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## Next stop: Groceries

With Andover market closed, MVRTA adds out-of-town supermarket to route

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

As of this week, residents who can't or won't drive out-of-town have one more option for grocery shopping. The Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority has added an extra stop to its Andover bus route, shuttling residents to a familiar grocery chain

in another town while Andover's Shawsheen Plaza remains without a grocery store. Market Basket, the plaza's anchor store, closed June 26 after four decades in Andover. Stop and Shop, a competing grocery chain, has purchased the plaza but will take three months to renovate before opening a new store in November

In the meantime, MVRTA bus route 21, which runs a loop through downtown to Shawsheen Square and up Route 133, will include a stop at the Market Basket on Route 114 at the Lawrence/North Andover line. The extra stop adds about 10 minutes onto route 21, said Paul Materazzo, Andover's director of community development and

planning. "We received some calls from seniors that live in the area, asking what the town could do for transportation to the supermarket," said Materazzo, who is on the MVRTA advisory board. "We hope this fills the needs of the community while Stop and Shop is doing renovations... We want to provide these types of amenities

for folks that live in town." Whole Foods Market, a natural and organic products market on Railroad Street with generally higher prices for traditional grocery items, will remain the only supermarket in town until the new Stop & Shop opens.

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## THIS SHIP HAS SAILED



MARY SCHWALM/Staff Photo

Pat Ginty of Andover enjoys one final sail in a sunfish with his sons Liam, 6, left, and Declan, 3, on the last day of swimming and activities at Poms Pond on Sunday.

## Dates targeted for votes on new school

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

School leaders have cancelled school on Jan. 25 in anticipation of a ballot vote on building a new elementary school, but it remains up to selectmen to select the date.

Selectmen will discuss the issue at their Aug. 23 meeting.

The School and School Building committees have selected Dec. 6 for a Special Town Meeting and Jan. 25 for a ballot vote for residents. Public school has been cancelled for Jan. 25, because polling stations at Andover High School are expected to swell with a high voter turnout.

Bancroft Elementary School, built in 1969, has structural problems. Assuming the Massachusetts School Building Authority guidelines are met, the state will reimburse Andover for a minimum of 40 percent of building costs.

Through the summer, the School Building Committee and project architect have been crafting a design for the new school. If plans are approved by the MSBA this fall, the town has 120 days to get resident approval at a Special Town Meeting and a ballot vote.

Residents would need to approve a debt-exclusion override, which allows the town to temporarily

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► **Change for your budget follow-up**

## Citing study, DPW defends snow-plow costs

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

One year ago, as the town was embroiled in a battle over budget cuts, Jack Petkus, director of the Department of Public Works, wrote a guest column for the Andover Townsman defending how much his department spends on snow removal.

In the Aug. 15, 2009 column, Petkus said his department had launched a study comparing Andover's snow removal costs to neighboring towns.

Before he retired Friday, Aug. 13, Petkus said the study found Andover's snow-removal costs on par with local towns that have a similar "level of service" in plowing.

As part of the study, snow removal costs for both Andover and North Andover were tracked for a Jan. 17, 2010 storm and the four days following. For salt, sand and employee overtime, Andover

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raise taxes above the limits set under Proposition 2 1/2 to pay for the new school.

"There's been a lot of work put into this by the (School Building) Committee, and I personally support whatever their schedule is. That group has done great work over the last three-plus years," said Selectman Alex Vispoli, board chairman. "I think we'll support (the Dec. 6 and Jan. 25 dates), speaking for myself."

"The challenge is going to be if we can get the town yard questions answered and also be part of that (Town) Meeting. That's where a lot of the heavy lifting has to be," said Vispoli.

A \$21.9 million proposal to relocate the town yard was withdrawn from the April 2010 Town Meeting warrant. Town leaders have suggested adding the town yard project to the warrant of the Special Town Meeting aimed at replacing Bancroft Elementary. Town yard, located on a roughly three-acre parcel off Lewis Street, has fuel pumps and a maintenance garage for town vehicles, salt and sand for winter roads, and overnight parking for some, but not all, of the town's vehicle fleet.

Assistant Town Clerk Kathy McKenna said Andover High School facilities have been put on hold for both the Dec. 6 and Jan. 25 dates. It's up to selectmen to choose whether the events are

held in the field house or Collins Center, said McKenna. Selectmen will also choose when to open and close the warrant, which gives residents the opportunity to add other issues to the Town Meeting discussion.

"The selectmen are the body that choose those actions. We just do the legwork ... There's a lot of unknown factors that we'll know more about after Monday's (selectmen's) meeting," McKenna said. "My understanding is that override issues tend to bring out a larger crowd than normal."

Earlier this month, the School Committee voted to cancel school on Tuesday, Jan. 25, in anticipation of the special election. An extra day was then added onto the end of the year. The last day of school will now be Wednesday, June 15 if no snow days are used.

"We're anticipating a large turnout as this is a debt-exclusion override (of Proposition 2 1/2). The town clerk asked if we would close the high school. Because of the state regulation of having a minimum of 180 days, we needed to close down the entire system and add the date onto the end of the year," said School Committee Chairman Dennis Forgue. "Logistically, it makes the most sense to have the entire system open or not open. You get into food services and busing issues - all the schools are intertwined."

## Some residents still ignoring requests to update water meters

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

For the past year, a town-hired contractor has been working to replace every water meter in Andover. Although the project is 85 percent done, there are more than 200 homeowners who have refused all attempts to contact them and make an appointment for a new meter, said Jack Petkus, outgoing director of the Department of Public Works.

"We've sent letters, left door hangers and had people knock on doors. A handful (of residents) we've called on the phone and they say they don't want to participate. Some are adamant that 'No, I'm not doing it,'" said Petkus.

The mandatory program replaces water meters, some upwards of a half-century old, with modern meters that can be read remotely via a radio in a service vehicle. The new meters eliminate the need for estimated

billing or for residents to read their own meters and send in a postcard.

Petkus said they're looking to finish the switch-over by October.

"With electronic meters, they can be read more frequently and more accurately," he said.

Petkus suggests having a higher water rate for those that don't comply and keep their old meter. Selectmen, acting as water and sewer commissioners, would have to approve any new fines or

other penalties.

Town-hired contractor Eastern Win Water is replacing water meters neighborhood by neighborhood. Residents are notified with a letter through U.S. Mail regarding when their area will be addressed.

The replacement must be done when a resident is home, and half-hour appointments can be set up weekdays, evenings and Saturdays by calling 1-866-983-8080.

## SNOW: Study shows Andover in line with other towns

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totalled \$152,665 and North Andover totalled \$152,164 - a \$501 difference.

"We were flabbergasted (of how close the figures were). The bottom line is we were right there, the same amount," said Petkus. "Compare us to any other metric you have and we're right there. We're in the ballpark."

Petkus' August 2009 column was in response to the Townsman's "change for your budget" series, when readers generated ideas for the town to save money and balance the budget. The snow removal budget had come under fire as Andover's cost per mile is higher - in some cases, double - that of some surrounding towns.

Boiling snow-removal costs down to price per mile is an unfair way to compare spending between towns, said Petkus. Andover's costs include plowing 63 miles of sidewalks, 28 school parking lots, five municipal parking lots, two park-and-ride lots and trucking snow out of downtown, which many towns don't do, he said.

"It's apples and oranges is what it is," said Petkus.

Some towns build school snow-removal costs into the schools budget, he said. Also, Andover is often in the "bullseye" of snowstorms, said Petkus, receiving more snowfall than neighboring



STAFF FILE PHOTO

An Andover DPW snow plow truck clears the roads in Andover during a snow storm while residents try to dig out their driveways.

towns.

Last winter, Andover spent \$4,876 per "lane mile" on snow removal. Boxford and Georgetown spent \$2,034 and \$2,792 per mile on snow, respectively, but do not have a downtown like Andover and have half its number of schools.

"There is a huge disparity in services that are offered and charged in snow (budgets). Some towns don't have downtowns, or don't do school parking lots. If you don't factor that in, and are just looking at miles, our costs are going to be higher," said Petkus.

Results of the snow-removal study were presented to selectmen earlier this year. In addition to cost per mile, the study

considered miles of sidewalk plowed, salt costs, total snowfall, number of plows, school and municipal parking spaces and fuel costs, among other data.

"In Andover, people expect a higher level of service, and people recognize that. So many people have said they fight snow and traffic until they hit the Andover line. We get that a lot from people, and it's good to hear. Our policy is wet and black (pavement), once the storm is over. That's what we shoot for - it's a lot safer," said Petkus. "We also put down liquid calcium before the first snowflake hits. People see the trucks and think 'What are they doing?' But it gives us a

### 'APPLES AND ORANGES'

Last winter's snow removal costs per lane mile:

- Lowell \$5,048
- North Andover \$4,882
- Andover \$4,876
- Haverhill \$4,513
- Georgetown \$2,792
- Billerica \$2,520
- Boxford \$2,034
- Salisbury \$1,387

Source: Andover Department of Public Works

head start, keeps the snow from bonding and makes it easier to plow. It's very cost-effective and reduces the amount of rock salt we have to put down."

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## GROCERIES: Lawrence Market Basket added to route

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Materazzo said Market Basket was chosen for the new route 21 stop simply because it is closest conventional grocery store to the existing route, not because of brand loyalty.

A call seeking comment from MVRTA Administrator Joe Costanzo, with whom Materazzo worked to add the extra stop, was not returned before press deadline.

The Andover Senior Center offers a weekly shuttle to the Market Basket on Route 114, and Kathy Urquhart, director of elder services, said it has had to add a second run because of increased use.

"For a \$4 fee, the center's 12-passenger bus picks up seniors at their homes, takes them to Market Basket and drops them home again.

"It becomes an outing, not just a shopping trip," said Urquhart. "People loved having the (Market Basket) store in town, it's



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

The Market Basket in Andover's Shawsheen Plaza closed last month, leaving the anchoring space of the plaza empty. Stop & Shop will take over there but has a lot of fixing up to do and won't open a supermarket in that space until November.

been there forever. For people at Washington Park, for a lot of them, that was a big factor in

moving there, that everything was in walking distance. Now that's not the case. (Grocery

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shopping out of town) is at least a 10 minute drive.

"There are a lot of people that can still drive and are comfortable driving in the immediate area, but not comfortable driving a distance," she said.

Senior center shuttle riders specifically request Market Basket, said Urquhart.

"People do miss it - it's never the same when some place moves out of town. The store here was small, and there was just a comfort level. (Now,) it's a long walk down all those aisles to do your shopping. For someone that's older, it can be a challenge."

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# In Brief

## PAST & PRESENT



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**THEN:** The Hood Farm once stood on River Road.



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**NOW:** The Franciscan Center now stands at the former Hood Farm location on River Road. The seminary came to Andover in 1930 for high school boys interested in the monastic life and the priesthood.

## QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



Next thing I knew, I was going seven miles. I started thinking, 'I can do this.'

— Garth Lockhart, an Andover man originally from Dominica, who is trying to break the record longest wheelie on his bike. Story, page 12.

Another magician told me the minute you stop being nervous is when you stop caring. You just have to accept the nerves.

— Reed Spool, an Andover magician who feels butterflies before taking the stage. Story in Arts, page 13.

That's why it becomes increasingly important that we don't have competition during the school day. Our program pays \$20,000 a month for health insurance costs. That's out of one program charging \$2.50 for a lunch.

— Gail Koutroubas, Andover schools food services director, talking about new state rules banning the sale of candy and baked goods by private groups like boosters during the school day and for 30 minutes before and after the school day. Story in the Back to School section, page S9.



## Bay State Gas Company to become Columbia Gas

Bay State Gas has announced the name of the company will be changed to Columbia Gas of Massachusetts.

Bay State Gas parent company, NiSource Inc., operates five other natural gas distribution companies: Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Columbia Gas of Maryland, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, and Columbia Gas of Virginia. The Massachusetts name change will bring the last NiSource natural gas

distribution company under the Columbia umbrella.

"In 1999, Bay State Gas became part of the NiSource family of Columbia companies," said Bay State Gas President, Stephen H. Bryant. "Through this affiliation, we have improved our distribution infrastructure and opened new, on-line channels to improve our customer service. The people, products, service and dedication to the communities that we serve is unchanged," said Bryant.

Founded as Springfield Gas Light Company in 1847, the company merged with the Brockton Taunton Gas Company, the Northampton Gas Light Company, and the Lawrence Gas Company, to become Bay State Gas in 1974. In 2007, Bay State Gas celebrated its 160 year anniversary of serving Massachusetts business and residents.

"This is simply a unification of the Columbia Gas brand under NiSource, and we think

our customers and the public in Massachusetts will very quickly become as proud of our new name and logo as we are," said Bryant.

