2009:** Andover High School senior Nick Binder, 18, warms up backstage before performing in the annual Andover Public Schools All Strings Concert at the Collins Center. "I think it's an awful idea," Binder, who started in the music program in third grade, said about the idea of cutting funding for the program. "This is what started opening up other opportunities for me."



**ROGER DARRIGRAND**, a graduate of Southern Illinois University, has been a staff photographer since 2007.

**Photographer's Take:** I was asked to shoot some photos of a strings concert as there was talk about cutting back on funding for the music program in Andover. I spent about an hour taking "behind the scenes" shots of younger kids warming up who were more at the beginning of their playing experience. I was about to head out when I could hear the sounds of an obviously highly skilled musician down a hallway. The music lead me down backstage where I found senior Nick Binder running through some of his sheet music before his performance. I immediately loved the juxtaposition of Nick in a bow-tie and playing so masterfully in the paint-smeared storage area among trash cans and janitorial supplies. He graciously let me intrude on his preparation and also shared how much playing an instrument while at Andover High School had influenced his life so deeply.



**MAY 20, 2009:** Andover base runner and pitcher Taylor Farris collides with Haverhill's third baseman Kianna Nicosia, who puts a hard tag on her. Farris, who hit the ground hard diving for the bag, was safe at third because Nicosia never had control of the ball.



**CARL RUSSO** started his career with The Andover Townsman 26 years ago. After three years, Carl was hired at The Eagle-Tribune and has been a staff photographer there for 23 years. He enjoys photographing a variety of subject matter, but especially likes to shoot sports.

**Photographer's Take:** Never underestimate female athletes; they compete as hard as, if not harder than the guys. Andover's Taylor Farris demonstrates that as she slides hard into third base during a softball game against Haverhill High. Her determination to go from second base to third is evident in her expression and body language as she dives for the bag. She was called safe. Andover won the game 8-4.



**JAN. 19, 2009:** Robert Smith leans back with a smile for playful Zoe McInnis, during a special "Unity" service at Andover Baptist Church for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



**JAN SEEGER** has been working as a photographer for the last 18 years. She had a studio in Los Angeles for more than 12 years before she relocated to New Hampshire. She is a staff photographer since 2003.

**Photographer's Take:** While the church was packed with community members involved in listening intently to the strong and well-written sermon, I watched as the principle of everything being spoken about was put into action. In the context of an intellectual environment, this unexpected moment of pure and uncomplicated beauty appears, and I had a sudden and clear sense of how a great concept can be expressed simply — such as, "God is love."

# Moonshine: The Andover Story

## Bill Dalton



"Moonshine in West Andover," declared the front page headline of the July 30, 1920 Andover Townsman.

The story said a "sensational raid" was carried out by federal authorities and the Andover police at a farm on Blanchard Street near Tewksbury. Sixty-eight gallons of mash were seized along with three stills. Two people from Lawrence and an Andover man were arrested at the scene. The Andover man pulled a revolver that was wrestled away from

him by Andover's Chief Smith.

Three other men, including the brother of the gun-toting Andover man, were later arrested when they were stopped while driving a carload of the products needed to make moonshine. They were released eventually and the charges were dropped. By midnight, the three arrested people from the farm, including the gun-pulling Andover man, were each released on \$500 bail.

The Townsman never made much more of it. There was another West Andover raid in 1925. Again, it didn't appear that either the Townsman or the town's people were much disturbed by the events. In fact, if you read the Townsman of the era closely, you might come to the same conclusion I did: except for Prohibition

zealots, most people were mildly amused by the events surrounding stills in Andover. There was a lot of other crime in town during those years, most of it more serious than making moonshine.

I decided to consult with my cantankerous Aunt Tilly about those times. Although very old, she has a spirited brain. Tilly considers being called a "curmudgeon" an approbation, and she is one. But she couldn't hurt a fly, unless it buzzed near her glass of medicinal rye.

When I asked Aunt Tilly about the West Andover stills, she laughed a long time before speaking.

"Sonny, first off, no one was surprised by the existence of stills. Once Prohibition began, stills popped up like mushrooms in a wet summer. Prohibition

was a cockamamy idea to begin with, and the fools that wrote the law made some mistakes. [Prohibition was the 18th Amendment and the Volstead Act.] There was nothing that prevented a person from drinking toddies until he was hugging the porcelain pony. The law prohibited making, transporting or selling intoxicants [which were defined by the Volstead Act as a product containing more than 1/2 percent alcohol]. Some people, especially the rich, filled their cellars with joy-juice before the law went into effect, while most of us barely had enough money to buy a bottle."

Then Tilly told me something else I didn't know: "A person was allowed to ferment up to 200 gallons of non-intoxicating cider and fruit juice a year. It was an easy thing to allow those

juices to ferment into something more pleasurable. There sure was a lot of hard cider around in those days. Apples never made mankind happier. From there, it wasn't much of a mental or moral jump to rationalize the distilling of whiskey. While it wasn't our most law-abiding residents who rationalized their way into the moonshine business, there were a lot of rural needy folks who benefited from the few extra dollars moonshine put into their pockets. Being poor's no fun, and most of them thought that they were only breaking the law a little.

"Besides which, the whole idea of Prohibition was imbecilic twaddle put forth by "temperance" groups and their dotting politicians. It was half of America forcing their morality on the other half, and it made

the other half angry. Angry people rationalize doing things they wouldn't otherwise do. And a lot of us on the sidelines were not only cheering for the law-breakers, we took advantage of their reasonably priced, untaxed product."

Aunt Tilly finished with the following: "Of course, there was the great unintended consequence of Prohibition, personified by Al Capone and his friends. They thought prohibition was a terrific idea. It sure worked out well for them. We're still living with the vestiges of the organized crime that was birthed by Prohibition."

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## SPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

### All League player

Alanna McDonough, a junior at the Governor's Academy in Byfield, has been named All League for the Independent School League (ISL) and all New England for the 2009 cross country season. As team MVP she led the team to a Division III New England Championship for the second straight year.

Alanna finished last year, her sophomore year, with several notable athletic accomplishments. She was all-League and all-New England in cross country where she helped lead the team to first place finishes in the ISL and the Division III New England Championships.

She received All League Honorable Mention and scored 65 points while helping to lead the Governor's girls' hockey team to the Division II New England Championship for the second year in a row.

In track she received All League honors and set a school record in the triple jump.

### Scott Heseltine Memorial hockey tournament

Over Thanksgiving weekend, 16 teams from across New England competed in three divisions (Mite A, B and C) in the 27th annual Scott Heseltine Memorial Tournament. In all, over 400 Mite age youth (7 & 8 year olds) played hockey and enjoyed rocking tunes during each game.

The tournament kicked off with the unveiling of Larry Lamagna's honorary banner for his outstanding service to Andover Hockey for many years. Each Mite player enjoyed a very personal touch from the Heseltine family who personally handed out tournament T-Shirts, and personalized Puck trophies to every registered player. While Andover's Mite 1 team lost to Wakefield in the finals, Andover's Mite 2's and Mite 3's both won their divisions. A great

time was had by all the organizers, parents, and players! True hockey sportsmanship was in evidence throughout the tournament which was held at the Phillips Academy rink.

Tournament proceeds will go in part to fund underprivileged kids play AHA hockey, to the AHA general operating budget, as well as a sizable donation to the Scott Heseltine Memorial fund.

### Test your skills

How good an athlete are you? Come and find out at the Parisi Speed School's Cat Club Challenge. Participants will go through a series of five performance tests that evaluate sprinting, jumping, change of direction, strength and endurance.

Athletes should take advantage of this opportunity to see where they rank in terms of speed and strength.

Each participant is scored and awarded a Cat Club Pin and Certificate base on their performance. The Cat Club Challenge is open to boys and girls age 7 to 18. All ability levels are welcome.

Testing times begin at noon. The Cat Club Challenge is free. Call the front desk at Cedardale Health and Fitness in Haverhill to reserve your spot.

The Parisi Speed School is located at Cedardale Health and Fitness, 931 Boston Road, Haverhill, 978-373-1596

### YMCA offerings

Winter hours at the Andover/North Andover Branch of the Merrimack Valley YMCA are Monday through Thursday, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information about any of the programs offered at the Andover/North Andover YMCA Branch, call 978-685-3541 or stop by 165 Haverhill St., Andover, for a tour of the facility.

Visit us at [www.mvymca.org](http://www.mvymca.org).

Check the site for pool schedule information and group fitness class schedules at [www.mvymca.org](http://www.mvymca.org).

On New Year's Eve we will be open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. and open on New Year's Day 1 to 6 p.m.

Friday night is family night at the YMCA. On Friday, Jan. 15 we have "Snow Fun" as our theme. Family nights are a great way to have some fun and meet other families in the YMCA community. Each month features a different theme, and we will spend time in the gymnasium or the mat room, create arts and crafts projects and enjoy a theme-related snack. Activities run from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m., followed by an optional free swim from 8 to 8:45 p.m. Upcoming Friday Family Nights are: "Art with Heart," on Feb. 19, "March Madness," on Mar. 19; and "Step into Spring," on Apr. 16.

Residents can go online for easy and convenient registration for YMCA programs and classes. The Y asks people to visit it at [www.mvymca.org/programs](http://www.mvymca.org/programs). Create your user name and password to access the system. Also, in response to member input, we have made our registration simpler. Registration is first come, first served. All YMCA members will have equal opportunity for priority registration one week before non-members. Winter Session runs Jan. 3 through Feb. 27. New Winter Program Guides are available in the lobby, as well as on our website. Try a new class this winter.

Parents deserve a night out while kids have fun at the Y! Parents' Night Out is Saturday, Jan. 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. Bring children ages 4 and older to the YMCA, while you enjoy dinner out. We will serve them dinner, make a craft project, play games in the mat room, and have fun. Upcoming Parents Night Out will be held on Feb. 13, Mar. 13 and Apr. 10. Cost per child is \$8 for YMCA members; \$15 for non-members. Please pre-register at the Member Services Desk.

## SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Upcoming events at the Andover Senior Center on Whittier Court include:

**New Year's Eve Afternoon Celebration:** Dec. 31, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.; \$5. Come ring in the new year with food, fun and entertainment from Russ McQueen. Tickets in advance only.

**New, Beginner's Tai Chi:** Tuesdays, Jan. 12 to March 9, 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.; \$32. Held at Old Town Hall. Registration has begun for this class.

**Beginner's Quilting:** Always wanted to make a quilt? Now you can, with this course on Fridays, from Jan. 8 through Feb. 19, 12:30 to 3 p.m. It costs \$35.

**Say it in Spanish:** Spanish language lessons for beginners on Thursdays, from Jan. 14 through Feb. 18, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; \$30. This class will explore conversational terms, culture, history and music. It is to be followed by a Spanish language class, pending interest. The instructor is Anita Adams,

native Spanish speaker and teacher.

**Adaptive Home Equipment Forum:** Jan. 8, 10 to 11 a.m. Hear about and see some of the equipment that helps us stay safe in our homes longer. Hosted by Letourneau's Pharmacy. Call the center to hold a spot for this free forum.

**Soup's On - The ABC's of Getting Published:** Jan. 12, lunch at noon, lecture at 12:30 p.m.; \$4. Learn from local publisher, the Cheshire Group, which will tell us the process of limited run publishing, and hear about local writers who fulfilled a life-long dream of publishing their writing.

**Men's Breakfast:** Jan. 15, 8:30 a.m.; \$4. Travel back in time from 1790 to the present day to learn the history of our modern-day US Coast Guard. Join naval historian and writer Joe Ponti as he shares his research and experience on this crucial element of our Homeland Security.

**Lunch Box Café:** Our deli-style café is open for lunch Monday through Friday. Wraps, hot panini, freshly made salads and daily specials, all priced under \$5. Call ahead and we'll have it ready. Daily full lunch by reservation to all residents age 60 and older. Suggested price of \$2.75. Stop by for a menu.