Work has already begun to install the new name and logo on all company materials and equipment. Through a phased approach, the company will change over logos throughout the rest of the year. For more information about the name change, visit [www.Columbia-Gas.com](http://www.Columbia-Gas.com)

## September 11 ceremony on Sept. 10

Andover's September 11th Ceremony will be held on Friday, Sept. 10, at 8:30 a.m. at the Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St. This will be a brief ceremony honoring

the victims of September 11th and marking the ninth anniversary of September 11th. For more information contact the Veterans Office at 978-623-8218.

## August health clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer a mini clinic on Monday, Aug. 23, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center

clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, including Aug. 18 and 25. No appointment is necessary.

## State senate, rep. candidates to appear at League forum Aug. 30

Ten of the 12 candidates running for state offices and appearing in the primary have agreed to participate in the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover pre-primary Candidates' Forum on Monday, Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover.

Republicans James J. Lyons, Jr. and John O. Thorlin are running for the 18th Essex District State Representative seat, which covers parts of Andover, Boxford, Georgetown, Methuen, North Andover and Haverhill. Incumbent, Rep. Barbara L'Italien does not have a Democratic challenger in the State Primary and will not attend the forum.

Republicans Paul Adams and Salim R. Tabit, and Democrats Patricia Commone and Frank J. Bonet are running for the 17th Essex District State Representative seat which covers parts of Andover, Lawrence, and Tewksbury. Frank Bonet has not yet responded to the League's invitation.

Republicans Patrick Rahilly and Jamison Tomasek, and Democrats Barry Finegold, Debbie Silberstein and John J. "Jack" Wilson Jr. will attend the forum. They are vying for the 2nd Essex and Middlesex District Senate seat being vacated by retiring

Sen. Sue Tucker. The district covers Andover and parts of Lawrence, Draught and Tewksbury.

The forum will feature a segment for each legislative contest, with the candidates seated by party and answering questions submitted by the audience. Jo-Ann Berry of the LWV of Acton Area, will moderate the event. The forum will air live on Andover cable channels 8 and 47 and be taped for rebroadcast during the two weeks before the Sept. 14 State Primary election. The program will also be shared with local cable stations in surrounding communities. A group of Andover High School students will volunteer at the event, which is free and open to the public.

The last day to register to vote and to change party enrollment for the State Primary is Wednesday, Aug. 25. For more information, email [VoterService-Andover@lwv-andovers.org](mailto:VoterService-Andover@lwv-andovers.org).

## Sign up now for required first-time hunting course

First time license buyers in Massachusetts are required to show proof that they have taken a Basic Hunter Education course to purchase a hunting or sporting license. Basic courses are available across the state and some will be scheduled to start in August and September.

"Many people fail to consider enrolling in a course until the weather turns cool in late September," says Susan Langlois, Hunter Education Administrator. "Unfortunately, most

courses have either begun or are full by then and the opportunity to hunt during the fall may disappear." Langlois points out that courses are scheduled throughout much of the calendar year, including the summer, but most are offered in the spring and early fall. Basic hunter education courses average 15 hours in length, are taught by volunteer instructors, and are offered in different formats to help meet the public's needs. Students must attend all

scheduled sessions as part of the requirement for passing the course. Courses are provided at no charge to participants.

Topics covered during the course include safe handling and storage of hunting arms and ammunition, hunting laws and ethics, wildlife identification, wildlife management, care and handling of game, basic survival skills and first aid. Students who successfully pass the course receive a Certificate of Completion that is accepted

for purchasing a Massachusetts hunting or sporting license and for people 15 or older making application for a Firearms Identification Card with their local police departments.

Course schedules are posted at [mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/education/hed/hed\\_basic\\_listing.htm](http://mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/education/hed/hed_basic_listing.htm). Graduates who have lost their Certificates may obtain a Duplicate Certificate from the Hunter Education Program either online or by calling 978-772-0693.

## Chamber looks at transit

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will present "Transportation 2010" on Monday, Sept. 20, from 7:30 to 9:15 a.m. at Jackson's Restaurant, 478 Lowell St., Methuen. Confirmed speaker is Secretary of Transportation Jeff Mullan, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He will discuss what you need to know for your business and what changes are planned to take place that my impact you. A full breakfast buffet is included. The cost is \$20 for members and \$35 for non-members. For more information call 978-686-0900.

## Essex National Heritage Area sees support

The US House Subcommittee on Natural Resources has voted to restore the funding for the National Heritage Areas and two essential historic preservation programs, Save America's Treasures and Preserve America, to the same level as last year.

The president's budget had

cut the NHA by 50 percent and eliminated all funding for the two historic preservation programs.

"There was a ground swell of support throughout the Essex National Heritage Area and across the country from other National Heritage Areas, from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and from local and state preservationists in support for restoring these critical funds," according to a release from the Essex National Heritage Area, of which Andover is a part.

## From the links to the courtroom

Neighborhood Legal Services will host its second annual golf tournament at the Andover Country Club on Monday, Sept. 13. Shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. in a Scramble format. Raffles will include a 50 bottle fine wine collection, a three-day, two-night trip to Atlantic City, with accommodations at the Trump Taj Mahal Casino on the Boardwalk, airfare from Boston, Providence,

Worcester or Manchester, N.H., and airport transfers, and a round of golf for a foursome at Andover Country Club.

For more information contact Cathy at 781-244-1404 or register online at [neighborhoodlaw.org](http://neighborhoodlaw.org). Neighborhood Legal Services is a 42 year-old non-profit legal aid office that provides free civil legal services for low income and elderly clients in Essex and Northern Middlesex counties.

## Alzheimer/Dementia program

Beacon Hospice of Haverhill, announced the start of a four week educational series on Alzheimer/Dementia Disease. The program, which is free and open to the public, is designed to help individuals coping with care giving a loved one with Alzheimer or Dementia.

The series will be held on Sept. 15, Oct. 13, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Oxford Rehabilitation and Nursing Care Center, 689 Main St., Haverhill. Please call Lu Bonanno to register and for additional

information at 978-372-4211.

## Dancing with the Stars raffle to benefit NECC

One hundred dollars will buy Dancing with the Stars fans a one in 400 chance to win the Northern Essex Community College Foundation, Inc.'s Dancing with the Stars raffle which includes two roundtrip AirTran Airways coach class tickets to Los Angeles, two VIP tickets to a live broadcast of a results show during season 11 only, and \$500 cash. Hotel accommodations are the responsibility of the winner.

The raffle, which is sponsored by the NECC Foundation, will benefit Northern Essex Community College's Annual Fund Campaign. Just 400 tickets will be sold.

The raffle was donated by Haverhill native and Dancing with the Stars co-host Tom Bergeron, who attended Northern Essex Community College, BBC Productions and AirTran Airways.

Tickets for the raffle are now available. The winning ticket will be drawn Friday, Oct. 1, at NECC's Haverhill campus.

## NEWS CALENDAR

### MONDAY, AUG. 23

Selectmen, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, AUG. 24

Planning Board, 7 p.m. site walk of Greenwood and Chandler Road; 7:30 p.m. meeting at Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room

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■ POLICE LOG

Two caught after fleeing police

Andover police arrested two men Tuesday Aug. 10 after a brief car chase on River Road led to a foot pursuit through woods.

Arrested were Michael Stevens, 33, and Jose Roman, 19, both of 82 Bennington St., Lawrence.

The chase started when police discovered Stevens' license plate had been revoked and tried to stop him, said Lt. James Hashem. Stevens sped off. He crashed the car into woods at Campanelli Road, where both men fled on foot, Hashem said.

Stevens was charged with resisting arrest, disturbing the peace, and speeding in violation of special regulation, as well as driving with a revoked license and registration, driving to endanger, failing to stop for police, and driving an uninsured vehicle. He also had several outstanding warrants.

Roman was charged with resisting arrest and disturbing the peace. He had 13 outstanding warrants for his arrest on various charges, including assault, carrying a weapon, and stealing a vehicle. One officer received minor injuries in the pursuit, Hashem said.

—Dustin Luca

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ARRESTS

Tuesday, Aug. 10 – At 9:37 a.m., Michelle M. Venezia, 25, of 8 Glade St., Billerica, was arrested and charged with shoplifting, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Wednesday, Aug. 11 – At 11:25 a.m., Antonio J. Brito, 20, of 72 Crescent St., Apt. 2, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license; also on warrants for assault and battery, assault with a dangerous weapon and driving with a suspended license.

Thursday, Aug. 12 – At 6:58 a.m., Nichola L. Dupras, 36, of 13 Rattlesnake Hill Road, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member and assault and battery for a misdemeanor.

At 11:12 a.m., five officers responded to a River Road drug arrest. At 11:50 a.m. and 12:06 p.m., Brendan B. Mearn and Mark J. Mearn, both age 24 and of 46 Kings Way, Apt. 1102A, Waltham, were arrested and charged with possession of a class A substance.

At 11:19 p.m., Travis T. Mullen, 31, of 6 Nottingham Drive, Sanford, Maine, was arrested and charged with possession of

a class B substance.

Friday, Aug. 13 – At 1:47 p.m., Amanda N. Terry, 24, of 77 Crystal Lake Road, Haverhill, was arrested and charged on a warrant for failure to pay fines.

At 11:30 p.m., Garrett E. Lane, 20, of 128 Fairchild Drive, Reading, was arrested and charged with leaving the scene of property damage, operating under the influence of liquor and a vehicle equipment violation.

Sunday, Aug. 15 – At 3:31 a.m., Shami K. Lopez, 17, of 1044 Essex St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged on warrants for under-age possession of alcohol and having an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

At 2:54 p.m., Jamal Moudnib, 18, of 74 Larchwood Road, Methuen, was arrested and charged with a stop sign violation, driving without a license and giving a false name/address to police.

At 7:08 p.m., several 911 callers reported a car into a ditch on Andover Street. At 7:19 p.m., Daniel Cabral, 31, of 45 Ocean Ave., Gloucester, was arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation and operating under the influence of liquor.

Monday, Aug. 16 – At 12:55 p.m., John Zylicz, 27, of 6 Pearl St. Apt. 1, Derry, N.H., was arrested and charged on warrants for assault

and battery on a police officer, malicious damage over \$250, breaking and entering for a misdemeanor and resisting arrest.

At 4:28 p.m., Kyle Webster Hamilton, 26, of 8 Euclide Road, Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with driving without a license.

THEFTS

Tuesday, Aug. 10 – At 7:19 p.m., a High Vale Lane resident came into the police station to report credit card fraud.

Wednesday, Aug. 11 – At 9:47 a.m., the owner of the Gulf station, Main Street, reported someone filled up their car with gas and left without paying last night at 8 p.m.

At 2:50 p.m., a Martingale Lane resident reported being the victim of identity fraud.

Thursday, Aug. 12 – At 8:59 a.m., a Longwood Drive resident reported identity theft.

At 5:59 p.m., a Cross Street resident reported the theft of a mailbox and its post.

Friday, Aug. 13 – At 12:56 p.m., someone reported the theft of some money from a Bullfinch Drive apartment.

Saturday, Aug. 14 – At 9:52 p.m., a Cameron Road resident reported credit card fraud.

Monday, Aug. 16 – At 1:58 p.m.,

a Foster's Pond Road resident reported the theft of some no trespassing signs from her yard.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Aug. 10 – At 2:05 p.m., Officer Matthew Hughes filed a report of an officer injury in relation to the arrest of Michael K. Stevens and Jose Antonio Roman earlier in the day.

At 9:02 p.m., a caller reported a truck parked on Dascomb Road and the caller believed the driver might have been waving a firearm out the window. Three officers responded and found the truck was broken down and was waiting for help to arrive; the object out the window was a guitar.

Wednesday, Aug. 11 – At 4:49 p.m., Principal Francine Goldstein reported hearing someone running on the roof of Bancroft Elementary School. Three officers responded but found no one.

Thursday, Aug. 12 – At 8:16 p.m., several 911 callers reported a man down in the middle of Elm Street with a head injury. Three officers responded and found the man had been dragged down while walking his dog. The man was taken to the hospital and the dog returned to his home.

Friday, Aug. 13 – At 11:37 a.m.,

a summons was served on River Road.

At 12:33 p.m., a Bancroft Road resident reported his house was egged the previous night.

Saturday, Aug. 14 – At 3:24 p.m., a Main Street 911 caller reported a pellet was shot at her through an open window in her car. The incident was listed as "mischievous activity" in the police log.

Sunday, Aug. 15 – At 3 p.m., police and an ambulance responded to Harold Parker Road for a person who had fallen off a bike and was complaining of a neck injury. The biker was taken to the hospital.

At 4:28 p.m., a Tewksbury resident called 911 reporting she found a bag of marijuana on her property. Tewksbury police were notified.

Monday, Aug. 16 – At 5:39 p.m., a Wild Rose Drive caller reported that two men she did not know were fist-fighting on her lawn. Three officers responded and found it was two brothers horsing around. They were picked up by their mother.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Monday, Aug. 16 – At 4:43 p.m., someone reported a hit-and-run crash in the parking lot of Richdale on Railroad Street.

As investigation continues at plant, manager lauds quality of water

While he remains mum on what happened at the water treatment plant to bring about a criminal investigation, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski wants to make clear that Andover drinking water meets or exceeds all government standards.

Last week, the Townsman published a letter from Marion Avenue resident Tony Bielecki calling on the town to end its silence about the investigation. The man said the town should at least have made clear the alleged improprieties that took place did not affect the drinking

water. In response, Stapczynski issued this statement:

Manager on Andover water

I am writing to remind the public that the Town of Andover drinking water is treated according to strict State and Federal standards. On a daily basis, EPA and State regulations require a significant number of water quality tests to check and confirm the quality of the drinking water delivered to the public. Test results on thousands of water samples taken during 2009 indicate that

the Town of Andover drinking water meets or exceeds state and federal standards for safe drinking water.

The Andover Water Division was named 2009 Utility of the Year by the New England Water Works Association, a Massachusetts based not for profit organization of water works professionals. The award recognized the Town of Andover and the Andover Water Division for making significant improvements to its water system and for providing outstanding customer service, staff training and operations to protect the

quality of the water and the public health of its customers.

The Andover Water Treatment Plant is a state of the art water treatment facility that has been a leader in the treatment and purification of drinking water in New England.

The Andover Water Treatment Plant was one of the first in Massachusetts to implement an ozone treatment system to improve disinfection and enhance the filtration process. The original ozone system was upgraded in 2005 with latest available ozone equipment to further improve the water

treatment process and efficiency. The Andover plant is one of only a handful of treatment facilities in Massachusetts utilizing ozone.

In 2008 the Andover Water Treatment Plant filtration system was also enhanced with the construction of two additional filter units and the complete rehabilitation of the six existing filtration units. The additional filtration units provide the facility with improved purification capability and redundancy.

REGINALD S. STAPCZYNSKI  
Town Manager

Zumba at LGH

Lowell General Hospital has introduced a new program to its health and wellness line-up – Zumba. Zumba has become one of the fastest-growing, dance-based fitness crazes in the country.

This class will consist of interval training sessions where fast and slow rhythms and resistance training are combined to tone and sculpt your body while burning fat.

People of all ages are falling in love with its infectious music, easy-to-follow dance moves, and body-beautifying benefits.

The cost is \$45 for the six week series and is held through Aug. 31 on Tuesday evenings, 4 to 5 p.m. in Clark Auditorium.

To register visitlowellgeneral.org/health or call 1-877-LGH-WELL.

► From the courts

Andover chef admits to buying pricy toy cars with diner's credit card

An Andover resident and former executive chef at an upscale steakhouse will spend a year on probation after admitting to using a diner's credit card to purchase radio-controlled cars and accessories from a Danvers shop last winter.

Christian Guide, 41, of River Road, pleaded guilty to a charge of misuse of a credit card during a hearing Aug. 11 in Salem District Court.

Guide was, until he was charged in the Danvers incident and a similar one in Billerica, the executive chef for The Capital

Grille's Burlington restaurant. A second man, Thomas Mustone, 33, a truck driver from Stoneham, pleaded guilty to the same charge during a separate hearing and was also sentenced to a year of probation.

Assistant District Attorney Patrick Collins said that on Dec. 10, two men, later identified as Guide and Mustone, went into the RC Car Store on Water Street in Danvers and purchased two high-end, radio-controlled cars and some accessories, then used a credit card belonging to someone else to pay the \$1,311 bill.

The store's owner discovered the fraud in February, when he got a call from the credit card company saying that the cardholder was disputing the charge.

It turns out that another store that sells radio-controlled cars, Hobby Fever in Billerica, had also been the victim of a credit card fraud, after someone else's credit card was used there to purchase more than \$2,200 worth of remote-controlled cars and accessories.

Surveillance photos from that store were posted on the

Massachusetts Most Wanted website, and a Stoneham police officer recognized Mustone, which led to the pair's arrests.

Guide still faces felony credit card fraud and identity fraud charges in Lowell District Court and was due back there on Aug. 19, after Townsman deadline, said a spokeswoman for the Middlesex County district attorney's office.

Guide told Judge Michael Lauranzano that he holds two bachelor's degrees and a graduate degree in hotel and restaurant management.

A manager at The Capital Grille's Burlington location, where a steak alone can top \$40, confirmed that Guide is no longer employed there.

Mike Bernstein, a spokesman for the restaurant chain, said the company has a "zero-tolerance policy" when it comes to employees found to have committed fraud, saying that it's cause for termination. He would not specifically say whether Guide was fired, citing privacy concerns.

—Julie Manganis,  
Salem News staff writer

Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai

Do you know someone affected by cancer?

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22nd annual Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk on Sunday, Sept. 12.

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raise more than \$6.3 million for adult and pediatric cancer care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

To register for the 22nd annual Boston Marathon@ Jimmy Fund Walk or to support a walker, visit jimmyfundwalk.org or call 866-JF-1-WALK.

Heart and Soles River Walking Program

Join Lowell General Hospital down by the river and learn some important tips to staying healthy this summer. You can find an LGH representative along the river Tuesday mornings 8 to 11

a.m. and Thursday afternoons 2 to 5 p.m. through August 31 at the Samps Pavilion along the Merrimack River. Enjoy a scenic walk and learn important tips to staying healthy this summer. For more information on the health topics and exercise tips that will be covered throughout the program, call 1-877-LGH-WELL.

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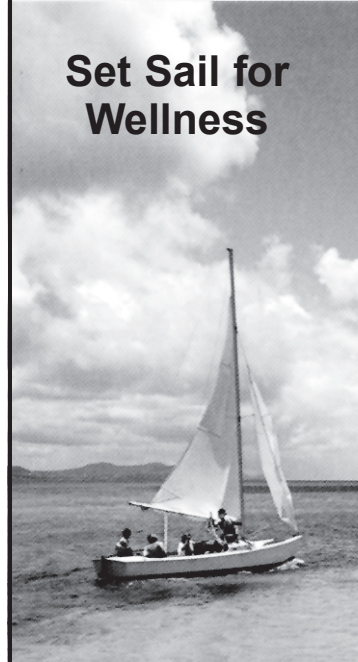
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# Business

## Andover company's courts used by top tennis pros

Andover can claim a connection to another high profile tennis event.

A division of California Products Corp., headquartered in Andover, provided the surface for last week's Mercury Insurance Open.

The organizers of the Mercury Insurance Open selected DecoColor, from the makers of DecoTurf, as the official surface of their world-class tennis tournament. DecoTurf is a division of California Products Corp., which bills itself as the largest supplier of acrylic sport surfacing systems in the world. The company headquarters is located on Dascomb Road in Andover.

Players competed in the Mercury Insurance Open from Aug. 2 to Aug. 8 at the LaCosta Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, Calif. as part of the Olympus US Open Series. Many of the top WTA professionals, including second-ranked Jelena Jankovic and fifth-ranked Vera Zvonareva, competed in the tournament.

"DecoTurf is honored to have been chosen as the surface for this prestigious tournament," said John Graham, DecoTurf's managing director. "And we are always pleased to be working

### ANDOVER COMPANY, INTERNATIONAL REACH

DecoTurf, a surface made by a division of the Andover company California Products Corp., has been used at many high-profile tennis events including:

- 2008 Olympic Summer Games in Beijing, China
- 2004 Olympic Summer Games in Athens, Greece
- Davis Cup
- Fed Cup
- Olympus US Open Series tournamentsA

with the Saviano Company, who also helped build the DecoTurf courts for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games."

DecoTurf is also once again the surface for the Rogers Cup WTA tournament in Montreal this week, from Aug. 16 to 22, at Uniprix Stadium, in the heart of Quebec's biggest city.

DecoTurf, a multi-layer, cushioned tennis surface, has been the surface of the US Open for 33 years. It is also the "Official Surface of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association and the Professional Tennis Registry," according to the company.

## Clean start



Courtesy photo

From left, Tommy Heffernan, regional vice president, commercial sales for Mac-Gray, suppliers of all the laundromat equipment; Robert Maria, father of owners; owners and sisters Julie Grillakis and Andover resident Donna Christopoulos; Elaine Maria, mother of new owners; Lowell Mayor Jim Milinazzo, and, front, Art Rizzo, business development manager for Mac-Gray.

## Taking new business for a spin

Andover resident Donna Christopoulos, an owner of the New Spin City Laundromat located at 182 Chelmsford St., Lowell recently cut the ribbon

on a new 4,000 square foot facility, according to a release.

The new laundromat boasts free Wi-Fi and flat-screen televisions, has aisles twice as

wide as a traditional laundromat, 24-hour security cameras and boasts a water filtration system for cleaner washes. All machines are card-operated,

meant to allow for easier operation and greater convenience for customers. All equipment was supplied by Waltham-based Mac-Gray.

### BUSINESS IN BRIEF

#### Donais joins Winchester Hospital

Winchester Hospital has welcomed a new family medicine nurse practitioner, **Melissa Donais**, RN, NP, of Andover.

Donais is practicing and accepting new patients at North Reading Medical Associates, 203 Main St., North Reading.

Donais earned her registered nurse and family nurse practitioner certifications from Boston College in Boston. She earned her bachelor's degree with distinction from Yale University in New Haven, Conn., where she won the Lily Rosen Prize in Women's Health. Her clinical experience includes providing outpatient care at the Isham Health Center at Phillips Academy.

#### Coppanion catches Red Herring award

Coppanion Inc., an Andover paperless tax workflow technology company, has been selected for the 2010 Red Herring 100 North America award. Red Herring recognizes private companies that "are clear leaders in providing innovative technologies across their respective

industries."

"We were very excited and honored to be recognized as a Red Herring Top 100," stated Ed Jennings, Coppanion CEO. "This award is further testament to Coppanion's dedication to providing powerful, market-leading solutions."

Coppanion was selected over hundreds of other candidates across North America based on technological innovation, strength of management, and customer and financial health, according to a release.

"Choosing the companies with the strongest potential was by no means a small feat," said Alex Vieux, publisher and CEO of Red Herring. "After rigorous contemplation and discussion, we narrowed our list down from hundreds of candidates from across North America to the Top 100 Winners. We believe Coppanion embodies the vision, drive, and innovation that define a successful entrepreneurial venture. Coppanion should be proud of its accomplishment, as the competition was very strong."

Red Herring's editorial staff evaluated the companies on both quantitative and qualitative criteria, such as financial performance, technology innovation,

management quality, strategy, and market penetration.

This assessment of potential is complemented by a review of the track record and standing of startups relative to their sector peers. This allows Red Herring to see past the "buzz" and make the list a valuable instrument of discovery and advocacy for the most promising new business models in North America. Past winners of the Red Herring 100 award include Facebook, Twitter, Google, Yahoo, Skype, Salesforce.com, YouTube, and eBay, according to a release.

#### Top achiever awards announced by lia sophia

lia sophia recently announced top honors for its Excellent Beginnings Program Achievers for their outstanding sales accomplishments and professionalism. Having just joined the fashion jewelry business, **Sarah Lebel** of Andover was one of the local advisors who earned this prestigious accomplishment in their first 15 weeks by attaining certain sales levels and by sharing lia sophia with other new advisor.

According to Bonni Davis, vice president of lia sophia, "This immediate success is a result of

their hard work and dedication. lia sophia is fortunate to have them as part of our team and we look forward to celebrating their future successes."

All new lia sophia Advisors have the opportunity to increase their earnings and earn free jewelry as part of the Excellent Beginnings Program. The plan celebrates the success of Advisors who stay on track in the first four months in business. lia sophia provides ongoing opportunities for recognition including monthly, quarterly and annual awards.

For more information, please contact your local lia sophia advisor.

#### Baron joins National Academy of Elder Law



Amy Baron

Amy Beth Baron of the Law Office of Baron Law and Mediation LLP, has joined the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys Inc. Membership in the academy is open to licensed attorneys who are practicing in the area of elder

law or who are interested in legal issues pertaining to the elderly.

Established in 1987, the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys is a non-profit association that assists lawyers, bar organizations and others. Members of NAELA are attorneys who are experienced and trained in working with the legal problems of aging Americans and individuals of all ages with disabilities. The mission of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys is to establish NAELA members as the premier providers of legal advocacy, guidance and services to enhance the lives of people with special needs and people as they age. NAELA currently has more than 4,000 members across the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia.