**Free Blood Pressure Clinic:** The Andover Board of Health holds a free blood pressure and wellness clinic at the center every Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m.

**Snow Policy:** When Andover schools are closed for weather related issues, the center is also closed for all programs, lunch and meals on wheels. Call 978-623-8377 for specific classes that may be affected by weather.

There is still availability in most aerobic, strength training, tap and yoga classes now in session. All classes may be audited the first time, pending space. Call 978-623-8321 or drop by for a tour.

## ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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### 100 YEARS AGO - DEC. 31, 1909

Andover was extremely fortunate in not experiencing the terrible discomforts and privations that many New England cities and towns suffered during the storm on Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Swanton wish to express their thanks to all those who so kindly remembered the inmates of the Town Home at Christmas time.

The "Spectator," a feature section in the paper, noted "Several prominent Andover ladies give the Spectator to understand that they will make a concerted effort to persuade the ambitious members of their sex that their endeavor to gain the doubtful privilege of voting is a mistaken one.

### 75 YEARS AGO - DEC. 28, 1934

One of the worst gales Andover has had in years tore through the town Wednesday night and early Thursday morning causing much damage. The

drying apparatus located on the roof of the Tye Rubber Co., North Main Street was blown from its moorings and crashed to the ground.

It would be necessary to obtain 142 passengers daily to make up for the loss in revenue if a five-cent fare were adopted from Shawsheen to the center (Andover Square).

The employees at the Shawsheen offices of the Insurance Offices were treated to an enjoyable Christmas party through the courtesy of Burton S. Flagg last Monday afternoon.

Fatal automobile accidents took the lives of eight here this year, a new record for the town. An analysis of these eight accidents shows that five of them happened on Route 28; two on the South Main Street section between the square and Shawsheen, and one beyond Shawsheen Square.

### 50 YEARS AGO - DEC. 31, 1959

The town is considering the purchase of property off Lovejoy Road for almost twice


the price it could have paid for the land about two years ago. But there is no question that the area, being sought for a new school site, is considered extremely desirable by the School Committee.

Karl Haartz of High Plain Road is seeking municipal support for a Town Meeting article to create a giant "green belt" - some 650 acres of it - north and west of the intersection of Rte. 93 and 110 in west Andover.

The town dump is a mighty busy place.

Highway Superintendent Stanley Chlebowski told the Selectmen Monday night that 1,140 cars were counted entering the municipal area last Saturday alone. Most people seemed to be cleaning out the wrapping paper residue from the holiday, he said.

Three lowest bidders on construction of the addition to Memorial Hall Library are being routinely investigated, following opening of the construction bids by Town Manager Thomas E. Duff.



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

**CONGRESS FAILED TO REFORM HEALTHCARE**

The Senate succeeded last week in passing a bill to reform healthcare INSURANCE. We have heard the benefits this bill will provide and the political compromises involved.

But wait - something's missing! After all that frenzied activity, the legislation only provides additional layers of insurance coverage. Nothing corrects the basic structural flaw crippling our healthcare system in the first place... it does not reform the CARE we provide.

I believe that we need to give everyone the option of a healthcare plan that returns control of healthcare to the patient and doctor, rather than insurance companies. We certainly can attain better care cheaper, through an option that restructures the economics of healthcare to the business model of all other sectors of the economy: a direct relationship between consumer and provider. Then the provider's first priority will be to satisfy patients' needs.

WE THE PEOPLE need a grassroots movement to promote a realistic option that improves the quality of CARE and decreases expense. As a starting point, please review [HealthcarePlanA.org](http://HealthcarePlanA.org). Please forward this proposal and your thoughts to friends, relatives, and anyone interested in improving our care while decreasing cost.

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by Bill Buck, Broker/Owner

**CONTINGENCY PLANNING**

Sellers considering offers from prospective buyers should carefully review any contingencies along with terms and price. Most buyers' offers are contingent on financing, but current market conditions argue strongly for mortgage prequalification and preapproval. If the offer is contingent upon a satisfactory home inspection, sellers should have it done as promptly as possible. Better yet, because some buyers use the results of a home inspection to re-open negotiations, sellers can circumvent this possibility by having a home inspection completed prior to putting their homes on the market. That way, there are no surprises for anyone. It may be best to attend to any repairs or problems at the outset as a means of removing potential stumbling blocks to a sale.

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HINT: A buyer's offer that is contingent upon the sale of his or her own home presents sellers with a risky proposition that they will want to carefully consider with their agents.



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ENGAGEMENTS



**Melissa Armstrong and Michael David Fabick**

Chris and Eleanor Armstrong of Andover are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Eleanor Armstrong, to Michael David Fabick, son of Jay and Susie Fabick of Madison, Wis.

Ms. Armstrong is a graduate of Lawrence Academy in Groton and received a bachelor's degree in early childhood education at Salve Regina University in Newport, R.I. She is currently employed as a teacher at Oak

Hill School in St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Fabick is a graduate of Abundant Life Christian High School, Madison, Wis. He received a bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Minnesota and a master's degree from Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga. He is employed at Dawdy and Assoc. Architects in St. Louis, Mo.

The couple plan a June 2010 wedding in St. Louis, Mo.



**Douglas Armstrong and Alexandra Baker**

Chris and Eleanor Armstrong are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Douglas Richard Armstrong, to Alexandra Baillie Baker, daughter of John and Tarrah Baker of Seattle, Wash.

Mr. Armstrong is a graduate of Brooks School in North Andover and received a bachelor's degree in environmental economics from Colgate University. He is currently in his

second year of law school at Golden Gate University, San Francisco, Calif.

Ms. Baker is a graduate of the Overlake School, Seattle, Wash. She received a bachelor's degree in English and economics from Colgate University. She is currently a teacher at Marin Country Day School in California.

The couple plan a July 2010 wedding in Seattle, Wash.



**Lindsay Ravens and Stefan Mationg**

Dr. and Mrs. Fred J. Ravens III of Andover are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Anne, to Stefan Lipski Mationg, son of Dr. Teodulo Mationg of Tampa, Fla. and Ms. Therese Lipski of Yonkers, N.Y.

Lindsay is a graduate of Andover High School, class of 2000, and received her undergraduate and graduate degrees in accounting from Boston College.

She is currently employed as a manager at KPMG in Boston.

Stefan graduated from Iona Preparatory School in New Rochelle, N.Y. in 1998 and received his bachelor's degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 2002. He is pursuing an MBA at Boston University.

The couple plan a June 2010 wedding on Cape Cod.

**BoomerVenture registering new programs**

By KAREN PAYNE-TAYLOR  
BOOMERVENTURE STAFF

The Times, They Are A-Changin'! BoomerVenture Campus will expand its days beginning January 2010. Registration is now in process.

**Serenity Yoga:** Gentle yoga, suitable for beginners, will create strength and balance through mind/body connection; helps improve alignment and create harmony. Bring yoga mat. Wednesday. 2:50 to 3:50 p.m. Jan. 6-Mar.24. \$60 per 11 week session.

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**Boomer Bridge:** Calling all bridge players. Each week play duplicate hands that enhance your bridge skills. Great handouts & analysis weekly. This is not an introductory course but is appropriate for beginners and more experienced players. ACBL accredited bridge instructor Terry Kay Bargar. Mon. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Jan. 4-March 22, \$125 for eight weeks. Or drop in fee \$25 per day.

Call for information on Beginner's Tai Chi in Old Town Hall, starting in January. Boomers are invited to join any senior class one week before class begins, pending space. Drop by and see what's happen'.

Pre-registration required. Call 978-623-8321 for information or visit www.boomerventure.com to download registration form.

WEDDING

Jamie Marie LeBlanc and Andrew John Archer Cornell were married May 22, 2009 at the Hyatt Harborside in Boston, where Justice of the Peace Richard Vaughan officiated.

Maid of honor was Wendie LaFreniere of Sturbridge and bridesmaids were Tiffany LaMier of Hingham, Karli Gliesman of Sturbridge, Catherine Buttner, sister of the groom, of Westwood, Justine Gliesman of Sturbridge, and Stephanie LaRoche of Dudley.

Best man was Brian Sweet of Tewksbury, and ushers were Christopher Dias of Amherst, N.H., Stephen Murphy of Weymouth, John Noberini of Northborough, and David Carriere of Methuen.

The bride is the daughter of Russell and Wendie LeBlanc of Sturbridge. She received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Westfield State College and is currently studying toward a master's degree in school counseling at Assumption College.

The groom is the son of Douglas and Nancy Cornell of Andover. He is a graduate of Andover High School, received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Westfield State College and a master's degree in criminal justice from Western New England College. He is currently employed as a Massachusetts State Trooper.

The couple honeymooned on a Caribbean cruise and live in Sturbridge.



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Attorney Marybeth McInnis, together with her father, Attorney James McInnis, believe foremost in establishing a good working relationship with clients. This happens when clients are comfortable and confident that their decisions and wishes will be heard and respected. For much of their work, McInnis Law Offices charges a flat fee so clients can feel free to explore their feelings, express their wishes, and become informed by asking questions.

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Attorney Marybeth McInnis grew up in North Andover and continues to live in the community with her husband. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the Boston Bar Association's Estate Planning Committee, and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. She is also a Director of the Friends of Merrimack College, Trustee of the James W. O'Brien Foundation, Inc., and is also licensed to practice in New Hampshire as well as Massachusetts.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## 2010 brings 'next generation' of senior, boomer programs



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Susan Grecco will help the Senior Center this year with its extensive presentation of information about Andover's involvement in the historic Salem Witch Trials.

By KAREN PAYNE TAYLOR  
SENIOR CENTER STAFF

A slate of new offerings for all age groups in 2010 will draw strongly on community resources to explore and discover what Andover has in its own backyard. There is a little something on and off the beaten path to engage every interest, from Andover's involvement in the famed witch trials to little-known nuggets of naval history and a preview of what the future holds in store for Phillip's Academy's Addison Gallery, which is working toward its 2010 reopening.

In addition to senior programming, the BoomerVenture series will continue on a weekly basis, providing baby-boomer residents with exercise options such as Zumba classes and aerobic and strength training, bridge sessions and the opportunity to attend any day-time offerings that are not filled by our 60-plus population one week before the event.

"Our objective," Director Kathy Urquhart said, "is to provide activities that combine creativity and innovation for seniors while continuing to reach out to the baby-boomers, our next generation of senior center participants. I know that once our residents walk through our doors, they will quickly realize it's not exactly just your grandfather's programming at the senior center anymore."

Starting in January 2010, next generation senior center programs include:

■ **Addison Gallery:** Look into the Future and explore the riches of the Addison Collection, starts Jan. 26, 2010

Andover Senior Center is honored to have the first public preview of the new building project. Never before presented, the series will showcase the Addison Gallery and discover how its ever-expanding collections have led to the current building project. A recurring theme in the collection and our series is the historic art/primary sources point of view and the museum's contemporary response.

**Week 1:** Historical perspective on how the Addison Gallery came to be and the impact its ever-expanding collections had on the current building project.

**Week 2:** Commentary on the origins of modern and contemporary art with a particular focus on works from the Addison collection and artists-in-residence.



A senior center program will offer the first public look at the Addison Gallery of American Art when it reopens later in 2010.

**Week 3:** Focus on three artists that highlight the deep and influential holdings throughout the Addison Gallery collections, Homer, Stella and LeWitt, with a special peek at phenomenal historic images of the Civil War and contemporary artists' responses later in-depth lecture to come.

**Week 4:** Conversation on the need for museums to continually update what they do and a glimpse into the future of the Addison Gallery going forward. Learn about the museum's new Learning Center and experience a digital preview of the treasures in store when the museum reopens.

■ **The Witches Among Us** in Andover, starts Jan. 21, 2010  
Revealing probe into Andover's

involvement in the witch-hunt frenzy that swept our area even more than Salem and find out why our town was caught up so extensively in the madness.

**Jan. 21:** Experiential overview of the times, including finding your own property on a historic 1692 site map of Andover/North Andover. Learn the background of the families of those involved. Starts with a true-false quiz to test general witchcraft knowledge you will be surprised.

**Jan. 28:** Examination of the sociological factors that caused the witchcraft accusations and its rapid, virulent spread from Salem to Andover.

Please see **EVENTS**, Page 13

## Community-wide book discussion takes year off

Early last spring, it seemed as if much of the town was reading "The Worst Hard Time" by Timothy Egan.

Andover established a Community Reads program for the first time, encouraging everyone in town to read and discuss the same book. "The Worst Hard Time," a book about the Great Depression and was chosen and hundreds of local readers checked out the book from Memorial Hall Library.

Some local groups incorporated the book's 1930s and 1940s theme into events.

"We were delighted by the community's response to our first Andover Reads program. Over 1,900 people participated in 48 programs for all ages at the library and throughout town," Community Services Librarian Emily Classon wrote in an e-mail.

Programs included a kickoff swing concert, book-discussion sessions, movies, crafts and

story times for children and teens, and other special events related to the environment and the 1930s and 1940s, she wrote. Andover will not reprise the effort in 2010, however.

"We're hoping to offer Andover Reads every other year to allow time to plan another successful and exciting community event. Our next program will likely be in 2011," Classon wrote.

— Judy Wakefield

## 'This Old House' arborist talks trees

### Andover Garden Club event Jan. 5

A expert on trees will open the year for the Andover Garden Club with a presentation at South Church on Jan. 5.

In his slide lecture "Trees and People around the World, a Historic Perspective," Matthew R. Foti will explore the relationship between trees and people and examine the historical significance of Andover's own native trees, according to the club. "Many cultures consider trees sacred because of their daily interdependence - something that is lost in much of today's modern world. Images gathered during Foti's decades of travel to more than 40 countries around the world will illustrate how people depend on trees for food, protection, fuel, medicine, religion, shelter, and even transportation," it reports.

Foti has been a featured arborist on the WGBH television show This Old House and The Victory Garden for more than 18 years, and he has hosted Ask This Old House and made guest appearances on The Yankee Workshop.

A graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Foti became a Massachusetts

Certified Arborist in 1979 and served as president of the Massachusetts Arborists Association from 1993 to 1995. He received the Vision, Integrity, Service, Talent and Action Award from the Massachusetts Arborists Association in 2002.

Founded in 1927, the Andover Garden Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that encourages the study and practice of horticulture, landscape design, and floral design, aids in the beautification of the town of Andover; and helps protect and conserve natural resources. The club provides both financial and hands-on support to a variety of municipal, educational, and environmental organizations throughout the region. Information about joining the Andover Garden Club is available from AGC membership chairman Anne Feeney, 978-475-7119, pianopasta@comcast.net.

The event is on Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 10 a.m., at South Church, 41 Central St., Andover. The cost for non-members is \$5, which includes refreshments.

For more information, contact Betty Chapman at 978-470-2627 or bettychapman@verizon.net.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, DEC. 31

**FAMILY FUN HIKE**, hosted by Mass. Audubon Society, look for beaver lodges, dams, chews, and scent mounds. Learn how a lodge is made and how to recognize a beaver's favorite trees. 1 to 3 p.m., appropriate for families with children 4 years and older. Advance registration is required; 978-887-9264.

**NEW YEARS EVE DANCE**, hosted by The Social Life of Haverhill, American Legion, Main Street, Route. 121, Haverhill, 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m., DJ, lots of snacks, midnight champagne toast, raffle, \$15; Cindy 978-373-3504.

**NEW YEAR'S GREEK STYLE**, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 7 Harris St., Newburyport, 8 p.m. Dance to the Greek and American tunes. Enjoy Greek hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Bring the kids - they will have their own celebration. At midnight, cut the traditional New Year's Cake (Vasilopita) in honor of St. Basil. Whoever finds the coin will have blessings throughout the new year! \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, students, under 18, pay \$1 for each year old; 978-465-5757.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 2

**EXTREME SKI FILM**, Warren Miller's DYNASTY: 60 Years of Extreme Skiing, Firehouse Arts Center, One Market Square, Newburyport, 3 and 7 p.m., \$8-10; 978/462-7336, www.firehouse.org.

### MONDAY, JAN. 4

**CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH CLASSES**, Memorial Hall Library, 10 a.m. to noon, for students who have studied formal English and would like to practice their speaking and listening skills; Carolyn Fantini, 978-475-4602 to register.

**RISKS AND TEEN BEHAVIORS TALK**, with Dr. Stephen Lyng, originator of Edgework Theory. Panel of experts explore the links between risky adolescent behaviors, the seductive nature of pursuing risk and defining boundaries and their connections with video gaming and other technologies. Hosted by Parent to Parent, moderated by Stacy Andes, Director of Villanova University's Office of Health Promotion, 7:30-9 p.m., Kurth Auditorium, Lawrence General Hospital, free and open to the public; http://andoverp2p.com

### TUESDAY, JAN. 5

**ANDOVER GARDEN CLUB JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING**, (open to public), 10 a.m., South Church, 41 Central St., Andover, no fee for members, \$5 fee for guests, includes refreshments; Betty Chapman 978-470-2627, bettychapman@verizon.net.

**CHESS SESSIONS BEGIN**, monthly Chess Club at Memorial Hall Library begins, 4 p.m., free, for ages 8 to 108, held first Tuesday of the month. Participants should be familiar with

chess rules but do not need to be chess experts. Participants should bring a chess set to play against others, Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover; www.mhl.org, 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6

**INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION LEADER VISITS**, Dr. Williard R. Daggett, Collins Center, Andover, 6-8 p.m. Dr. Daggett is recognized worldwide for his proven ability to move educational systems in their efforts to focus on the skills and knowledge students will need to be successful in the technological, globally driven world. He is President of the International Center for Leadership in Education.

### FRIDAY, JAN. 8

**NEW EXHIBITS OPEN**, The Essex Art Center, "The Vase in Winter 2010," ceramic vases filled with flowers by Mary Barringer, Hayne Bayless, Scott Goldberg, Paul Heroux; "Waking with you," embroidery drawings on antique linens and photography by Joetta Maue, through Feb. 19, opening reception, 5-7 p.m., 56 Island St., Lawrence; www.essexartcenter.org, 978-685-2343.

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# EVENTS: New senior, boomer programs coming in 2010

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**Feb. 1:** Discussion of "The Sacrifice" by Kathleen Doble, recounting the tale of an Andover mother and her two daughters accused of witchcraft. Book available prior to series, quantity limited.

History's Mysteries on the High Seas, starts Jan. 25, 2010. This includes a "Did you know?" roundtable lecture and

discussion of some startling facts of naval history told from a personal perspective by local author and historian.

**Jan 25:** Discussion of how the tall ship, USCG Training vessel Barque Eagle, sailed as part of Hitler's Navy during 1936-1945, but ended up coming to the U.S. Coast Guard as a war prize. Lecturer has sailed on the ship twice across the Atlantic and will have

little-known facts to share.

**Feb 1:** A history of Ocean Station vessels as weather reporting platforms from their inception during WW II through the 1970's plus personal observations, revelations and conversation about what it was like to serve aboard a US Coast Guard weather ship as told by a veteran of many years of service on the high seas.

**Feb 8:** In-depth analysis into the

little-known Naval Arms Limitation Treaty of 1922, which set the stage for an unparalleled 10-year period in which dozens of battleships were scrapped or not built by the United States, Great Britain, Japan, France and Italy.

For more information on these programs and all the on-going offerings of Andover Senior Center call 978-623-8321 or visit us at www.andoverseniorcenter.org.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

org, 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

### MONDAY, JAN. 11

**ANDOVER DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE MEETING,** 7 p.m., Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; Pat Commane, Chair, 978-474-6047, pcommane@yahoo.com

**FREE TALK FOR BUSY MOMS,** local chapter of Holistic Moms' Network hosts, "No More Sugar Blues: How Busy Moms Can Conquer Their Cravings," 7 p.m., at Caron Family Chiropractic, North Andover (office in rear of building behind Bella Vita on Route. 125); www.holisticmoms.org.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 12

**SILENT MOVIE SHOW,** 7 p.m., free, featuring Buster Keaton in the silent romantic comedy, "The General" (1926), with live piano accompaniment by Richard Hughes, Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover; www.mhl.org, 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

### THURSDAY, JAN. 14

**EMPTY BOWLS DINNER PARTY,** handmade, one-of-a-kind bowls created by students may be purchased to fill with soups donated by local restaurants, food shops, \$10 donation per bowl, proceeds benefit Haven from Hunger in Peabody, 6 p.m., St. John's Preparatory School, Memorial Dining Hall on the school campus, 72 Spring St., Danvers; www.stjohnsprep.org.

### FRIDAY, JAN. 22

**BOOK SALE,** The Friends of Memorial Hall Library Winter Book Sale will be held on Jan. 22-24, Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main Street, Andover; www.mhl.org, 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

**KIDS' NIGHT OUT,** for ages 6 to 10, Merrimack Valley YMCA, Haverhill Street, Andover. Swim, play games in the Mat Room, make craft projects, and make new friends. Refreshments will be served, 6:30 to 9 p.m., \$7 for YMCA Family Members; \$10 for General Members; and \$12 for non-members.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 23

**ISRAELI FILM FESTIVAL,** "The Band's Visit," 7 p.m., discussion led by Rabbi Dawn Rose PhD D. follows, Temple Emanuel-Lowell, 101 W. Forest St., Lowell, donation appreciated, light refreshments; WWW.TEMV.ORG, 978-454-1372.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 26

**"DOES FILM HAVE A FUTURE?,"** with film critic Ty Burr. Burr has worked as the chief video critic for Entertainment Weekly and has covered film, music, theater, book, the Internet and is the author of three film books, 7 p.m., free, Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover; www.mhl.org, 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

### SUNDAY, JAN. 31

**AVIS RAFTON X-COUNTRY SKI/HIKE,** 10 a.m., park on High Plain Road near leaf composting area, beginners welcome, no pets, rain cancels; Burt Batcheller, 978-475-3665; David Dargie, 978-996-4475.

### SUNDAY, FEB. 14

**MOONLIGHT SKI/HIKE,** AVIS Goldsmith Woodlands, 6 p.m., park at 491 S. Main St., no pets, rain cancels; Burt Batcheller, 978-475-3665; David Dargie, 978-996-4475.