#### MacKay named TD Bank's store manager

TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, has named Kristina MacKay the store manager of its store located at 7 New England Executive Park in Burlington. An assistant vice president, she is responsible for new business development, consumer and business lending, and managing personnel and day-to-day operations at the store serving customers



Kristina MacKay

throughout the area.

MacKay has 20 years of banking experience. Prior to joining TD Bank, she served as a branch manager at Digital Federal Credit Union in Burlington. MacKay is a member of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce.

She is currently a Dracut resident and graduated in 1989 from Andover High School.

#### Brownfields Tax Credit program extended

The state legislature authorized and extended the state's Brownfields Tax Credit Program, which offers a way to recover a portion of cleanup costs to qualifying property owners and operators.

Under the new Legislation "An Act Relative to Economic Development Reorganization", signed into law by Gov. Deval L. Patrick, the Brownfields Tax Credit program has been extended through 2013, two years beyond the date when it was scheduled to sunset, or expire.

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# Townspeople

*“I just feel such a powerful connection with the kids left behind (in China). ... It’s something I want to do, I need to do, I can do.”*

Andover resident Cindy Morrison



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

From left, Lisa Schwarz, Sebastian Schwarz, 9, Sofia Schwarz, 6, Katelyn Morrison, 8, Lianna Morrison, 5 and Cindy Morrison are now traveling in China.

## TOWN TALK

### Smile for the camera

Film crews from Channel 5’s “Chronicle” show will be downtown today, Thursday, Aug. 19.

Andover Business Center Association President Elaine LeBlanc-Baker sent out an e-mail to ABCA members about the filming.

“...They will feature a few downtown businesses that they have already selected, the Addison Gallery, and renovations at the Andover Inn,” she wrote.

Filming is scheduled to take place in the afternoon and early evening. The segment is scheduled to air in September, before Andover Day on Saturday, Sept. 25.

“Let’s get the downtown looking as great as we can,” LeBlanc wrote.

LeBlanc-Baker will be interviewed around 3 p.m. at Old Andover Village to cover all of Main Street, since crews plan to film inside the new wine and tapas bar Bin 28 between 5:30 and 6 p.m.

— Judy Wakefield

### Teacher assignments mailed this week

Elementary students and families throughout town will be watching their mailboxes as classroom teacher assignments were mailed Wednesday, Aug. 18. Andover Public School’s first day for students is Wednesday, Sept. 1.

For school bus routes, see next week’s Andover Townsman, the Aug. 26 issue. More school information can be found in the Townsman’s special 16-page back-to-school section.

— Bethany Bray

### Rat control

Two downtown businesses got brand new dumpsters as a result of the town’s rat problem.

A colony of the rodents was found in the square block between Chestnut Street and Punchard Avenue (Townsman, Aug. 5). Public health officials told downtown residents to secure trash and any possible food sources as a way to get rid of the rats.

Health Director Tom Carbone said new dumpsters were just installed at CVS on Main Street and an apartment building on Punchard Avenue.

“You won’t see the problem solved overnight,” Carbone said. “These new dumpsters help...They close.”

He has said the rat problem stems from one property, which has hired an exterminator. Most likely, the rats began to form a colony there because “it’s a protected area, close to a good food source,” he said.

— Judy Wakefield

### Neutral turf

Lawrence’s money woes have resulted in firefighter layoffs. As a result, Andover’s neighbor city has relied on help from other communities to fight fires, including Andover. Discussion of mutual aid came to town on Tuesday morning as members of the Association of Fire Chiefs met at the Public Safety Center to discuss the issue. Lawrence city officials were also there. Andover Fire Chief Mike Mansfield attended and said he offered the Andover meeting site.

“I am a member (of the association) and we wanted the meeting outside of Lawrence,” he said. “We wanted a neutral site...and we’re passionate about our jobs, so we offered.”

— Judy Wakefield

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## To China, with love

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

When Andover resident Cindy Morrison adopted her daughter, Katelyn, from China in 2001, she found tears streaming down her face as she held her 8-month-old baby on the flight home.

“While I was there, I completely fell in love with China, the people, the culture,” said Morrison. “I felt like I left a part of my heart there. I knew we’d be back.”

And return she did. Yesterday, Aug. 18, Morrison left for her fifth trip to China since adopting Katelyn. During the next two weeks, she will visit seven orphanages in two provinces to share her knowledge of special needs therapies and distribute donated supplies.

Morrison is a pediatric occupational therapist at the Professional Center for Child Development, an Osgood Street school that has a day program for special needs children and a preschool for children of all abilities.

“I just feel such a powerful connection with the kids left behind (in China). Especially how I’ve been so blessed with adopting two daughters. It’s something I want to do, I need to do, I can do,” said Morrison. “I want people to know there’s hope

### Two Andover families make trek with donated supplies, special ed know-how

for kids in Chinese orphanages. Very small things can make a big difference.”

This year, Morrison makes the trip with Andover Town Planner Lisa Schwarz, a close friend since high school. The Schwarz family – Lisa, Felipe and their two children, Sebastian, 9, and Sofia, 6 – are traveling with Morrison and her two daughters, Katelyn, 8, and Lianna, 5.

The Morrison and Schwarz children are close friends, and are eager to visit and play with the children in the orphanages. Sebastian and Sofia have taken Chinese at St. Augustine School.

“I’m hoping (my children) can see a difference being made,” said Lisa Schwarz, who lived in Africa with the Peace Corps. “It’s so eye-opening to travel around the world and help out. I want my kids to see different people and places in the world.”

“Also, I want to see Cindy in action,” said Schwarz, laughing.

“I’m like a whirlwind (in China). Your head will spin,” said Morrison,

breaking into a smile.

On Morrison’s first return trip to China, when Katelyn was 3, they met a small, malnourished orphan awaiting heart surgery. Morrison says she and Katelyn felt an instant connection and knew the baby girl should become part of their family.

“It was meant to be that she was to come home,” said Morrison.

After successful heart surgery, Morrison adopted Lianna at age 2.

Chinese orphanages, once known for adoptions of baby girls, have seen an influx of special needs children in the last decade, said Morrison. She estimates 75 to 80 percent of children in Chinese orphanages today have special needs, including Down syndrome, autism and cerebral palsy.

Without healthcare or support services, Chinese families are often overwhelmed by children with special needs and have no choice but to give them up for adoption, she said.

### HOW TO HELP

■ Follow Cindy Morrison’s efforts to aid special needs orphans in China at [knowinghope.blogspot.com](http://knowinghope.blogspot.com)

■ If you have equipment or items to donate, contact Cindy Morrison through the Professional Center For Child Development, 978-475-3806

Orphanage staff don’t have the training to deal with children’s special needs or the myriad of health problems that often go hand-in-hand, she said. In past trips, she’s seen children who don’t have the muscles to support themselves slumped over in adult-sized wheelchairs and staff feeding formula drop-by-drop to children with a cleft palate because they don’t have specialized bottles to feed them with.

“They’re doing the best they can with what they have,” said Morrison. “Infrastructure for special education in China is nonexistent. There’s just a lack of understanding of kids with special needs. A lack of understanding that there is therapy for them ... They have no idea that someone with Down syndrome could graduate from high school, or work at a supermarket and be members of society. That’s one of my hopes is to have some of that thinking changed.”

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## Night-light love and street-light ‘executions’

### Bill Dalton



tioned in this column. “My first memory of being in a car was going to get my mom

(she went back to work after I was born) in my dad’s Model A Ford,” she continued. “I was standing up in the front seat, and my head didn’t touch the roof – no seat belts back then, that is for sure. Not sure how old I was, perhaps around 2.”

Judy, a real Townie, lives in the house she was born in and writes of another ancient memory. “I remember about being afraid of the dark. I still was in a crib and it was in the same bedroom I now sleep in. My dad was my protector and would do most anything

to make me feel safe. I guess I was calling for my parents in the night because of the dark. It was a scary world around me. So my dad hitched up a rope that was tied to the side of my bed and it went along my ceiling, across the hall and into my parent’s bedroom. At the other end of the rope was a bell that was just above their bed. I was to pull the rope, if I got scared.

“I remember wanting to pull that rope but not knowing what to say if my mother appeared. I did pull it, and the only thing I

could think of was to ask for a drink of water! Needless to say, that bell came right down the next day.”

“My parents got me a ‘night light’ instead,” Judy says. There weren’t such things as night lights in stores back then, and so I had an angel that was meant to sit on top of a Christmas tree as my night light. I thought she was beautiful. She had white hair and a cone shaped gown made of some type of plastic, and her skirt lit up. So she protected me for many a

night. I was blessed with a safe, secure childhood. I wish all children had that kind of memory.”

Indeed, Judy. Thank you for those nice memories.

### Knocking out street lights

The night light story reminded me of street lights and what scamps we were. Street lights were the enemy of kids. Many people from my era have said that after supper they were told to come home when the street lights came on. I wasn’t told that because I lived close enough

to the Playstead and Park that I played there 95% of the time. Both places were within the zone of my father’s whistle. No human could whistle like he did. He’d stick a couple of fingers in the back of his mouth and make a sound so loud it would hurt your ears if you were close. His whistle told his boys they’d better come home.

However, when we were old enough to stay out after dark, anyone who played in the Park at

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## DALTON: Street lights were targets

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night disliked a particular street light because it ruined after-dark games such as capture the flag. The light was above the stone bridge over Rogers Brook. (When the brook was buried in the late 1950s, the stone bridge remained to become an object of curiosity to newcomers.) Unless someone was being particularly spunky, the light was on during the cold part of the year when there were no night games in the Park, but during the summer, that light was dead. If it were in inmate on execution row, it would know that the final bell of the school year meant it was about to take the walk down the long corridor leading to the electric chair.

Street lights in those days were simple things. A large incandescent bulb hung below a flat tin disc that was 15 or so inches in diameter. The disc was white to reflect the light downward. The light was hung about 15 feet above the ground. Even a small wind would catch the disc and move it.

The disc would make loud reverberating noise when struck by a stone, as often it was. We had good arms, even as little kids we played sandlot baseball, but the target was small and the tin was sometimes hit dozens of times until the lucky throw broke the bulb. The sound was a familiar one around the neighborhood, but I don't remember anyone complaining or the police getting involved. I think it was assumed the light went out in summer - too many kids and too many stones.

(Looking back, and having changed broken bulbs myself, I feel sorry for the town worker who had to remove the shattered bulb and replace it. The best way to do the job is to cut the power, then use a raw potato and stick it inside the hole and slowly turn the bulb counterclockwise (lefty loosey, righty tighty).

For those of you who didn't know that trick, you have now learned that this column is filled with valuable tips.

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

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### 75 Years Ago - Aug. 16, 1935

Frank H. Hardy, for several years selectman and assessor of the town and chairman of the junior high school project committee, resigned his position on the project this week. It is understood that poor health prompted the resignation. This is the first time in 12 years that Mr. Hardy has held no public office.

One of the saddest tragedies occurring in Andover for some time was the death last Saturday morning of R. Earle Bourne, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bourne of 48 Summer street, who was found by his fellow workers crushed in a freight elevator in the Vermont Tea and Butter store warehouse opposite the railroad station. He was rushed to a physician's office and then to

the Lawrence General hospital but pronounced dead on arrival.

More than 100 dolls of all kinds and sizes were entered by their young owners in the doll show at the playground last Friday evening. A parade in which the playground girls exhibited their favorites was a feature and the judges were Thelma Beck, Agnes Deyermond, and Alice Robertson. James Doherty was the announcer.

Mrs. J. Everett Collins and sons, James and Raymond of Summer street, spent Tuesday at Lynn Beach.

John Fredrickson of the Andover Press composing room is enjoying his annual vacation.

### 50 Years Ago - Aug. 18, 1960

"It's exceedingly necessary that we fill the job." That's Dr. Milton J. Meyers assertion,

relating to the vacant assistant superintendent's post. Furthermore, Dr. Meyers believes that the School Committee and Supt. Edward I. Erickson agree with him. However, the School Committee chairman feels that the board should not be rushed into appointing someone - rather, sufficient time should be taken in interviews and discussion prior to that final action.

The initial urban renewal survey by a two-man team from the consulting firm of Candeub and Fleissig will begin about Sept. 1, it was revealed Tuesday night at a public session. The Housing Authority met with the original citizen's committee to explain how the plan is progressing, and answer questions that have come up since the larger committee.

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### 25 Years Ago - Aug. 15, 1985

Representatives from the Andover Community School Age Child Care Committee appeared before the School Committee Tuesday night to request that school bus routes in the Bancroft and West School districts include drop-offs to two area day-care centers for students who require before- and after-

school day care.

John Davidson, popular Broadway star and television performer, kicks off the third season of performing arts at the J. Everett Collins Center in Andover. September marks the explosion of a spectacular line-up of unique musical experiences and extraordinary theater entertainment.

A petition calling for equal consideration of female varsity athletes that was signed by 60 Andover residents was presented to the School Committee during Tuesday evening's meeting of the board. "Both boys' and girls' sports deserve equal attention from the School Committee in providing reasonable uniforms, safe equipment, equal locker rooms, and other facilities such as fields and gyms," the petition stated.

## TOWN TALK

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### Celebrity magnet

Andover resident Leslie Noymer had an unusual week recently when she met both former president George H.W. Bush and fashion icon Ralph Lauren.

Noymer happened to be in Kennebunkport when Bush and his wife Barbara pulled up to a dock in a boat with Secret Service agents. She said the crowd became quiet.

"I just said, 'Mr. President, may I shake your hand?' because it was so awkward. He gave me the biggest smile and shook my hand so warmly," she said. "He was just such a gentleman."

Later that week, she looked at a belt while shopping.

"In the Hamptons I went into the Ralph Lauren store," she said. "The woman said, 'You can't buy that belt, that belt is for Mr. Lauren.'"

Noymer looked over and saw that the owner was in the store, and they shared a nice conversation about the item, she said.

"I never meet anyone and in one week I met George Bush and Ralph Lauren," said Noymer, who shared photos from both encounters.

- Neil Fater

### Town looking for a few good volunteers

At their Aug. 9 meeting, selectmen urged residents to get involved and volunteer



Leslie Noymer with fashion icon Ralph Lauren.

COURTESY PHOTO

for numerous vacancies on town boards and committees. Add one more to the list, as Selectman Jerry Stabile Jr. announced last week he will resign.

The board will decide Aug. 23 how to fill - or not fill - the vacancy until a new selectman can be elected at town election in March 2011.

Current vacancies:

- Cable Advisory Committee: 3 vacancies
- Conservation Commission: 2 vacancies

■ Council on Aging: 4 (associate member) vacancies

■ Cultural Council: 4 1 vacancy

■ Elderly Tax Aid Committee: 2 vacancies

■ Housing Partnership/Fair Housing Committee: 2 vacancies

■ Lowell Junction Interchange Task Force: 2 vacancies

■ Patriotic Holiday/Street of Flags Committee: 2 vacancies

■ Planning Board: 1 vacancy

■ Preservation Commission: 1 vacancy

■ Recycling Committee: 3 vacancies

■ Scholarship Committee: 4 vacancies

■ Town Yard Task Force: 4 vacancies

Residents interested in volunteering should fill out a form with their relevant experience at [andoverma.gov/boards/talentbank.php](http://andoverma.gov/boards/talentbank.php)

- Bethany Bray

### SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

September is National Senior Month. Help us celebrate with events throughout the month. For more information call the Senior Center at 978-623-8321 or drop by at 30 Whittier Street from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Grill night: Sept. 1 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Free entertainment by the new, New Orleans Band. Entrees costs are from \$4 to \$8. Call for specials.

Franks' Famous Buffet: Sept. 22 at 1 p.m. the cost is \$4 by ticket only. Stop by for tickets and to see the menu.

"And Now Mark Twain!":

Sept. 25 from 6 to 9 p.m. Mock-tails in the four Season Room, Delicious Heritage Chicken Dinner, and a delightful look at the life and work of America's foremost humorist in his centennial observance. This one-person play is full of wit and wisdom and the special brand of storytelling that made Sawyer a legend in his time. The Friends of the Andover Senior Center will be on hand to offer some door prizes and let everyone know what is up for the coming year. The cost is \$7 by ticket only.

## CHINA: Network of friends in Asia helpful

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Morrison spends the year gathering supplies for her annual trip to China. News of her work has spread, and most of the supplies are donated by local families that have adopted, have ties to PCCD or have special needs or Chinese-American children.

"It's definitely more than just me. It's a unified front," said Morrison.

Administrators at PCCD allow her to have the time off to travel and send her with used

equipment that students have outgrown, she said.

While in China, she distributes vitamins, cleft palate bottles, specialized splints and other items, and gives clinics to orphanage staff.

Orphanage staffers are always eager to have her look at as many children as she can to offer therapy and treatment ideas, she said.

Through her adoptions and return trips to China, Morrison maintains a network of friends who help with planning,

legwork and language translation while she's in China. She sends them her presentations weeks before she travels, and they have them translated by the time she arrives.

They e-mail each other through the year, sending Morrison requests for equipment and questions on how to best deal with the needs of specific orphans. She also sends packages of supplies several times a year, but they don't always make it through customs, she said.

## Three for tree at Lawrence Academy

Sarah Casey of Andover completed her year as a ninth-grader at Groton's Lawrence Academy with a third trimester on the academic honor roll this spring, according to a release from the school.

A talented vocalist, she is a member of the school's chorus and its student a cappella group, SLACS, and she has appeared in performance as a soloist. She is also a dedicated member of the varsity volleyball team.

She is the daughter of Anne and William Casey.

She has enjoyed pursuing both her athletic and vocal interests during the summer months, attending a Nike volleyball camp, performing in Andover's Summer Theatre Ensemble's production of Oliver, and participating in the Treble Chorus of New England's summer workshop, also based in Andover, according to the school.

For more on Andover students of all ages, see pages S10-S14 of the Back to School special section.



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Andover ninth-grader Sarah Casey had a successful first year at Groton's Lawrence Academy, with a third trimester on the academic honor roll this spring.

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# Sports

## FUTURE SET

### Basketball star Gomez-Martinez makes her college choice

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

In her career as Andover High's starting point guard, there isn't much Natalie Gomez-Martinez hasn't accomplished.

Over those three years she has played in two state title games — the latter a dominant performance to lead her team to the state crown. She has been an All-Scholastic, a two-time All-Merrimack Valley Conference selection and a two-year captain.

Now, she knows where her career will take her next.

Heading into her senior year with the Golden Warriors, Gomez-Martinez verbally committed to play college basketball at Division 1 Marist College starting in the fall of 2011.

"I know I made the right decision," said the 5-foot-7 point guard. "The basketball program is very impressive and I really like the coaching staff. The day I visited the campus I knew it was the right place for me."

Gomez-Martinez first came into contact with Marist, which is located in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., during her sophomore season with the Golden Warriors. And a little advice from her predecessor at Andover helped her make the final call.

"(Former Andover point guard) Maggie Cosgrove gave me some valuable advice," Gomez-Martinez said. "She said, 'Go with your gut. If you know it is right, go for it.'"

"I visited Marist multiple times. I went up on the first week of August, and the next day I called up and gave my verbal commitment."

Sacred Heart, where Cosgrove plays, was a finalist along with Providence, UMass Amherst and Delaware.

Gomez-Martinez said she's excited to play for coach Brian Giorgis, who has led the Red Foxes to four straight NCAA tourney appearances, with a 116-21 record over that stretch.

"He was shocked," she said. "I was his No. 1 recruit for a while. He asked what he could do for me and I said the only thing you need to do is promise that you're staying for all



Dazzling passes are just one aspect of Andover star Natalie Gomez-Martinez's game. The Golden Warriors point guard recently committed to play her college basketball at Marist College.

File photo

## THROUGH THE YEARS

The Andover Townsman periodically looks back on players and accomplishments of past seasons.

### 10 YEARS AGO

After being scratched from his previous start due to illness, Jeff Volinski scattered eight hits, struck out 12, and walked only two in a complete game as Andover Post 8 downed Greenfield 5-0 in the second round of the American Legion tourney. Danny Hughes drove in one run with a single and scored another on a sacrifice fly by Sean Lawton, and Chris Caverly added an RBI single and scored a run.

The Andover High trio of Michelle Leahy, Julie Marvin and Robin Young combined to lead the Northeast team to a perfect 14-0 record and a gold medal in the Bay State Games. Longtime Andover High head coach George Sullivan co-coached the squad.

Future Andover track standout Emily Shields and football starter Erik Geffken were among four Andover Elementary School students who won the MTA/Red Sox Reading Game and an opportunity to appear at a Red Sox game. Then-Red Sox stars Nomar Garciaparra and Pedro Martinez prompted the contest.

Andover's Tim Hughes and Rick Peterson were co-coaches for the New England Lightning baseball team that earned the silver medal in the 13-and-under division of the AAU baseball tourney in Kinston, N.C. The squad won the New England title.

Future Andover High football star Mike Muccio and Central Catholic hockey standout Pat McCarron, along with Mike Strock and Lino Patti were members of the New England Express 13-and-under team that played in the Cooperstown Baseball World 2000 Tournament.

Andover High star Lisa Tisbert hit .660 (13 for 20) with six RBIs to lead the Northeast team to the gold medal at the Bay State Games.

### 15 YEARS AGO

Future Cincinnati Reds catcher Ryan Hanigan had two RBIs as the Andover Blue downed the Andover Gold 5-1 in the Suburban Pony League tourney. Future pro golf standout Rob Oppenheim added a hit and was at .426 for the tourney. Charles Daher was 3 for 3 and pitched 6 1/3 innings.

Ryan Felden, 8, got to take batting practice at Fenway Park during the John Hancock Fantasy Day to benefit the Jimmy Fund.

Veteran coach Dick Collins announced that he would return as Andover High head football

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### NATALIE GOMEZ-MARTINEZ AT A GLANCE

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### DANCE INFUSION LOOKS FORWARD TO ANOTHER EXCITING YEAR OF DANCE

Continuing to Offer the Community High-Quality Artistic Programs Andover (March 22, 2010) – Dance Infusion, under the direction of accomplished dancer, choreographer and teacher Cindi Worthley, is looking forward to another year of offering high quality dance instruction to the residents of Andover and surrounding communities.

DanceInfusion offers a variety of programs accommodating students from preschool to high school. Students of all levels of ability are welcome: from beginner to advanced. Worthley says that Dance Infusion's strength comes from its talented staff, who together offer a variety of classes in jazz, hip hop, tap, ballet, contemporary and pointe. "Our instructors are simply the best," she says. "They continue to grow and evolve in their own dance training, as well as keeping up on the latest trends and new moves in the national dance scene. They enjoy mentoring their students, helping them to develop good dance technique and encouraging them to grow as artists."

"Our students learn to love the art of dance in a safe, fun and friendly atmosphere," Worthley adds. "Their lessons in self-expression and self-discipline, developing confidence and creativity, help them throughout their lives."

The breadth of talent nurtured in the students was clearly shown in the

Dance Infusion's recent recitals, which featured a Broadway-styled opening number from "Mary Poppins, and a stunning closer that was a tribute to Michael Jackson. Each piece included a range of students of varying ages and drawn from across the classes. In the Jackson tribute students recreated a montage of choreography drawn from his famous videos, highlighting his distinctive dance style.

DanceInfusion is located at 19 Lupine Road in Andover, and at 1555 Main Street, Tewksbury. Classes are available for children from ages three and up. For information and registration call (978)474-7868 in Andover or (978) 851-2259 in Tewksbury.



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## BASKETBALL: Choice is Marist

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four years, and he said he's signing on for eight more years. We talked about how I could contribute as a freshman."

With her future secure, Gomez-Martinez has now turned her attention to her final high school season.

"It's so weird," she said. "I have trouble believing I'm going to be a senior this fall. When I was a freshman, the girls told me the four years would fly by, and they did. I'm so excited for one more year, and I want to go out with a bang."

Gomez-Martinez certainly hit the ground running at the varsity level. As a freshman, she won the starting job at point guard, and averaged 9.5 points a game to help lead the Golden Warriors to the Division 1 state title game. She improved to 15.2 points a game as a sophomore, helping Andover to a 18-5 mark.

But her true breakout season came as a junior, when she averaged 16.0 points, 5.6 assists and 4.5 steals. She was never better than in the title game, when she scored a game-high 25 points in a 73-37 drubbing of East Longmeadow in the Division 1 title game. For her efforts, she earned All-Scholastic honors.

After three high school seasons, the guard said her game has improved considerably.

"I think I have grown a lot," she said. "I'm a better shooter and ball-handler. I think I am a much better all-around player now. It

### ABOUT MARIST

**Location:** Poughkeepsie, N.Y., (Hudson River Valley, 90 miles outside of New York City)

**Enrollment:** 5,000

**Nickname:** Red Foxes

**Tradition:** Made Division 1 NCAA tourney last four years

**Conference:** Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

really helped to start early. If you looked at a video of me from freshman year, then watched me now, it would look like a different player."

Gomez-Martinez spent much of the summer training for her senior season, including helping her Andover squad win the Hoops for Hope summer league tourney.