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**OPENING RECEPTION,** for just-opened "50 Under 50" exhibit, works priced under \$50 by the gallery's 50 members, oils, photographs, watercolors, sculpture, fiber art, acrylics, glass, jewelry, mixed media, 7 to 9 p.m., The Loading Dock Gallery at Western Avenue Studios, 122 Western Ave., Lowell, exhibit runs through Jan. 31; Maxine Farkas 978 349-8069, www.theloadingdockgallery.com.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 9

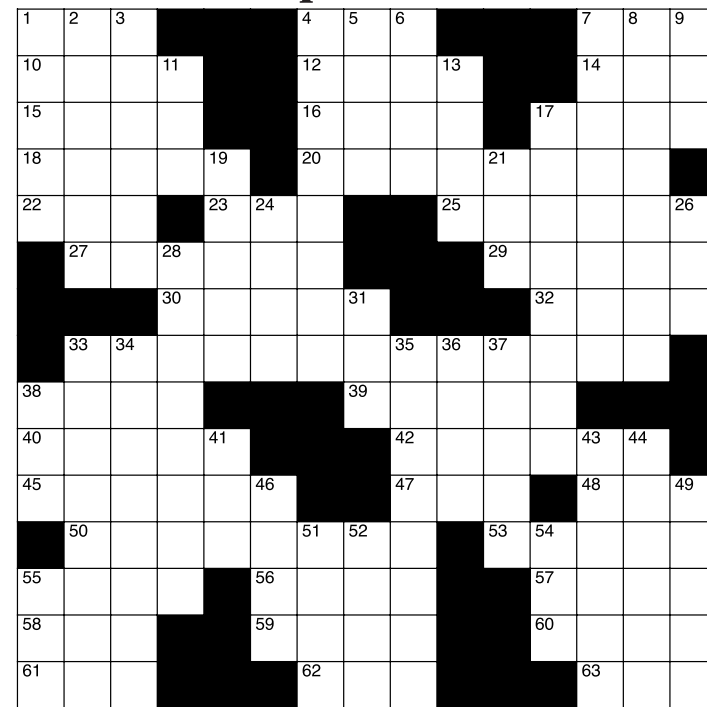
**FIBER ART DEMONSTRATION,** and workshop by mixed media collage fiber artist Robin Martel, 1 p.m., \$30 for members of TCA, \$35 for non-members, sponsored by the Tewksbury Community of Artists; www.tewksburyinfo/tca. Register by making check payable to Tewksbury Community of Artists, P.O. Box 385, Tewksbury, MA 01876.

**LIVE A CAPPELLA,** with Ball in the House, Crossroads Coffeehouse, 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m., \$18, Crossroads Coffeehouse of the North Parish UU Church, 3 Great Pond Road, second floor, North Andover; www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org with PayPal. Tickets can also be purchased in person at Shoppe on the Common in North Andover's Old Center; 978-687-396, www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org.

### SUNDAY, JAN. 10

**LIVE EASTERN EUROPEAN JEWISH FOLK MUSIC,** with The Yiddishkeit Klezmer Ensemble, 2 p.m., free, vocalist and pianist Brian Bender and clarinetist Dena Ressler featured, Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover; www.mhl.org.

## Crossword puzzle



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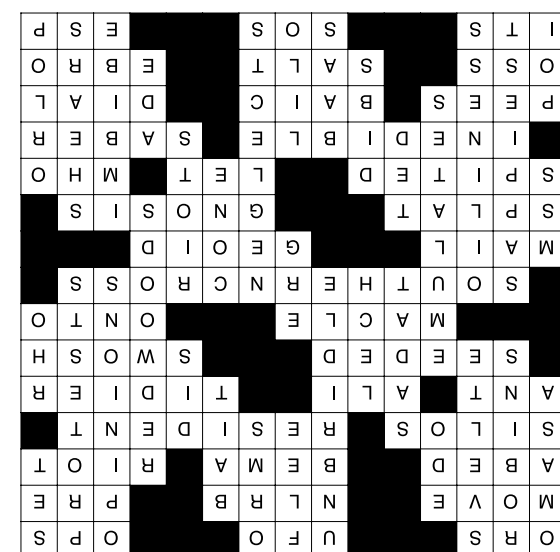
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- Flying saucer
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- Change position
- Mediation council
- Pakistani rupee
- In bed
- Chancel
- Wild disturbance
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- Home occupant
- Insect living in colonies
- 4th caliph of Islam
- More fastidious
- Planted a new crop
- Sound of moving water
- "Am. Pie" singer Don \_\_\_\_\_ an
- Upon
- Crosby, Stills & Nash song
- Flexible armor
- Hypothetical surface of the earth
- A single splash
- Intuitive knowledge

- Deliberately hurt the feelings of
- Lease
- Conductance unit
- Not suitable for food
- Cavalry sword
- Te \_\_\_\_\_ Indian dwellings
- Tibetan-Burman language
- Circular graduated indicator
- Springsteen aka "The Boss"
- Sodium chloride
- River in NE Spain
- Belonging to a thing
- Distress signal
- Clairvoyance

### CLUES DOWN

- Third stomach
- Michigan's state birds
- Gracefully slender
- Unrestrain
- Take to one's heels
- Ref \_\_\_\_\_: sees the light
- Views
- Objects
- Unit of tennis play
- Ancient Tokyo
- Annoy persistently
- Sequoias
- Egyptian statesman Anwar
- Roman Pluto
- Unionist Walenska
- The 17th Greek letter
- Strives to match
- Heat unit
- Excessively sentimental
- Oleaginous
- Pays little attention to
- Ice cream container
- Several 17 across
- Manuscripts (abbr.)
- CNN's Turner
- Drink
- Fleeces
- Slang for requests
- Ship's 4th deck
- Blats
- Disney's \_\_\_\_\_ & Stitch
- Sweet fruit beverage
- Hawaiian taro root paste

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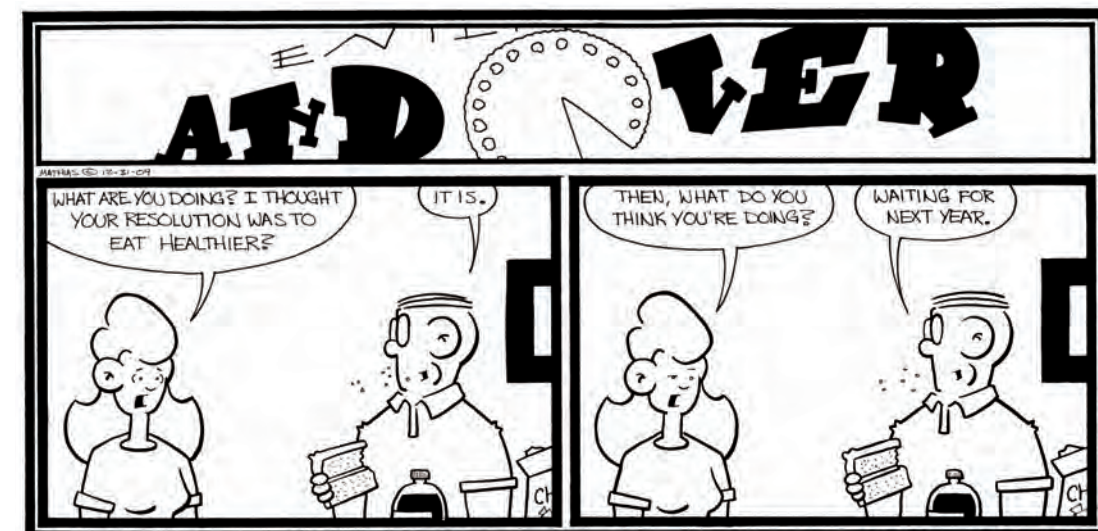
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# Education

## Town needs road map for next decade

Ken Seifert



We have just completed the first decade of the 21st century. Much has happened in this time. Remember when the new century was ringing in, we held our breath because there were those who told us the computers would go haywire and mass confusion would result. Some people cancelled plane reservations because they did not want to be in the air when the new year arrived and the planes' technology malfunctioned.

Ten years later, I must admit there is a feeling in our land: a lack of trust, uncertainty, confusion and a question of "Do we have direction?" If we don't know where we are headed then any path will get us there.

What is the largest business in the United States, Massachusetts and Andover? It is called government. According to Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary 1953, business means one's rightful work, one's personal concern.

We can't do much about national or state business except write letters, vote people out of office and put new ones in. In recent years I have found that doesn't work. However, we can tend to our town business and become the best public business in Massachusetts.

I think Andover can be the best town in the state. Do I really know? No, but I know our potential. We have many things in our favor and I have ranked us in the top 85 percent in the world. The question is, do we want to be on the road to excellence?

Enough of the prologue, back to business.

If any government business wants to gain the confidence of the taxpayers it needs to have a good business plan. I think the citizens of Andover do want to be on the road to excellence. They need to know where we have been, where we are today and where we are headed. Those are reasonable questions and deserve some responses.

Everybody recognizes that excellence is a journey and not a destination. If you are on a journey, you need good maps. In Andover, who are the map makers? They are the citizens, selectmen, School Committee, Finance Committee and public employees. I must also include the hundreds of volunteers who really make our town special. The award for best map maker these last 50 years has to be given to the Conservation Commission.

In my opinion, a good business plan must have the following map for Selectmen and School Committee: a vision, a long range plan, a strategic plan, an annual performance plan, performance indicators for each stage of the plan and a budget to accompany the plans. Each year we should review, in writing, the past year and make appropriate adjustments. There should be a category on our Web site [andover.gov](http://andover.gov) called: The Road to Excellence and it should include the above as basic documents to show Andoverites and the entire state we are on our way.

I also think there should be more public discourse on visions and road maps. If we have business as usual, we might spend another year just talking about balancing a budget, turning off more street lights, and the need to build a yet-to-be-defined elementary school and an expansion of the high school. We all want the best for our town. We need shared visions and road maps. If we don't see them emerge, the temperature may begin to rise.

I have confidence in our town. It cannot be done overnight, and maps and timetables might be helpful.

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

## International star visits Wood Hill

BY ANDREW WANG AND SHALIN SHETTY  
WHMS STUDENTS

The sell-out crowd erupted with excitement – shouting "Justo! Justo!" – when Argentinian superstar Justo Lamas took the stage on a recent blustery winter morning before school vacation.

Spanish students from Andover, Amesbury, Walpole and Danvers arrived at Wood Hill Middle School auditorium ready for a memorable experience. Coming all the way from South America, Lamas is on his annual tour of the United States. Spanish teachers of all schools applaud his work, because the lyrics to his songs correspond with what the students are



Justo Lamas, shown here at Doherty Middle School in April, returned to Andover for another performance said to inspire students taking Spanish.

learning.

As an expeditionary school, Wood Hill Middle often has its students participate in a variety

of leadership and team-building activities. This year, the eighth grade Spanish students took responsibility for sponsoring the concert.

Each student had a key role in organizing the event, before, during or after the concert. Students were ushers, guiding students from other schools to their seats; vendors who sold concert T-shirts and other souvenirs; ticket sellers; decorators; hosts for Lamas and visitors, and helped in other roles.

One Wood Hill Middle student, Adam Brody, had the chance to sing a duet with Lamas himself. A group of Wood Hill girls served as back up dancers for another song. Wood Hill Spanish teacher Norma Villarreal made sure that every student had an active role

in this performance.

The concert began with a thunderous cheer as Lamas burst through the curtains of the school's auditorium, decorated with balloons and signs by students. Lamas warmly greeted the audience and immediately burst into song. After two songs, he invited three students to participate in a contest to see who could best sing a chorus from his songs. The audience chose a winner by applause.

After many songs, Lamas walked among the audience and talked about how hard his life was when he was growing up. The audience was silent as he talked about his personal challenges and problems, and shared how personally successful his life has been. He concluded his

emotional speech on a note of hope and promise: "You can do whatever you want, you just have to believe in yourself."

With those words, he returned onto the stage and resumed singing.

Lamas has helped Spanish students connect with their foreign language.

"Singing and dancing to his songs was preferable to reading the textbook! We were motivated to learn the lyrics because we knew we would see him live in concert," said student Sarah Van Antwerp.

Another student, Adam Bloom-Paicopolos agreed, saying, "It was a cool show and an awesome experience. I liked how we were able to learn about culture using music."



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Bancroft student Katherine Hall, 11, left, hugs retiring art teacher Cindy Weiss after she was presented a gift from the entire school during a holiday singalong at the Bancroft Elementary School in Andover on Dec. 23.



## Holiday singalong was also a farewell

Students move their arms as they sing from the balcony during the holiday singalong at Bancroft School that said goodbye to retiring art teacher Cindy Weiss.



Laura Zavri, at left, 10, moves her arms as she sings holiday songs during a singalong at the Bancroft School.



Grace Pomeroy, right, 7, also sings holiday songs while wearing a Santa hat.

## Merrimack College professor named research ambassador for international exchange to Germany

Merrimack College Professor of Philosophy Dr. George Heffernan of Andover has been selected by the German Academic Exchange Service/Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst as a research ambassador for the 2009/2010 academic year.

A branch of the German

Federal Ministry of Education and Research, the GAES/DAAD is the German national agency responsible for international exchange in education and research.

One of only 17 individuals honored, Heffernan recently participated in a two-day workshop at the German General Consulate

in New York addressing the latest developments in German higher education and advanced research. The seminar also dealt with the many generous funding programs available to North American scientists and academics interested in conducting study and research in Germany, according to a release from

Merrimack College.

A recipient of several DAAD grants and a graduate of the University of Cologne, Heffernan will serve as a liaison for the DAAD in North America to promote education and research in Germany among colleagues and students at institutions of higher education.

## Advice on paying for college Jan. 11

Parents and students are invited to attend the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority's free comprehensive presentation on college financing in town this month.

The seminar will be hosted by Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School on Monday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. The school is on River Road in Andover.

An experienced MEFA representative will discuss the financial aid process, according to a release from the agency. The seminar will teach parents how to apply for financial aid, compare financial aid award letters and seek available financing options. Families will receive a seminar booklet that serves as a year-round resource. Time will be allowed for questions and answers.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools from Jan. 4-8:

### Elementary schools

**Monday:** Meatball sub, egg salad on wheat, southwestern potato salad, confetti spaghetti, peaches and topping.

**Tuesday:** Macaroni and cheese with a roll, turkey pinwheel, greek salad and pita, vegetable soup, broccoli with lemon zest and fruit.

**Wednesday:** Beef or bean taco, grilled cheese on whole wheat, chicken caesar salad and pita, spanish rice, corn and pineapple tidbits.

**Thursday:** Chicken teriyaki and pilaf, salad with hummus, feta and pita, tuna salad on wheat, chicken gumbo soup, roasted zucchini, tomatoes and corn.

**Friday:** Pan pizza, tossed salad and pudding and topping.

### Middle schools

**Monday:** Meatball sub, crispy chicken on a roll with lettuce and tomato, tuna salad on wheat, chicken gumbo soup, macaroni salad and fresh fruit.

**Tuesday:** Cheese or buffalo chicken pan pizza, macaroni and cheese, roll, salad with hummus, feta and pita, broccoli with lemon zest, apple crisp and topping and juice.

**Wednesday:** Rotini with meat or marina sauce, bread stick, rib-a-que on a roll, hamburger with lettuce and tomato, garden salad, roasted sweet potato fries and anjou pear.

**Thursday:** Chicken teriyaki, rice pilaf and roll, veggie chili and tortilla chips, buffalo chicken salad, pita, fresh veggie medley and fresh melon.

**Friday:** Cheese or pepperoni pan pizza, roast turkey club, caesar salad, cucumber sticks and fresh fruit.

### Andover High School

**Monday:** Chicken scampi, bread stick, tossed salad and fresh fruit.

**Tuesday:** Roast pork, mashed potatoes, squash, zucchini, dinner roll and fresh fruit.

**Wednesday:** Roasted chicken with lemon and herbs, steamed broccoli, rice pilaf, bread stick and fruit cup.

**Thursday:** Roast turkey dinner with all the fixings.

**Friday:** Italian sub with the works, french fries and chilled fruit.

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

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

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

## Arlene D. Dick



**Haverhill** — Arlene Dorothy Dick, born on Sept. 26, 1927 died peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family on Monday, Dec. 28, 2009.

As a child, Arlene attended St Joseph's School in Haverhill and completed her junior year at Haverhill High School. Like so many of her generation, Arlene left high school to support her family during the World War II effort and became a shoe stitcher at Stein and Sulkis Shoe Company.

Arlene fell in love and married Alvin Dick in St. Joseph's Church and settled down to begin raising their seven children, first in North Andover and later in Georgetown. During these years, Arlene worked nonstop to help keep food on the table. She worked at F.W. Woolworths, J.M. Fields and Western Electric.

Once the children were grown, at age 48, Arlene enrolled in Whittier Vocational Technical School to pursue her dream of becoming a nurse. Arlene earned her G.E.D. and graduated as an LPN. Arlene worked as a nurse for 10 years at the Hale Hospital. At age 74, she finished her career working with the elderly at Penacook Place Nursing Facility in Haverhill.

During her personal time,

Arlene enjoyed reading, craft parties with her grandchildren, ceramics sewing many things including dresses for each of her granddaughters.

Arlene lived a full and happy life and was predeceased by three daughter-in-laws, Jean Marie Daly, Vicki Chabot and Denise Scarborough.

Arlene leaves her seven children, Wayne and his wife Diane of Andover, William of Plaistow, Peggy Chabot of Haverhill, Alan and his wife Sarasue of Haverhill, Gary of Georgetown, Annette and her husband Brian Barnaby of Pelham, and Christopher and his wife Debbie of Derry; along with 18 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

**ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral on Saturday at 10 from the H.L. Farmer & Sons, 106 Summer St., Haverhill, followed by a funeral Mass at 11 at All Saints Church, 120 Bellevue Ave., Haverhill. Interment will be private and at the convenience of the family. Calling hours at the funeral home will be Friday, Jan. 2 from 3 to 6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her honor to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 9, Lawrence, MA 01843 or Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 5, Lawrence, MA 01843. Arrangements are by H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, Haverhill and Bradford. Condolences to her family may be made at [www.farmerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.farmerfuneralhomes.com).**

## Robert Farnsworth Worthen, 61

**NORTH ANDOVER** — Robert Farnsworth Worthen, of North Andover, died Friday, Dec. 25, 2009 at home after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer. He was 61.

Born in Santiago, Chile, he was the son of the late Helen (Farnsworth) and Frederic Worthen. Rob graduated from the Hotchkiss School and Bucknell University. He received his MBA from the Tuck School at Dartmouth College in 1975.

Rob was president of Worthen Industries, a manufacturing company headquartered in Nashua, N.H. with plants in Clinton, Mass., Richmond, Va. and Grand Rapids, Mich. He served on the board of The Reed and Barton Corporation and Home Health VNA, Merrimack Valley Hospice and HomeCare Inc. for 10 years. Rob was a lifelong member of the North Andover Country Club where he pursued his love of sports. Also special to him was his time spent at his family home on Lake Memphremagog in

Georgeville, Quebec.

Rob is survived by his wife of 39 years, Susan (Benner); son, Douglas, and daughter, Carrie Collins; and two grandchildren, Jamie and Lindsay Collins. Surviving him are his brothers, Rick and his wife Nancy of Newnan, Ga., David and his wife Gail of Wilton, N.H., Peter and his wife Sally of Birmingham, Ala.; and his sister, Lynn Worthen Berns and her husband Fred of Peabody, Kan.; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS: Memorial services will be held Friday, Jan. 8, 2 p.m. at the Christ Church, 25 Central St., Andover, MA 01810. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, P.O. Box 27106, New York, NY 10087, in support of the research work of Dr. Richard J. O'Reilly of the Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Service. Arrangements are being handled by The Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover, MA 01845. To sign the family guest book, please visit [www.contefuneralhomes.com](http://www.contefuneralhomes.com).**

**NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla.** — James A. Santosuosso, 77, of New Port Richey, Fla., formerly of Andover, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009. The son of Rose and the late James W. Santosuosso. He was born and raised in Malden.

James met and later married the love of his life, Josephine, his beloved wife of 59 years. They raised their family in Malden for 25 years and then moved to Andover before residing in their dream home by the water in New Port Richey.

He was a member of the Malden High School football team that played for the National Championship in 1948. After graduating from Malden High School in 1950, he served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955. When he returned from duty, he began his career as a truck driver for Jones Motor and St. Johnsbury trucking. He became a successful business agent for the Teamsters Local 25.

He lived life to the fullest, embracing everyday with amazing energy, unrelenting faith, and an obliging gratitude to God. He thoroughly enjoyed the outdoors, boating, fishing, cycling and swimming. He loved music and was a voracious reader on the subjects of history, religion and

politics. He hosted many Sunday dinners, where he enjoyed cooking for his family. His family was his greatest joy, and he truly cherished the time he spent with them. A true gentleman with an angelic spirit, he will be sadly missed by anyone who had the pleasure of meeting him.

James is survived by his loving wife, Josephine of New Port Richey; five daughters, Jamie and her husband Michael Bannan of Homosassa, Fla., Gail Desantis of Holiday, Fla., Nancy and her husband David Fielding of Andover, Debra Stempien of Methuen, and Amy Santosuosso of Holiday, Fla.; his mother, Rose Santosuosso of Exeter, N.H. He is also survived by his 10 grandchildren, Michael and James Bannan of Arlington, Andrea and Christina DeSantis of Holiday, Fla., David and Charlene Fielding of Andover, Steven and Anthony Stempien of Methuen, Jessica and Tyler Stumpf of Holiday, Fla., his sister Susan Johnson of Exeter, N.H.; brothers, Robert of Melrose, and Philip of Holiday, Fla.; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

**ARRANGEMENTS: Arrangements are with Trinity Memorial Gardens in Trinity, Fla. For more information call 727-376-7824 or visit [www.trinitymemorial.com](http://www.trinitymemorial.com).**

## James A. Santosuosso, 77

## Eva B. Wright, 68



**LAWRENCE** — Eva Bess Wright, age 68, passed away Saturday, Dec. 26, 2009 at Lawrence General Hospital, Lawrence, from complications

of recent multiple strokes.

She was born Jan. 27, 1941 in Neptune, N.J., the daughter of Joseph and Sadie Schwartz. She married Freeman Wright Jr. on July 3, 1983 in Pittsfield, Ma. in their backyard under their big apple tree. Eva earned her nursing degree in New York and first worked as an RN in Los Angeles. After she obtained her master's degree, she worked as an instructor at the University of Hawaii. Prior to retiring, Eva worked as a nurse practitioner in Pittsfield. She later returned to teach five more years at the University of Hawaii before retiring in 1996.

In retirement, Eva and Freeman enjoyed pulling their 5th wheel frequently with other Rv'ers and belonged to the Escapees RV group, traveling to many national parks and visiting friends and family. They especially enjoyed spending their winters in Hawaii.

Survivors include her husband, Freeman Wright, Jr. (Sonny) of Tucson, Ariz.; daughter, Audrey Spencer and her husband Mark

of Andover, with their children, Leah, Cole and Jason Spencer; her son, Robert Golden of Portland, Ore.; her sister, Eleanor Schwartz of Lompoc, Calif.; nephew, Alan and wife Ava Gonick; and son, Alex from Ontario, Calif.; nephew, Jerry and wife Stephanie Schneiderman and family from Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.; her extended family: Freeman Wright of Caribou, Maine; Duane and Gloria (Wright) Mishler and family of Stillwater, N.Y.; Don and Cindy (Wright) Blanchette and family of Woodland, Maine; Roger and Lynn Haines and family of Caribou, Maine. Eva was predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Sadie Schwartz; her sister, Anita Schneiderman; and her brother, Arthur Schwartz. Eva loved reading, hiking, and traveling to visit family and friends.

**ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral was on Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009 in Long Island, N.Y. In lieu of flowers, please contribute in memory of Eva Bess Wright to your local public library. Arrangements are by the H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Homes, Haverhill and Bradford. Condolences to her family may be made at [www.farmerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.farmerfuneralhomes.com).**



## William H. Phair, 73

**DANVILLE, N.H.** — William H. Phair, 73, a resident of Danville, N.H., passed away Christmas morning, Friday, Dec. 25, 2009 after a 2 1/2 year courageous battle with cancer.

Born and raised in Lawrence, he attended Lawrence schools.