Now, she intends to finish her high school career in style — leading Blue and Gold crew that also sports returning stars Nicole Boudreau and Ally Fazio and budding standout Devon Caveney.

"That would be unreal to go out on top," Gomez-Martinez said. "That's the hope. It would be amazing. We lost some great players, but we have a great group coming with Nicole and Ally and a lot of younger players coming up. I'm so anxious for the season to start. It's months away now, but it will be coming up quick."

# Vispoli's love of sports leads him to announcer's booth

By Christopher Smith

Call him a workaholic.

With just 12 days off during a 152-day stretch, Andover's Alex Vispoli decided to drive four hours to Syracuse, N.Y., for another day of work.

That's all in the life of an up-and-coming baseball play-by-play announcer.

"At game No. 109, I've still got that same fervor and enthusiasm that I did for game No. 1, which is encouraging for me because it tells me I'm in the right line of work," he said.

The 24-year-old broadcaster is not only the lone radio voice of the Winston-Salem Dash, a Single A affiliate of the Chicago White Sox in North Carolina, but he also works as the Dash's media relations director.

"At this level of the game you have to do both because the organization isn't big enough where it can hire someone to be a full-time broadcaster and (another to be) full-time media relations," he said.

Vispoli's pregame tasks include preparing daily game notes for the media, finding story lines to present to the media, and setting up player interviews.

He then calls every inning of every game, anchors a postgame show, writes a game recap, sends out the recap to all the media outlets, and posts the recap online before finally heading home around midnight.

"Sometimes on the road that write-up gets a little bit crunched," he said. "I have to make sure I finish it, send it out, and post it online before the bus (to the hotel) leaves without me. That adds another level of stress."



Courtesy photo

Andover's Alex Vispoli is now right at home as the play-by-play announcer for the Single-A Winston-Salem Dash baseball team.

This is Vispoli's first job as a team's No. 1 announcer. He was the No. 2 announcer for the three other professional baseball teams that he worked for before accepting his job at Winston-Salem in February.

He said he will have his own No. 2 guy next year, but for now he is alone in the booth — and that can be difficult.

"It's sometimes a challenge to find enough to talk about," he said. "Some of these guys, you don't really know much about them."

Vispoli's love of sports started early.

"When he was in elementary school he would play his imaginary Wiffle ball games in the backyard and do the lineups in his head while he was playing," his mother, Ann Vispoli, said.

Vispoli also hardly ever just sat down to

watch an NBA game as a kid. Instead, he often was hard at work keeping statistics on every player.

"He'd put together these books for the different NBA teams," his dad, Selectman Alex J. Vispoli, said. "And he'd put his own stat sheets together and he'd follow the season."

Vispoli played soccer, baseball and basketball while growing up.

"I wasn't really good at playing sports," he said. "I realized that by the time I was in middle school."

Vispoli failed to have any hits during the baseball season he moved from Little League to the big diamond, so he turned his attention to another area of sports. Once he arrived at Phillips Academy, he first began writing for the student newspaper, then had a sports talk show on its radio station.

"I wanted to listen to him but we were too far out of (the radio station's) range," his dad said. "So I used to take my car and park in one of the school lots (to listen)."

Vispoli's father and mother are still listening to their son — a lot. Vispoli's broadcasts can be heard online.

"Just about any night that we're home we'll put the Internet on so we can hear him," Ann Vispoli said.

"One night I was sitting with my daughter and it was about 10:30 and I said, 'We should have Alexander on,' I thought, 'Oh, today he had a doubleheader so it might still be on.' The first game was over but the second game went 20 innings and went on past midnight. I think it went on until about 12:30. My daughter and I, we were both tired, but we felt guilty to go before the game ended. That was a long day."

## THROUGH THE YEARS



File photo

It was 15 years ago that longtime football coach Dick Collins announced that, despite health issues, he would return to the sidelines for Andover High.

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coach. The 63-year-old Collins had undergone quintuple bypass surgery at Deaconess Hospital in Boston in June.

Tom Clarke was 3 for 3 with three runs and pitched two innings as Andover Legion closed out its season with a 19-5 drubbing of Salem. Tom Gardner had two hits and walked twice and Todd Harris and Dave Salafia each added two more hits for the winners.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Former Andover basketball star Kip Jones, the son of Boston Celtics legend K.C. Jones, was one of 14

honored as Outstanding Scholar Athlete for Bentley College.

Tom Murray blasted a 350-foot single to score Mike Lane and give Andover Gold a 5-4 walk off win over Andover

Blue to clinch the Suburban Pony League title. Murray added a stellar diving catch and Larry Aiello tossed a complete game victory.

Making his first start of the

season, Dave Curtis allowed only three hits and two runs in five innings as the Andover Gold clinched the east title with a 5-3 win over Stoneham.

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# Obituaries

## Therese M. Ouellette, 82



**BAREFOOT BAY, Fla.** — Therese M. (Kenney) Ouellette, 82, died peacefully Sunday, Aug. 8, 2010 at the Prescott House in North Andover surrounded by her loving family.

Born on Nov. 30, 1927 in North Andover, Therese Marie was the daughter of Peter and Mary (McDonnell) Kenney.

Terri was a longtime resident of Lawrence. She loved the ocean, enjoyed spending summers at the beach and loved to travel with her husband, Leo, visiting Europe, China, and Caribbean islands. Terri was a creative person who especially enjoyed painting and doing crafts with her grandchildren. She enjoyed entertaining and her home was the center of numerous parties and family gatherings.

She was a graduate of the Edward F. Searle's High School and for many years, she worked as a teller for the Arlington Trust

Company.

Terri will always be remembered in the hearts of her loved ones. She is survived by her best friend of 66 years and beloved husband of 59 years, Leo J. Ouellette, who retired from the Lawrence Police Department as a detective sergeant. She is also survived by her two children, Debra L. Higgins and her husband, Richard G., of Londonderry, N.H., and William J. Ouellette and his wife, Maureen, of Andover; seven grandchildren, Joanne, Sharon, Richard, Paul, Laura, Julie and Jeffrey; and three great-grandchildren, Deana, Juan and Anna; as well as many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her sister, Marie Michaud.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Relatives and friends are invited to pay their respects on Friday, Aug. 13, 2010 at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St., Methuen. A Mass of Christian burial took place on Saturday in Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish/St. Augustine's Chapel on Ames Street in Lawrence. To leave an online condolence or message please visit [www.pollardfuneralhome.com](http://www.pollardfuneralhome.com).

## Stephen R. Landwehr, 61



**ANDOVER** — Stephen R. Landwehr, 61, of Andover, formerly of Hamilton for 30 years, died on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2010 at home, surrounded by his loving family after a brief illness.

Steve was born and raised in Minnesota before moving to Massachusetts to begin a career as a manager for Saab Automobile Co. He then went on to begin his second career and passion as a writer and staff reporter. Steve was a successful staff reporter for the Salem News, covering Ipswich, Hamilton, Wenham, and surrounding towns where he had become well-known for his featured articles called "Lives." He was a man of many talents, which included his love of cooking and gardening. He was also a gifted carpenter and shared a love of music with his wife, Camille.

He was the beloved husband of

Camille Ducey-Landwehr of Andover. Son of Bruce Landwehr of Minnesota, and the late Susan (Tillotson). Loving brother of Mark Landwehr and his wife, Nancy; Marcia Peterson and her husband, Jeff; Christine Vargas and her husband, Jaime, all of Minnesota. Stepfather of Keith Ducey, Nicole Bausemer, and Michael Russo, all of Andover. Also survived by several nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Relatives and friends are invited to attend a memorial visitation to celebrate Steve's life at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., Andover, on Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. Interment is private and under the direction of Doherty Funeral Service, Somerville. At the family's request, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Steve's name to Ipswich River Watershed Association, P.O. Box 576, Ipswich, MA 01938; or The Home for Little Wanderers, 271 Huntington Ave., Development Office, Boston, MA 02115. For more information, please visit [dohertyfuneralservice.com](http://dohertyfuneralservice.com).

## James C. Keck

**ANDOVER** — James C. Keck of Andover, died Monday, Aug. 9, at the Merrimack Valley Hospice House in Haverhill.

He was born in New York City, the son of sculptor Charles Keck, and, in his early years, attended the Little Red Schoolhouse in New York. When his family moved to the country, he attended public schools in Carmel, NY, and graduated from Carmel High School. He entered Cornell University and was drafted into the Army during the Second World War and was assigned to the Manhattan Project at Los Alamos, N.M.

It was here that he met his wife Margaret (Peggy) and they were married in September, 1947.

After the war ended, Jim returned to Cornell to finish his undergraduate work and then continued at Cornell as a student of Hans Bethe, Robert Wilson and Richard Feynman. He earned his doctorate in nuclear physics. He continued working on nuclear physics as a research associate at Caltech. He joined the Avco Everett Research Laboratory, which was formed to work on rocket re-entry problems, one of many responses to the launch of the Russian Sputnik. He then went on to join MIT as Ford Professor of Mechanical Engineering where he did pioneering research in such diverse areas as aerospace, pollution reduction in internal combustion engines, chemical kinetics and thermodynamics, according to his family.

When he retired from MIT, he continued to work on developing his ideas on thermodynamics and,

until very recently, he was supervising the research of a group of Northeastern University's PhD candidates.

In the 1990s, as a result of a chance conversation with a friend, he invented a device to monitor septic systems which led to the formation of a company now known as Sepsensor Inc.

He also took on some new ventures. He worked with his daughter Pat, a sculptor, on the design of her mechanical sculptures. Together they built a garage to replace the one she had taken over as her studio. The following year they designed and built a barn for the elderly horses she adopted.

He loved new challenges. He learned how to operate a backhoe, became an avid vegetable gardener and was always involved in projects about his house and yard. He had a playful spirit which made him popular with children, enjoying playing games with them, giving rides in his garden tractor, and teaching them new skills.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy, his son Robert of Rochester, NY, his daughter Pat of Andover, Mass. and his brother Charles of Andover, Vt.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Funeral services will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to Massachusetts General Hospital Leukemia and Lymphoma Fund, 165 Cambridge St., Suite 600, Boston, MA 02114; or to the charity of one's choice. To sign the family guestbook, please visit [www.contefuneralhomes.com](http://www.contefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to the Conte Funeral Home in Andover.

## Dorothy A. Bishop



**NORTH ANDOVER** — Dorothy Ann (Dot) (Hurrell) Bishop passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010, surrounded by her loving

family. She was the beloved wife of Joseph F. Bishop, with whom she celebrated 65 years of marriage on July 22.

She was born in Lawrence, Oct. 21, 1918, daughter of the late James and Louisa Hurrell, and was educated in the Lawrence school system. She graduated from Lawrence High School, Class of 1936.

Prior to her marriage, she worked in the payroll department at the former Pacific Mill. In her early years, Dot was a Sunday school teacher and member of the choir at Riverside Church. As a young adult, she enjoyed singing on the radio. She later shared her wonderful musical gifts at St. Michael's Church in North Andover in the choir, and as the church organist for nearly 30 years.

The family treasures the memory of songstays with Mom at the piano, with family members and many friends gathered round. She enjoyed family vacations at Siesta Key, Fla., and Ogunquit, Maine. She was a devoted mother, sister, aunt,

daughter, and daughter-in-law. In her later years, her grandchildren were the joy of her life.

She is survived by daughters, Donna Bishop of Lowell, Louise Henderson and her husband, Robert, of Andover, and Barbara Hyzdu and her husband, Scott, of North Andover; grandchildren, Andrew Henderson and his wife, Julia, of North Andover, Douglas Henderson and his wife, Ivana, of North Andover, Dana Henderson of Connecticut, and Gregory and Matthew Hyzdu of North Andover. She was blessed with a great-grandchild, Silas Henderson of North Andover; numerous nephews and nieces; her best friend, Marion Owens, and other friends and relatives who will miss her dearly. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Bill, Sid, and Dick Hurrell, Louise (Hurrell) Lord, and Elsie (Terry) (Hurrell) Lehan; and by her infant son, Andrew Joseph.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, Aug. 18 at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Church. Burial was to follow in Ridgewood Cemetery in North Andover. Family and friends were respectfully invited to calling hours on Tuesday, Aug. 17 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover. Memorial contributions in Dorothy's name may be made to St. Michael's Church, Main Street, North Andover, MA 01845. For directions or to offer online condolences please visit [www.contefuneralhomes.com](http://www.contefuneralhomes.com).

## Thomas F. Beggan



**WINDHAM, N.H.** — Mr. Thomas F. Beggan, a resident of Windham, N.H., formerly of Andover, and beloved husband of Peggy (Mullin)

Beggan.