Bill was employed by Phillips Academy in Andover where he served as the Chief Engineer for 25 years prior to his retirement. During his years of employment, he earned several engineering degrees. He was a member of the Lawrence Lodge of Elks, B.P.O.E. 65 as well as the Concordia Club. Bill had been a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Lawrence and attended St. Anne Church in Hampstead, N.H.

Bill is survived by his beloved wife, Eleanor (Maranto) Phair and his loving mother, Katherine (Konjian) Phair. He was

predeceased by his father, Francis Phair. Bill is also survived by his daughters, Susan D'Agati and her husband James of Danville, Lauren Wilson and her husband Kevin of Salem, N.H.; and his son, William J. Phair of Derry, N.H. He is also survived by his sisters, Geraldine Byrne and her husband Robert of Arizona, and Patricia Ball of Danville; brothers, Alan Phair and his wife Janet of Atkinson, N.H. and Robert Phair of Hampton, N.H.; as well as his sister, Kathi Minahan of Hudson, N.H. Bill was predeceased by his brother, Francis Phair. He is also survived by five grandchildren.

**ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2009 at 11 a.m. in Mary Queen of Peace Church, 200 Lawrence Road, Salem, N.H. Burial followed in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Lawrence. Memorial contributions may be made to Brigham & Women's Hospital, Attention: Mesothelioma Program, 75 Francis St., PBB 239, Boston, MA 02115. To send an online condolence or for more information, go to [www.breenfuneralhome.com](http://www.breenfuneralhome.com).**

## Mary T. Piazza, 80



**Haverhill** — Mary Teresa Piazza of Haverhill died Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2009 after a short illness. She was 80 years old.

Born April 30, 1929 Mary grew up in the "Acre" section of Lowell. Mary attended local schools and graduated from Lowell High School, Class of 1947.

Also in 1947, Mary met the love of her life Adam P. Piazza of Lawrence. They met at the Frolics at Salisbury Beach. Mary and Adam were married at Holy Rosary Church Sept. 2, 1951.

Mary and Adam lived in Pensacola, Fla. and Newport, R.I. while Adam served in the U.S. Navy. After leaving the Navy, they settled in and raised their children in Andover, until moving to Haverhill in 1993.

Mary's family was her greatest joy. She enjoyed having everyone over to the house on Sundays and on holidays to have a nice dinner, a sip of wine, some beautiful music, a dance in the kitchen and to tell a few stories of days gone by. Mary loved big band music and loved to dance. Mary also loved the ocean and spent as much time as possible enjoying the beaches at the Maine and New Hampshire coastlines.

She was a wonderful compassionate and caring wife, a nurturing mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Mary was a friend to all and was a fun person to be around. Mary will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Mary is survived by her husband of 58 years, Adam P. Piazza of Haverhill; brother, Louis Marley of Cape Cod; son, Andrew and wife Joanne Piazza of Lowell; son, William and wife Sheila Piazza of Methuen; daughter, Donna Therrien and husband Steve of Andover; grandsons, Andrew Piazza of Titusville, Fla., Christopher Piazza of Orlando, Fla., Richard Piazza of Titusville, Fla., Corey Prussman of Andover and Branden Prussman of Andover, Matthew Bucci of Lowell, Christine Copley of Lowell, and Lauren Bucci of Lowell;

great-grandchildren, Valerie Piazza, Andrew Piazza III and Hunter Piazza of Titusville, Fla., Evan Piazza and Kendyll Piazza of Orlando, Fla., Anthony Piazza and Nathan Piazza of Titusville, Fla. and Joshua Copley of Lowell. Nephews Raymond Croteau of Hampton, N.H., Glenn Spatola of Washington State, Brian Spatola of Melbourne, Fla., David Ashline of New York, Gary Piazza of North Carolina and Alan Piazza of Las Vegas; nieces, Linda Audi and Cindy Ashline of New York and Deborah Lawson of Florida; sisters-in-law, Eve (Piazza) Ashline of New York and Mary Piazza, wife of the late Gus Piazza of Ocala, Fla.

**ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were Sunday, Dec. 27, 2009 at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St., Methuen. A Mass of Christian burial took place on Dec. 28 in All Saints Catholic Church, Haverhill, with burial in Elmwood Cemetery in Methuen. To send online condolences please visit [pollardfuneralhome.com](http://pollardfuneralhome.com).**

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## Happy New Year!

# 2010

Hang up the new calendar! It's time to celebrate the end of 2009 and the beginning of 2010. "Happy New Year" will be heard throughout the country this week.

The New Year celebration is the oldest of all holidays.

Ancient Babylon celebrated the new year about 4,000 years ago.

The Babylonian New Year started with the first new moon after the Vernal Equinox, which is the first day of spring. The celebration lasted for eleven days.

The Romans started the New Year in late March. The Roman emperors, however, liked to change the calendar. With all changes it soon became out of synchronization with the sun. The Roman senate decided it needed to get the calendar back on track. In 153 BC, the senators declared January 1 as the beginning of the New Year. However, the calendar still wasn't firm.

In 46 BC, Julius Caesar established the Julian calendar. The Julian calendar begins on January 1. In order to get the seasons aligned properly, one year stretched for 445 days, an extra 80 days.

The Kid looks forward to New Year's Day every year.

The Tournament of Roses Parade in California starts the day. The parade began in 1886 by members of the Valley Hunt Club. They decorated their carriages with flowers for the parade. It was also a



day to celebrate the ripening of the orange crop.

The Rose Bowl football game starts after the parade. The first Tournament of Roses football game was played in 1902. The following year, they replaced the football game with Roman chariot races. They switched back to football in 1916.

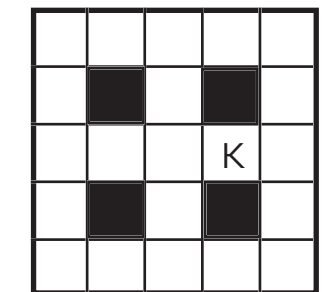
Some people believe that certain foods bring good luck if you eat them on New Year's Day. Black-eyed peas cooked with ham bring good luck in many cultures. Cabbage leaves are also considered a sign of prosperity. In some cultures rice is a lucky food.

The Kid tried but couldn't find a burger and fries on the lucky list. However, a few black-eyed peas couldn't hurt, just in case the luck thing is real!

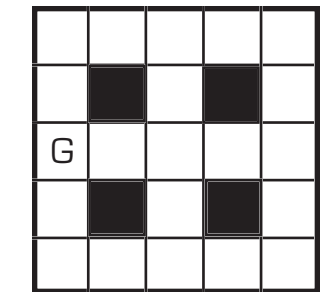
Happy New Year!

### Cross Five

Place these six words in the crossword grid:



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Coves, Giver, Lists, Legal Lucky, Yards

**Newspaper in Education activity**  
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# Sports

## THE ELITE 8: MEMORABLE FEATS FROM 2009

BY DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

It was another classic year in Andover athletics, from Eugene V. Lovely Field and Dunn Gym to The Great American Ball Park in Cincinnati and everywhere in between.

It was a year of big wins, records, national prominence and even a goalie scoring a goal. And Andover High will need to make room for a few more championship banners on the walls.

Oh, what a year 2009 was. Here are many of my most memorable moments:

### 8. Out of nowhere

Losing a starting spot is tough for anyone. Even if it is just a temporary job.

Andover's **Cam Johst** filled in admirably at goalie for the Brooks soccer team during the 2008 season while fellow Andover resident **Glen Martin** recovered from severe injuries suffered in an on-field collision. But when Martin returned this season, Johst was left watching the games from the bench.

That is, until Johst was given the chance to shine — as a goal-scorer.

With a tournament berth on the line, Brooks and St. Paul's were locked up in penalty kicks. In need of a seventh shooter, Brooks called upon Johst, and the goaltender came through with the game-winning goal that sent the Green and White into the New England Prep Class B tourney.

Martin also contributed key saves in the win.

There are good days, great days, then the kind of days like **Janik Koenings** had at the Division 1 state golf tournament.

He fired an eye-popping 75 at challenging Turner Hill Country Club. That not only paced the Golden Warriors, but it was the second best round OVERALL for the day, bested only by Nick McLaughlin of St. John's Prep (72).

### 7. Arms race

Most high school teams would kill for a single pitcher that throws in the 90's. Andover happened to sport two last season in **John Farrell** and **Shawn Carlson**.

Farrell dazzled with a 0.71 ERA and 94 strikeouts in 60 1/3 innings pitched. He moved on to pitch at Division 1 William and Mary. He shared the mound at Andover with Carlson, who K'd 60 in 43 1/3 innings pitched, and will continue his career at San Jacinto (Texas) Community College, which produced current New York Yankee Andy Pettitte.

It didn't take **Nicole Boudreau** long to feel ready to shoot the basketball. Just a freshman last year, Boudreau canned a stunning 88 3-pointers, 12 better than the previous record the Eagle-Tribune coverage area. She had plenty of support from her backcourt mate, sophomore point guard **Natalie Gomez-Martinez** (15.2 points per game last year).

### 6. Hall's calling

It was 23 years ago **George Sullivan** decided to give coaching girls volleyball a shot.

Now, 351 wins later, Sullivan was honored among the best when he was inducted into the Massachusetts Girls Volleyball Coaches Hall of Fame this fall. In 21 years as the boys head coach, he has added another 285 wins.

Andover track coach **Peter Comeau** was also honored for his achievements, as he was elected to the Massachusetts State Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

### 5. Streaking

If true success can only be judged against the best of the best, Andover's 4x200 relay team is in good company.

The squad of **Christopher McConnell**, **Brendan Crawford**, **Kerrick Stevens** and **Mark Vetere** took first at All-States (1:31.70) and at New England's (1:31.08) and placed sixth at Nike Indoor Nationals on the way to earning All-Scholastic honors.

Andover field hockey just continues to shine brighter. After winning 17 games in 2007 and 18 games in 2008, the Golden Warriors surged to a 19-1-1 mark this year, including a 17-0-1 regular season. They also earned their third straight trip to the Division 1 North semifinals.

They were paced by All-Scholastic goaltender **Tameka Geaslen** (0.16 goals-against average) and sharpshooter **Sarah Oteri** (19 goals, 24 assists). Both were four-year starters.

In 2008, Andover girls volleyball suffered its first losing season (7-11) since 1997, and missed the postseason for the first time since 1993. But 2009 would be far from a repeat.

Andover surged to 20 wins, going 18-2 in the regular season, and advancing to the Division 1 North finals for the fifth time in six years. Only Central Catholic had the Warriors' number, handing them all three losses.

Andover was led by sisters **Kirsten Arvidson** (team-high 223 kills, 116 blocks) and **Sarah Arvidson** (157 kills, 143 digs) and **Annie Ye** (487 assists, 199 digs).

### 4. Stat busters

**John Hennessy** may be heading to Boston College to play baseball, but judging by some of the noodle-armed QBs the Eagles have sent out in recent years, Hennessy may want to think about keeping his football helmet close by.

In two years as a starting QB at Andover, Hennessy lit up opposing defenses through the air. He threw for 1,853 yards and 19 TD passes this season, and finished his career with 3,504 yards and 39 touchdowns passing. He was named MVC Offensive Player of the Year this season.

**Heather Sullivan** set the bar high in field hockey in 2008 when she set a team-record with 29 goals. But she saved her best for lacrosse, where she surged to a team-high 54 goals despite battling injuries. She made up quite a one-two punch with teammate **Cat Gross** (46 goals).

The boys also had the scoring touch last season, with **Joe Lamagna** totaling 43 goals and **Matt Eriksen** right behind with 40 tallies.

While some were scoring goals, Andover hockey goalie **Kyle Berthiaume** was stopping them.

Just a sophomore, Berthiaume closed out the 2008-09 regular season with three straight shutouts and four shutouts in five games. In the other game, he held Super 8 qualifier Central Catholic to just one goal. He also excelled in the tourney, despite the Warriors falling to perennial power St. John's Prep 1-0.

Andover's **Moira Cronin** and **Jessica Salley** are in a class of their own in the high jump. Cronin tied the school record (5-4), then Salley matched it. Then Salley set a new mark (5-6) and Cronin matched it. Cronin now holds the record (5-9), but they are far from done. Both are just juniors.

Few wanted to challenge **Matt Washburn** on the football field, and fewer wanted to on the volleyball court. He notched 372 kills this year, including 24 against St. John's Prep, on his way to All-Scholastic and MVC Division 2 MVP honors.

In most meets, the best competition for Andover gymnasts **Rachel Mattison** and **Jenn Quirnbach** are each other.

Both All-Scholastic selections a year ago, Mattison was the North Sectional champ in the beam (9.45) and Quirnbach won the vault (9.25) at the MVC meet.

### 3. Give him a Hanigan

Another year, another step forward for Andover's **Ryan Hanigan** with the Cincinnati Reds.

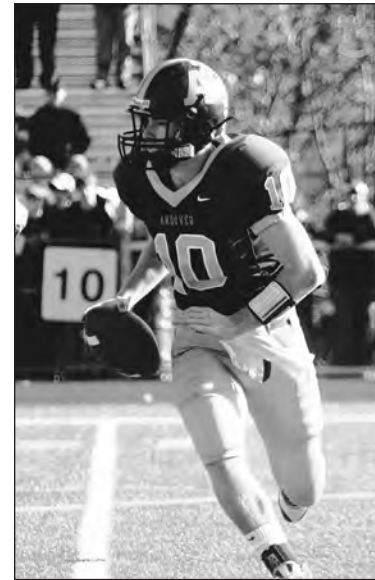
First he was a September call-up two years ago. Then he spent more than a month as a contributor in 2008. But in 2009, the former Andover star held the job as the Reds' starting catcher.

Overall, he played in 90 games — starting 88 — logging 670 1/3 innings behind the play for the squad. Through July 31, the 29-year-old was hitting a scintillating .315 with four doubles and eight RBIs. A neck injury and a concussion slowed him a bit, and he finished with a respectable .263 average with six doubles, three home runs and 11 RBIs.

And, as always, his glove behind the plate was his signature.



Former Andover High star **Ryan Hanigan** found greater success in his first full major league season.



Andover QB **John Hennessy** did it all this season, throwing 19 touchdowns and leading the Golden Warriors to their first victory over Chelmsford in 10 years.



Andover's **Moira Cronin** continues to set the bar higher in the high jump. She already owns the school record, battling teammate **Jessica Salley**.

### 2. Exorcising the demons

It's rare to see players cry tears of joy after a regular season football game. It's more rare for grown fans to shed those same tears along with the players.

But it's not every day Andover ends a decade of misery. On Oct. 16, the Golden Warriors did just that, snapping a 10-game losing streak to Chelmsford with a 28-21 victory. Since The Andover Townsman began keeping complete records in 1984, Andover is now 5-20-1 against Chelmsford. The Golden Warriors' most recent win over the Lions was a 35-33 victory on Nov. 6, 1998.

It was a long time coming. And the unlikely hero? Sophomore running back **Nick Price** came on to replace injured senior **Nick Enxing** and rushed for two touchdowns, including the game-winner with 57 seconds left.

The celebration after was well described by senior **Jake Lebowitz**, who called it the Super Bowl in August. But an ever better description of the emotion came from a veteran Andover fan to a younger man.

"You have no idea what it means for us to beat Chelmsford," said the emotional fan.

### 1. Title town

Andover swim coach **Marilyn Fitzgerald** made no secrets heading into this season. Anything less than a title would be a disappointment.

And her squad did not disappoint. After having their streak of nine straight titles snapped last season, the Golden Warriors swim team was back in the winner's circle this season at the Division 1 state swim and dive championship. They didn't just win, they dominated.

**Rachel Moore** broke one state record (100 butterfly) and tie another (100 backstroke), both of which previously owned by Fitzgerald's granddaughter **Connie Brown**.

Freshman **Maggie D'Innocenzo** added a pair of individual wins and the Golden Warriors won all three relays. They then got the police escort home they had been waiting for.

For those who said, during the regular season, this was a down year for Andover golf spoke all too soon.

Behind a 73 for **Dave Gilbert**, the Golden Warriors won the Division 1 North Golf Tournament with 304 points. **Adam Rosenzweig** was just off Gilbert's pace with a 75.

Talk about one heck of a one-two punch. Heading into last winter, no Andover boys team had won a state title since the baseball team won back-to-back titles in 1991-92. The boys indoor track team, in fact, had never won a title.

But both those streaks came to an exciting end. Behind a record-setting performance by **Christopher McConnell** and two outstanding relays, the Andover boys won the All-State track meet with 30 points.

McConnell was the individual star, shattering the state record in the 55-meter dash with a 6.34. But, as always, the relays were the price of Andover.

McConnell, Crawford, Vetere and Stevens won the 4x200 and Vetere, **Connor O'Neill**, Crawford, **Rob Martin** took the 4x400.

So what could the Warrior boys do for an encore in the spring? Win it again.

The boys outdoor team repeated the indoor squad's feat, crushing the competition for the All-State title, their first since 1984.

Yet again it was the relays that were the difference, with **Mark Vetere**, **Connor O'Neill**, **Brendan Crawford** and **Rob Martin** taking the 4x400. Mark and Adam Vetere then clinched it in the pole vault.

Pretty memorable.

## Freshman Caveney leads Andover to Christmas Tourney final

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

It's safe to say that, on Monday, **Devon Caveney** was in the groove.

"I just came ready to play," Caveney said. "And I just felt it."

The freshman came off the bench and knocked down five 3-pointers as Andover downed Methuen 89-67 in the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament semifinal on Monday, setting up a title clash with Central Catholic scheduled for Wednesday.

"I started shooting when I was old enough to hold up a basketball," she said. "He (dad) had me shoot all the time. We have a really nice court in our yard that my family put in when I was young."

**Nicole Boudreau** added six 3-pointers on her way to a team-high 24 points while **Natalie Gomez-Martinez** chipped in with 16 points and **Dianna Bill** had 14 for the winners.

**Nicole Boudreau** tallied a team-best 21 points as Andover opened

the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament with a bang, crushing Salem 73-34 last Tuesday. **Devon Caveney** added nine points and **Olivia Biles** had seven for the winners.

**Natalie Gomez-Martinez** notched 17 points to help Andover best Chelmsford 64-28 last Monday. **Nicole Boudreau** added 17 points while **Alex Alois** tallied six points and stood out on defense under the basket.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Massive Miller keys victory

Andover head coach **Dave Fazio** simply summed up 6-4, 225-pound forward **Brian Miller**.

"Brian was just terrific. He works hard on both ends," said Fazio.

The blue chip football prospect contributed 17 points and 13 rebounds as the Golden Warriors defeated Lawrence 85-73 in the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tourney semifinals, setting up

a championship matchup with archrival Central Catholic scheduled for Tuesday.

"Playing Lawrence was a little more to our liking than North Andover," said Fazio. "We like to run and they like to run."

**Joe Bramanti** tossed in 24 points and dished out nine assists, and **Jimmy Johnson** added 14 points and four assists for Andover, which improved to 5-0.

Freshman **Sam Dowden's** pretty drive and hoop gave Andover it's

first lead of the night, a one-point advantage with 5:50 left, and the Warriors went on to down North Andover 53-50 last Wednesday in the first round of the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tourney.

**Joe Bramanti** led Andover, scoring a game-high 24 points and pulling down 11 huge rebounds. Dowden was next best, finishing with 10 points.

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# ANA Synchers float to top at NESSA figures meet

It was tough competing against Andover swimmers at the New England Synchronized Swimming Association Figures Meet held at Wheaton College recently. The ANA Synchers, the synchronized swim team from the Andover/North Andover YMCA, took first place finishes in seven competition age groups. While this team is known for stacking up the medals, this impressive performance at Wheaton gives us a sneak peak at what to expect from the Synchers in 2010.

**Results:**  
**18-19 age group:** Jessica Mancini gold, Sheila Cremin silver, and both of Andover

**16-17:** Candace Ju of Andover, gold; Cait MacGregor of North Andover, silver; Gillian Brassil of Andover, fourth

**13-15:** Gillian Brassil of Andover, gold; Alyson Arsenault of Methuen, silver; Eliza Sturgeon of Gloucester, bronze

**11-12 Age Group:** Nicole Carzo, gold; Caitlin Klauer silver; Sachiko Hagiya bronze; Tatiana Bouchard, fourth, all of Andover. Francesca Sajedi of Concord also placed fourth in the 11 to 12 Intermediate category.

**10 and under:** Grace Alwan, gold; Sophia Ju, silver, and Anna Lang bronze, all of Andover; and Epke Paquette, fourth of Groveland.

**10 and under Intermediate:** Alicia Yang of Acton, silver; Emily Ma of Andover, bronze; and Jennifer Li, fourth of Concord.

**Novice, age 9-10:** Veronica Sokolova of Andover, gold

**Novice, 8 and under:** Gabriella Sajedi, gold, of Acton; Krystall Qiao of Chelmsford, silver, and Helen Zhou of Chelmsford, bronze, Olivia Yang of Acton, fourth.

For more information on the ANA Synchers contact coach Svetlana Malinovskaya at 978-685-3541 Ext 147, smalinovskaya@mvmymca.org or visit ANA Synchers online at www.anasynchers.org.

# Four from Andover help LA football to undefeated season

On Saturday, Nov. 21, four Andover students joined their Lawrence Academy teammates in celebrating a 41-12 victory over the previously unbeaten Wildcats of Kimball Union Academy in the Samson-Lorden Bowl to cap a 9-0 football season.

A week earlier, the Spartans had triumphed over another undefeated squad from Buckingham Browne & Nichols School in a thrilling 28-26 win to capture the Independent School League championship.

Representing Andover on the championship team were

linebacker and running back Marco Raffaelli and offensive and defensive lineman Dan Regner, both seniors who leave with a 27-7 record for their four years. Marco is the son of Marzenna and Lamberto Raffaelli, and Dan is the son of Roberta and Thomas Regner.

Junior wide receiver and defensive back Bryce Stocks and freshman running back Brian Finn contributed to the team's successful season and also received recognition this term for their academic achievements, with Bryce earning high honors and

Brian honors. Bryce is the son of Tracy and Dana Stocks, and Brian is the son of Mary and Paul Finn.

During their 2009 campaign, the Spartans bested their opponents by a wide margin, 389-71, scoring 41 or more points seven times. Coached by Mike Taylor of Harvard, Mass., Lawrence Academy football ends its season ranked first by the Massey ratings for high school football in Massachusetts. Its prolific offense finished atop those ratings, and its stingy defense finished fourth overall.

## ROUNDUP

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### BOYS TRACK

**Osborne leads Warriors**  
 Andrew Osborne won the 50-yard dash with a 5.8 and the high jump with a 6-0 as Andover eased past Chelmsford 74-12 last Tuesday. Nick Schumacher added a victory in the two-mile while Kerrick Stevens took the 300 and teamed with Mark Vetere, Connor O'Neil and Troy Caynon to take the 4x400 relay.

### GIRLS TRACK

**Mullins, Warriors cruise**  
 Maggie Mullins took the mile and Molly Van Doren won the 2-mile as Andover bested Chelmsford 64-22 last Tuesday. Emily Shields added a

victory in the 50-yard dash and Moira Cronin won the 50 hurdles for the Warriors.

### BOYS HOCKEY

**Gibson scores twice in win**  
 Matt Gibson scored twice as Andover topped Chelmsford 4-2 last Wednesday. Matt Swett and Dan Colombo each added a single goal and Alex Patti had a pair of assists for the winners. Kyle Berthiaume made 17 saves in the win.