Born in Boston on May 1, 1940, Tom was the beloved son of the late T.F. and Ethel Beggan. After being raised in Dorchester, he graduated from Boston College in 1962. Following graduation, Mr. Beggan joined the Navy and was on active duty from 1962 to 1966. He remained in the reserves until 1978, retiring as a lieutenant commander. He worked for the Gillette Company as a division manager of production and retired in 2000 after 34 years.

Tom was active with St. Robert's Church in Andover and after retirement, he was a mentor in Lawrence for underprivileged high school students. In his younger years he enjoyed coaching his sons' Little League teams. Tom loved the water and enjoyed boating. He spent his summers with his children and grandchildren at the family's lake house on Sebago Lake in Maine. He was an avid Boston

sports fan and enjoyed watching the Bruins, Red Sox and Patriots.

Besides his beloved wife, Peggy, he leaves behind three children, Tom Beggan of Chester, N.H., Dennis Beggan of Windham, N.H., and Lisa Beggan Henneberry, wife of Jay Henneberry of Madison, Conn.; five grandchildren, Kathleen and Shaun Henneberry and Patrick, Robert and Matthew Beggan, three siblings, Robert and his wife, Pamela Beggan, of Alexandria, Va., Marie and her husband, Gerard Donegan, of Braintree, Barbara and her husband, Jeff Forsythe, of Marshfield; and 11 nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** His funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 198 Haggett's Pond Road, Andover, Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2010, at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend. Calling hours were held in the Burke-Magliozzi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, Monday, Aug. 16, 2010, from 4 to 8 p.m. Burial private. Donations in Tom's memory may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 811 W. Evergreen, Suite 301, Chicago, IL 60642, or to the MSPCA, 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130. For additional information, please visit [www.burkemagliozzi.com](http://www.burkemagliozzi.com).

## C. Joseph Sansone, 88



**NORTH ANDOVER** — C. Joseph Sansone of North Andover, formerly of Boxford, passed away peacefully on Monday, Aug. 9, 2010 at the age

of 88.

Joe was born and raised in Detroit, and was a journeyman tool and die maker in the automobile industry before joining the Army Air Forces in World War II, serving as a second lieutenant as a navigator and aerial weather observer. He later graduated from the University of Detroit with a degree in mechanical engineering, and worked for many years in the aerospace industry and other technical fields. His career ranged from the introduction of fiberglass fuels tanks for jet fighters during the Korean War, to participating in the development of the original stealth aircraft, the F-117 Night-hawk.

Joe was an avid athlete, excelling in baseball and bowling, and in his later years won numerous medals in the Senior Games, many as a partner with his wife of 64 years, Leah. For many years he and his family spent summers at lakes in Michigan, and then at their camp on Brettuns Pond, Maine.

Besides his wife, Leah, Joe leaves three children, Cecelia Sansone of Crown Point, N.Y., Frank Sansone of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Philip Sansone and his wife, Linda, of Atkinson, N.H. He also leaves his sister, Mary Fraser of Canton, Mich. In addition, he is survived by two grandchildren, Elisabeth Orms of Andover and Allison Sansone of Charlestown. He was delighted by the arrival of his great-grandson, Caiden Orms.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A funeral Mass was held last Friday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Church. Burial followed in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sophia Gordon Cancer Center at Leahy Clinic. [www.contefuneralhome.com](http://www.contefuneralhome.com).

## Wallace L. Bolton, 84



**PALM CITY, Fla.** — Wallace L. Bolton, 84, of Palm City, Fla. and formerly of Andover, died on Friday, June 5, 2010 at Treasure Coast Hospice in Stuart.

Mr. Bolton was born Aug. 10, 1925, in Lawrence to William W. and Ethel G. Bolton. He is a graduate of Governor Dummer Academy, and Brown University in Providence, R.I., Class of 1950. He became a resident of Palm City, Fla., in 1991, coming from Andover.

Prior to retirement, Mr. Bolton was the vice president of manufacturing, then president of Bolton-Emerson, a paper machinery manufacturer located in Lawrence. He was a proud World War II veteran who served as a corporal in the U.S. Army under General Patton. Wallace was a lifetime member

of the VFW in North Andover, and a former member of the North Andover Country Club.

Wallace is survived by his wife of 62 years, Barbara Dean Bolton; daughters, Susan G. Bolton of Charlestown, and Elizabeth B. St. Germain of Cape Elizabeth, Maine; son, William W. Bolton II, Hancock, N.H.; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, John G. Bolton; and his sisters, Harriet B. Allen and Ethel Ann Henderson.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend a memorial service on Friday, Aug. 20, 2010 at 11 a.m. in the South Church, 41 Central St., Andover. Interment will follow in the West Parish Cemetery, Andover. Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Treasure Coast Hospice, 1201 S.E. Indian St., Stuart, FL 34997. For directions and online condolences, please visit our website at [www.cataudellafh.com](http://www.cataudellafh.com).

## Michael J. Iannazzi, 90

**ANDOVER** — Michael J. Iannazzi, 90, of Andover, passed away on Monday, Aug. 9, 2010 at the Mary Immaculate Nursing and Restorative Center in Lawrence.

Michael was born in Lawrence to the late Luigi and Dominica Iannazzi.

Michael served in the Army Air Force from 1942 to 1945. He was the founder and co-owner of Urban Electrical Co., Inc. of Methuen with his late wife, Norma Iannazzi. He was a charter member and past president of Salem Methuen Rotary Club, past commander of the Italian-American War Veterans, past member of the Knights of Columbus, was bestowed honorary Marist Brother for his service to Central Catholic High School, Lawrence, and a 63-year member of the I.B.E.W.

He leaves his children, Louis

Iannazzi and his wife, Suzanne, of Pennsylvania, William J. Iannazzi and his wife, Victoria, of Andover, Martha (Iannazzi) Conti and husband, Richard, of Attleboro; along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He leaves his brother Fred Iannazzi of Andover; sister Anna Cerullo of New York, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Loretta Rapisarda; brother, Joseph Iannazzi and sister, Elvira R. Tudisco.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** At the request of the family, services were private. Arrangements are by The Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen. Donations in Michael's name may be made to Central Catholic High School Scholarship Fund, 300 Hampshire St., Lawrence, MA 01841-3697. To send an online condolence, please visit [www.dewhirstfuneral.com](http://www.dewhirstfuneral.com).

## Leo Hennessy Jr., 77



**ANDOVER** — Leo Hennessy Jr., 77, of Andover, died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2010 at Sutton Hill Nursing Center in North Andover.

Leo was born in Providence, R.I., on Jan. 23, 1933 to the late Leo and Gertrude (Clements) Hennessy Sr.

He was a graduate of Providence College and was a U.S. veteran, having served in the U.S. Army. Leo was employed as an industrial engineer. He started his career with Western Electric and retired when the company was known as AT&T.

He was a very active parishioner of St. Augustine's Church in Andover, where he served as a lector as well as a former Parish Council member. An avid sports fan, Leo was past president of the

Merrimack Valley Bowling Association and played on the Western Electric Softball League for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Carmelina "Cammie" (Vinciguerra) Hennessy of Andover; his sister, Lois Pickett and her husband, Bob; as well as several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Also among his survivors are very dear and close friends, the Lindblad family of Plaistow, N.H.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A funeral Mass was offered on Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Augustine's Church in Andover. Burial followed in Spring Grove Cemetery. Family and friends called on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. For directions or to offer online condolences please visit [www.contefuneralhomes.com](http://www.contefuneralhomes.com).

## Olga W. Smith, 72



**JUPITER ISLAND, Fla.** — Olga W. (Willcox) Smith, 72, living in Jupiter Island, Fla., died Sunday, Aug. 8, 2010.

Born in Ossining, N.Y., she went to boarding school at Northfield Mount Hermon in Massachusetts and graduated from New York University with a dual degree in math and physics. She also earned her MBA at Boston University in Brussels, Belgium. Of historical note, Olga (at 18 months) was brought out of Poland in 1939 by her mother, Olga Eleanor Willcox, and father, William Arthur Bush Willcox, on the last U.S. ship leaving Poland, just before Germany invaded. The ship was captained by her father.

Olga's career included working for General Precision Laboratory (GPL), IBM, Xerox Data Systems and Gamma. At each corporation, she was one of the first women pioneers to break into the fields of computers and electronics. While at GPL, she held her private pilot's license. She was an avid gardener, accomplished mathematician,

gourmet cook, polyglot, and a consummate world traveler, including studying French at the Sorbonne in Paris, living for four years in Tokyo, Japan, and 11 years in Brussels, Belgium. She truly loved animals, especially her own, and instilled that love in her children.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Chris Smith of Jupiter, Fla.; her son, Erik Smith, and his wife, Lauren, of Andover; her daughter, Catherine (Cathy) Smith of Sammamish, Wash.; two brothers, Eric Willcox of Westfield, and Jon Willcox of Whitehall, N.Y.; half-sister, Michelle (Willcox) Bruhn; three grandchildren, Hugh Smith, Gavin Smith and Isobel Smith of Andover; and her faithful and beloved dog, Sweetie.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** She will be buried in Andover, near the home of her son Erik. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Seattle Humane Society at 13212 SE Eastgate Way, Bellevue, WA 98005; or by calling 425-373-5382. She will be greatly missed and her children say "We love you Mom." Funeral arrangements were handled by the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. To leave online condolences, please visit [www.contefuneralhomes.com](http://www.contefuneralhomes.com).

# Opinion

## Successful changes cooked up in school lunchrooms

We often criticize officials for refusing to stand up for the taxpayer and change the status quo. So today we raise a glass – filled with a healthy smoothie, of course – to the Andover school system’s food services department. You know, the group known to many of us as the “lunch ladies.” Led by director Gail Koutroubas, they have connected with their “clients,” the children, and revamped school lunches. They’ve substantially improved the quality of their food and its popularity without drawing a dime from local taxes.

While the food services department does receive some money from the state and federal government (about 24 cents from the federal government and 5 cents from the state for each \$2.50 meal), it is largely a self-supporting enterprise. Money raised by selling lunch pays for the food itself and for the salary and benefits of school-lunch employees, said Koutroubas. That puts some pressure on cafeteria workers to perform, and they seem to have responded. Lunch is fresher, more healthy and more interesting than perhaps it ever has been. Mystery meat has been replaced by California rolls.

Since Koutroubas took over four years ago, there has been a steady movement toward providing more healthful meals made from scratch. More fresh ingredients are used. Fried foods and junk foods have been on the outs. Elementary students will be able to get hummus and pita bread for a snack this year, and high school students can chow down on lunch choices such as Greek salads and cooked and vegetable sushi rolls. A snack bar that used to serve salty and sweet goods like Doritos and soda will offer popcorn and fruit smoothies. With more than one in four Massachusetts youth said to be obese, change was needed. A new state law will further bring Andover down this road, essentially banning the sale of candy, cupcakes and similar items by groups looking to raise money during the school day and during the 30 minutes immediately before and after school. Notably, the change to more healthy food has not turned away students, but more than doubled their interest.

How? The lunch ladies – er, school nutrition professionals – sound as if they’ve taken a page from Business 101. They connect with their clients. Nutrition professional Janet Volker was nominated for the Mary French Award last year, an award that normally goes to teachers who work well with special needs students. She was nominated because she connects with all students, and has done unusual work with special needs students in her cafeteria. Many workers across the system volunteered to take a free Friday night and all-day Saturday training program earlier this year. As a whole, the group is obviously creating food that the children enjoy. The numbers don’t lie. In the last four years sales have gone from \$1 million to \$2.2 million.

Perhaps the workers’ willingness to try new things on the plate has led to other creative ideas. A pilot program at High Plain Elementary School this year will try sending students to recess before lunch for the first time. Many people probably remember tossing their lunches in the barrel, untouched, for the chance at a few more minutes on the playground. That still happens, confirms Koutroubas who says, “It’s amazing what you’ll see in the trash.” Andover leaders hope having recess first will allow children to settle down and spend more time eating their food. This should lead to more attentive and energetic kids in the afternoon. Certainly, it’s worth a try.

In this era of inflated public-sector pensions, platinum parachutes, free rides and out-of-this-world benefits, it can seem that many public employees are out of touch and unwilling to embrace any change. Not so in this department. It’s clear the test kitchen in each Andover school is turning out successful products at a reasonable cost.

## WEB QUESTION

### Is there a limit to our helpfulness?

**Should Andover send its fire power to Lawrence?**

Since the layoff of 23 Lawrence firefighters July 7, Andover has sent fire trucks and personnel into the neighboring city numerous times to help fight fires through mutual aid. In little over a month, mutual aid runs to Lawrence have cost \$5,101, according to the Andover Fire Department. How do you feel?

- The next time Lawrence calls for help, Andover should say no.
- It’s our duty to help out

neighboring communities.