### GIRLS HOCKEY

**Oteri continues to shine**  
 Sarah Oteri continued her red-hot early season by scoring two goals, her eighth and ninth of the year, as Andover beat Concord-Carlisle 3-2. She has scored at least two goals in each game this season.

Nicole Giroux added the other goal along with a pair of assists.

Andover jumped out to a two-goal first-period lead and cruised to a 5-0 victory over Masconomet last Monday. Sarah Oteri led the way with two goals while Jill Manning, Meaghan Leary and Alicia Nader each chipped in with a single goal for the winners.

### WRESTLING

**Ortiz, Warriors roll**  
 David Ortiz won each of his matches at 215 pounds as Andover beat Beverly 40-33 and Greater Lowell 50-21 last Wednesday. Also adding perfect 2-0 records for the day were Rey Brito (135), Reinaldo Brito (140), Brian Martin (160) and Joe Chartier (171).

## 1-10

### Announcements

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LOST CAT black/grey striped male, "Maxie" pointed ears, micro chip, Mt. Vernon Ridgewood Cr., Lawrence. REWARD. Call 978-922-3145.

LADIES MOUSE PIN, pearl body, lost Nov. 8th in Amesbury or at Rockingham Mall. Sentimental Value. (978) 388-2334

LOST CAT, all grey, semi bushy tail, only sighting at or if taken in please let us know. Feline Rescue of Cape Ann, (978) 546-3293.

LOST CAT black/white, male, med. hair, white "mustache" and white spot on nose. Last seen 11/20 Marlborough Rd. area Salem, MA. Reward 978-745-1765

### First Run

LOST CAT black with white spot under neck, female "Lily", last seen 12/22, Raymond Rd., Salem, MA. Reward: 978-335-4628.

LOST Cat-Calico/Tortie-Brown, Black, Orange, Gold Eyes, White Paws, Wearing Pink Collar. V-licinity R1 127 Manchester/Magnolia line. Please Help! 978-471-9187

LOST: Cat, thin, all black, male, tattoo in ear, freckles on left eye, from Beach Rd., Salisbury, wearing tiger stripe collar with ID tag. 978-387-7455

LOST GOLD CHARM BRACELET - with coin charms, on 12/15. Sentimental value. REWARD. Please call (603) 474-0587

LOST indoor orange tabby cat declawed. Got out of house on 12/15 on Western Ave Beverly REWARD!! PLEASE CALL 978-998-0093

LOST KEYS, on Ledge Road, Seabrook, NH. If found, please call (603) 394-7427

LOST - Long haired dark tiger cat, white around face & neck, has cancer needs chemo. Salisbury Beach, Cent. RI. Reward: "Grizzabella" or "Grizzle" 401-464-1600 or 978-358-7771.

LOST - male dog since Dec. 15th vicinity of Andover/N. Andover area. Brindle colored pit bull with white chest & neck. 4 white paws. 4 yrs old. 120 lbs. REWARD 978-399-9734

LOST-MEN'S white gold wedding band. Engraved with M + B 08-08-09. Lost in downtown NBPT area on 12/24. Very sentimental, please call (978) 465-0144 or (843) 384-0803.

LOST while Christmas shopping at Target, PetSmart in Salem, & Malls. Mother's ring. Gold with 3 stones- dark green, light green, and diamond. Sentimental value. If found, please call Maureen @ (978) 501-1805 or (978) 744-9242

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TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD  
 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at SELECT-MEN'S CONFERENCE ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, 36 BARTLET ST., ANDOVER, on THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of James Wu, 12 Whittemore Terrace, Andover, MA for a variance from Article VIII, §4.1.2 &/or for a special permit under Article VIII, §3.3.5.a to construct additions and alterations that will not meet the minimum setback requirements.

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## LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE

**MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Mona Khanna to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Citizens Mortgage Corporation, dated June 28, 2005 and registered with the Essex County (North) Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 89658 and noted on Certificate of Title No. U02-496, of which mortgage RBS Citizens, National Association is the present holder, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgage premises located at Unit No. 9, Andover Gardens Condominium, 14 Longwood Drive, Andover, Massachusetts will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 p.m on January 14, 2010, at the mortgage premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Unit No. 9 at 14 Longwood Drive (the "Unit"), a unit in the condominium at 6 through 12 Crescent Drive, inclusive, 9 through 12 Longwood Drive, inclusive, and 14 Longwood Drive, Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts known as Andover Gardens Condominium, created pursuant to and subject to the provisions of Chapter 183A of the General Laws of Massachusetts, by Master Deed dated May 14, 1980, and filed with Essex North Registry District of the Land Court on May 15, 1980 as Document No. 30023 (hereinafter referred to as "Master Deed").

The post office address of the Unit is:

14 Longwood Drive  
 Andover, MA 01810

Said Unit is conveyed together with:

- An unexpired .75419% interest appertaining to said Unit in the common areas and facilities of said Condominium;
- The exclusive right and easement to use parking space no.(s) 14 L 9, as shown on the plan entitled "Site Plan Andover Gardens Condominium Andover, Massachusetts: by Bradford Savelz & Associates, Inc., dated March 26, 1980 and filed with the Master Deed (hereinafter referred to as "Site Plan").
- The exclusive right and easement to use storage bin No. 14 L 9 on the ground floor of the building known as and numbered 12 Crescent Drive, as shown on Sheet 7 of the plans entitled "Andover Gardens Condominium Andover, Massachusetts" by Bradford Savelz & Associates, Inc. dated March 26, 1980 consisting of twelve (12) sheets (hereinafter referred to as the "Plans").

For Mortgages Title, See Deed Recorded Herewith.

The above premises will be sold subject to all taxes, assessments, and other encumbrances which may constitute a prior lien thereon, and will be conveyed subject to any easements, restrictions of record, tenancies, and rights of redemption for unpaid federal taxes, if any, as shall, notwithstanding this provision, constitute valid liens or encumbrances thereon after said sale.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's check, or certified check in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder and will be required to be paid as a deposit by the successful bidder; successful bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or current funds in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP, 2364 Post Road, Suite 100, Warwick, RI 02886, or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

RBS CITIZENS, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
 By Its Attorneys,  
 PARTRIDGE SNOW & HAHN LLP  
 2364 Post Road, Suite 100  
 Warwick, Rhode Island 02886  
 (401) 681-1900  
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 AT - 12/17, 12/24, 12/31/09

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By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by John R. Bryden to Washington Mutual Bank, dated July 16, 2007, and recorded in the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 10846, Page 317, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday the 26th day of January, 2010, on the mortgage premises located at 52 Dascomb Road, Andover, Massachusetts, all and singular the real estate described in said mortgage as follows:

...the following described property located in the County of ESSEX: Legal Description Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof EXHIBIT A

Property Address: 52 Dascomb Road, Andover, MA 01810

and described as follows:

Parcel 1: A certain parcel of land situated in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, and being shown as Lot # 1 on a "Plan of Land as Subdivided for F.A. Herbert & J. MacMillan, located in Andover, Mass, dated April, 1966, Frank C. Gelinas, Civil Engineer" and recorded in Essex North District Registry of Deeds as Plan # 5464, and bounded and described substantially as follows:

Northerly by Dascomb Road 243.52 feet; Easterly by land now or formerly of Abbott 255.05 feet; Southerly 148.46 feet by second parcel herein conveyed; Westerly 197.12 feet by Lot # 2 as shown on said plan. Containing 42,700 square feet, more or less as shown on said plan.

Parcel 2: A certain parcel of land situated in said Andover, and being a portion of Lot 7 on the plan above referred to bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Southeastly corner of the first parcel herein before described; thence running westerly by said first parcel, one hundred forty-eight and 46/100 feet to the Southwestly corner of said first parcel; thence turning and running southwestly corner of said first parcel; thence turning and running southeasterly by part of Lot 7, twenty - seven and 14/100 (27.14 feet to a twelve (12) inch weeping willow; thence turning and running northeasterly still by lot 7, one hundred twenty-six and 67/100 (126.67) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1,107 square feet of land

For Title See Book 10107 Page 211

Parcel ID Number: book 10107 page 211 which currently has the address of 52 Dascomb Road, Andover, Massachusetts 01810 ("Property Address"): "TOGETHER WITH all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, appurtenances, and fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this Security Instrument. All of the foregoing is referred to in this Security Instrument as the "Property"..."

Said premises will be sold subject to and/or with the benefit of any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax title, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record created prior to the mortgage, if any there be.

Said premises will also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said mortgage, to tenancies or occupations by persons on the premises now or at the time of the said auction which tenancies or occupations are subject to said mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, and also to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances.

THE TERMS OF SALE: FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 (\$5,000.00) DOLLARS will be required to be paid by bank or certified check only by the purchaser at the time and place of sale, and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid by bank or certified check in or within thirty five (35) days thereafter with Attorneys Stanton & Davis, 1000 Plain Street, Marshfield, Massachusetts. The successful bidder at the sale of the premises shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale of Real Property By Auctioneer containing the above terms at the Auction sale.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of the sale.

SIGNED: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Successor in interest from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as Receiver for Washington Mutual Bank f/k/a Washington Mutual Bank F.A., Present Holder of Said Mortgage, By: STANTON & DAVIS, As Its Attorneys, FROM THE OFFICES OF: Jon S. Davis, Esquire, STANTON & DAVIS, 1000 Plain Street, Marshfield, MA 02050, (781) 834-9181 (2139-1913-408F/Bryden)(12/31/09, 01/07/10, 01/14/10)(182894)  
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## TOWN TALK

### Playing Santa

In the days before Christmas, Tammy Joslin, left, and Kimberly Prince of Operation Blessing loaded up toys for the needy at St. Augustine Church. The group collected over 400 toys in just two days.

PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo



### Put stamp on special 'Zip Code Day'

Joseph and Ariel Kuykendall, 15 and 18, respectively, have pointed out that a literally unique event for Andover will occur next Tuesday, Jan. 8. It's a day they'd like to see declared "Zip Code Day" in Andover, according to Joseph, a student at Andover High.

"Obviously the zip code of Andover is 01810. So if you split it up into sections, you end up with 01/8/10 or January 8, 2010," wrote Joseph.

"My grandmother was explaining how her town had zip code day a few years ago and it was a big

celebration and me and my sister got to thinking and realized it will be zip code day in Andover eight days into the new year," wrote Joseph. "I feel like Andover should do at least something about this such as a special postmark saying zip code day or something as that is what my grandmother's town did. This would be a great event for the town."

### New year, new movie?

Who could forget the biggest trailer in Andover in 2009? Hands down, it was the big white one parked on Elm Street as Hollywood actress Elisabeth Shue got ready for her movie scenes being filmed at Palmers last fall.

She stars with actor Thomas Hayden Church in the movie "Don McKay." A dinner scene was filmed on the restaurant's second floor.

But there's no sneak preview ads in the movie theaters, or any word on the film's release. "I haven't heard a thing," said Rebecca Ingalls of Palmers.

Hopefully, 2010 will have Andover on the big screen.

— Judy Wakefield

### Umlah prepares for Paradise show

Rick Umlah, who fronts the band "Richard James" and teaches piano in the area, says

the band is gearing up for its biggest show to date at The Paradise Rock Club in Boston on Jan. 29.

Umlah grew up in Andover and went to Andover High School. His band has released its debut album "Along the Way."

"The album just went up on iTunes," he said. "We sold out Harpers Ferry in Allston, a 400 capacity room recently for our CD release show. Our album is available now at Newbury Comics, Bull Moose Music, iTunes, Amazon, lala and more."

Andover's Maria DiChiappari does all of the band's artwork, posters, logos, album cover, CD art and promotional material.

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