- We must send for now, but insist on a change.
- I would want Lawrence to respond to help, if my home or school were on fire.
- It’s not Andover’s fault Lawrence laid off so many firefighters.
- I’m not sure.
- None of the above.

**To cast your vote,** go to andovertownsmen.com. For different or lengthier answers, email Editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsmen.com

## GLEEFUL GYRATION



MARY SCHWALM/Staff Photo

Andover High School choir director Mark Mercer encourages members of the show choir “From Start to Finish” during rehearsal at the high school in Andover.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Finegold helped him establish business

**Editor, Townsman:**

In the upcoming state senate election, I am looking for a candidate who has the most experience and common sense approach to represent our town and district. I am certain Barry Finegold is that candidate.

Finegold’s receptive nature and economic-minded outlook, along with Steven Druth from Druth Commercial Real Estate, helped me establish my business in Lawrence on Canal Street. He has been doing the same thing for businesses across the district, especially high-tech companies working to improve our environment. These companies are a great source of jobs in our area, and he has been instrumental in keeping them in the Merrimack Valley.

His common sense approach and responsiveness is something I’ve benefited from personally, and the rest of the district will certainly benefit as well if Finegold is elected to the State Senate.

I ask you to consider him when voting in the Sept. 14 primary.

**SCOTT GINSBERG**  
Stirling Street

### Great confidence in former prosecutor Tabit

**Editor, Townsman:**

As a politically active and 60-year resident of Andover, I strongly endorse the candidacy of Sal Tabit, running for state representative of the 17th Essex District. I have known Tabit as both a colleague and friend for over 15 years, first as an assistant district attorney assigned to the Lawrence Office, where as member of the Lawrence Police Department, I and fellow officers had the good fortune to have him prosecute our cases. I always found Tabit to be a very prepared, professional and tenacious prosecutor who knew the facts of the case cold. Anytime that Tabit was prosecuting my case, I felt great confidence in the outcome.

I have that same feeling in how he will perform in the Statehouse. Supporting and endorsing a candidate for office is a serious personal decision and not one I take lightly. However, when considering our current climate of crisis, where we are all facing the serious challenges of unending increased taxes, business failures and subsequent high unemployment, foreclosures, reductions of public safety personnel and school layoffs, one has to wonder when is enough, enough? I firmly believe it is time to bring some common sense and sensibility back to the Statehouse. These are times that cry out for reducing tax burdens, not increasing them by 25 percent as some of our misguided local legislators supported last year. The ever-tightening stranglehold government has placed on small businesses and regular citizens needs be loosened. Those

### LETTERS POLICY

The Townsman accepts letters to the editor from the community. Letters should be typed, no longer than 350 words and must include writer’s name, address and phone number (numbers will not be published). We reserve the right to edit letters for length, clarity and style. Deadline is Monday at 9 a.m. for the next edition.

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in power must understand small businesses are the driving force of our economy. You don’t tax your way out of a recession. Tabit will oppose and vote against any new tax initiatives.

Tabit is a small businessman himself, who faces the same issues that all do: managing a business, meeting a payroll, paying taxes and trying to survive economically. Sal, his wife Jean, a physician at the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, and their two young daughters have lived in Andover for many years and are fully invested and very active in community programs and issues. I sincerely believe Tabit is the best choice to become our next state representative.

**CALVIN A. DEYERMOND**  
Andover

### Women’s Equality Day should remind us to vote

**Editor, Townsman:**

Aug. 26 marks the 90th anniversary of women winning the vote. After a Congressional resolution established the day as Women’s Equality Day in 1971, celebrations have been held across the country.

The 72-year, non-stop, non-violent campaign involved thousands of men and women who understood that there was no legal, no Constitutional, no logical reason why women could not vote.

The first wave of suffragists traveled the country giving speeches, meeting with legislators, raising money, getting petitions signed, and visiting the White House. Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, and Colorado were the first states to allow women to vote in national elections, in the 1890s. It was 1910 when Massachusetts guaranteed this right.

After the deaths of Lucy Stone, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and other early suffragists, the National Women’s Party, established in 1916 by Alice Paul and Lucy Burns, continued an all-out fight for a federal amendment. As seen in the DVD, “Iron-Jawed Angels,” this involved picketing the White House, being jailed, and being force-fed.

Realizing the efforts that have been made on our behalf, how can any woman forget to vote? This is our privilege and

our responsibility. Let’s help to improve our society, as the suffragists hoped we would. Next time there is an election, listen to the candidates, get the facts and vote.

**SALLY MATSON**  
23 William St.  
Susan B. Anthony performer

### Oberto would not be beholden to special interests

**Editor, Townsman:**

Jodi Oberto is an Independent candidate running for the State Senate in the Second Middlesex and Essex district which includes Dracut, Tewksbury, Lawrence and Andover. The time has come for the voters to elect a person with fresh, new and quite frankly, good ideas – that’s Oberto.

Oberto believes what many of us believe, that the state senator representing our district should listen only to the voters of the district. That is a big reason why she is running as an Independent. Oberto believes that those elected to serve the people should bring the citizens ideas before the government for debate. I believe this is how government used to work and how it should again if we want to make real progress and solve our difficult problems.

As have many of us, Oberto has watched the recent political maneuvering and shenanigans on Beacon Hill. Through her candidacy, she has decided to step up and be part of the solution to the gridlock, waste, and selfish mismanagement that many of us have sadly come to believe is all we can expect from our state government. Who would have thought we would be using the term gridlock in reference to a state government that has all three legislative and executive bodies controlled by the same party?

Oberto has said no to all political action committee money and will accept no PAC endorsements. She wants to serve as your state senator without obligation to any outside interests. This is refreshing to me. This reminds me of a simpler time in America, where people served without being part of a huge machine. Oberto is putting her candidacy out there for your consideration because she believes honest, hard-working people can make a difference on Beacon Hill. Oberto will work with her fellow Senators to get the job done if you elect her, but in the end, she will only be responsible to us, the citizens of the district. She will not be beholden to special interests, nor to entrenched Beacon Hill leadership who are too selfish and ego-driven to make decisions for the public good.

**DAVID N. ANDREWS**

Tewksbury

### Tomasek hard-working and selfless, not flashy

**Editor, Townsman:**

I am writing to share why I believe Jamison Tomasek is our

best choice for State Senator. I have been fortunate enough to know him for the past seven years. He is a wonderful husband, father and friend. He is married to one of my oldest and dearest friends and as her husband I have seen him step up as an equal partner and a constant source of support. Whether it was in times of crisis, like the sudden loss of her mother to cancer, or in times of great joy, like when she recently decided to pursue graduate school. He is selfless and dedicated and extremely devoted to the people he cares about. I know he will bring this same kind of dedication and compassion to the role of state senator.

He entered this race at the beginning before it was the popular thing to do. He entered for one simple reason, he saw problems in the way things are currently being done and he wanted to be part of the solution to help fix them. He brings to the table 18 years of experience in accounting and internal audit. He is the right choice because he has devoted his career to helping companies make sound financial decisions. This is exactly the kind of person we need helping to fix the current financial problems that plague our towns and our state. As a registered Independent voter, I have received all of the mailings and phone calls from the many candidates now vying for this seat. These mailings are big, flashy and numerous. I will tell you right now, Tomasek will not be the flashiest candidate in this election that just isn’t his style. However, he will be the hardest working. In these trying fiscal times, when I think of the kind of person we need to help improve our state and local economy I think of someone who is honest, straightforward and most of all intelligent. Jamison Tomasek is that candidate.

**KATHLEEN WILLIAMSON**  
Countryside Way

### Finegold will look out for his hometown

**Editor, Townsman:**

In the upcoming election for state senate, I think it’s important that the town of Andover elects someone that understands the way our town works and what we want. Being an elected official is an important job, and it is a plus to have someone that grew up here. That is why I am supporting Barry Finegold.

He has done a great job as our state representative and has especially looked out for seniors. This year, he pushed for elder affairs funding for Andover. The money, over \$35,000, supports the Adult Social Day Care and fitness programs, as well as provides for newsletter distribution, utilities and other services.

His sportsmanship and genuine character prove to me that he will be a great state senator, one that will look out for our town and our district.

**BERNICE HAGGERTY**  
Main Street

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# WHEEL ACHIEVEMENT

## Man goes for one-wheel Guinness world record

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

Popping wheelies is all about body balance says wheelie guru Garth Lockhart of Andover. He should know. He's been popping very long wheelies – riding on one's back tire with the front tire in the air – on Route 28 for months as he trains to set a new Guinness World Record.

He's training for a record 14-mile wheelie that would start around the bell tower at Phillips Academy on Route 28 at Salem Street in Andover and ends at Buchika's bike and ski shop on Route 28 in Salem, N.H. Lockhart said the current world record for a wheelie is 8.13 miles. That record was set in a stadium, he said.

But Lockhart said he wanted more of a challenge. A native of the small island, Dominica, he has lived in town about a year. The best-known local road to him is busy Route 28.

"I know it's busy, but I love it," said Lockhart, who is 30, but admits he's still a kid in a lot of ways.

Main Street drivers wave and beep while people pushing strollers step back to let him through as he trains. He's become well known, flashing a dazzling white smile and often tucking his beeswaxed dreadlocks into a hip cadet cap. Reggae music plays on his i-Pod as he steadily wheels through town. His colorful belt says "freedom" and blows freely in the wind as he pedals.

He said he knows Route 28 quite well as he's been training for months along the 14-mile stretch through four communities two or three times a day.

He stays on Route 28 through Lawrence, Methuen and Salem, N.H. where he finally puts both bike wheels on the ground at Buchika's, his sponsor for the Guinness competition.

"On that really hot day, I did it four times. That weather reminded me of home," he said with his huge smile.

He's not worried or even scared of local drivers saying he swerves quite nicely to avoid collisions. As for traffic lights, especially in the shopping mecca of Salem,

N.H., he has every single traffic light timed and knows when to slow down or speed up for a green light.

"Before you see me, I see you first. I am so focused, in the zone. And I know God will take care of me," said the spiritual Lockhart, who prays every day and frequently thanks God for his blessings while training.

So far, Lockhart has been hit by a car twice, but not seriously injured. In fact, he got back on his bike.

He's in tune with how wind effects the balance of his lean, 150-pound body and he never exceeds 40 mph while popping wheelies. Riding too fast on one wheel could make him fall.

"It's living life on the edge and I love that," said Lockhart, who said he drove his mom crazy because he has always loved speed, even as a kid. He dreams of racing as part of NASCAR.

"I love cars...maybe someday I will have a car-detailing business," said Lockhart, who also said he is currently "retired" and doing something he loves.

"That's what you do in America...I just don't know why you wait so long," he said with a hearty laugh referring to the typical retirement age.

Growing up in Dominica, he was surrounded by bikes, not cars. He never wore a bike helmet. No one did. He is reluctant to wear a helmet now because he never has.

"But, it's different here and I tell all the kids to wear one," he said.

He knows from his own experiences that bike helmets are important. A terrible bike accident at 17 landed him in a hospital for a week. His jaw was wired shut and his forehead gash required three stitches. He'll never know if a helmet would have made a difference.

His mom master-minded his move to Antigua, another island, to live with her sister. He got a tourism-related job on a catamaran and enjoyed helping tourists find the best scuba-diving spots.

While working on the tourist boat, he met an American girl, he said, and he moved to the states.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

Andover's wheelieman Garth Lockhart will attempt to break the world record for the longest continuous mountain-bike wheelie. Lockhart is a familiar face to those who frequent Main Street. He plans to ride down Route 28 (Main Street) from Andover to Salem, N.H.

The couple married and settled in Plaistow, N.H.

The first thing he did was buy his 2004 21-speed Gary Fischer bike, which he is still riding and using for the wheelie-popping effort. He uses every gear when he trains.

His marriage ended in divorce and Lockhart moved in with a friend on Hidden Road last year.

Of course, he brought his bike and rode it frequently around his new neighborhood. He's a serious cyclist averaging 375 miles a week on his well-worn bike. He does have a car, currently in a Lawrence body shop, he said.

"My first day in Andover, I was driving my car and the police stopped me. They said my car was too loud," he said. "So I knew I had to fix it."

He's been riding his bike ever

since and his wheelie-making skills caught the eyes of some Phillips Academy students who encouraged him to keep the wheelie going.

"Next thing I knew, I was going seven miles. I started thinking, 'I can do this,'" he said. "I love those kids...They would say, 'Keep going, keep going.'"

Guinness World Record representatives are scheduled to visit on Sunday, Sept. 12 and hopefully award the grand prize, he said.

"I want to have a big party at the end, at Buchika's," he said. "I want to say thanks to the fans. People around here are so nice."

It's sure to be a big party as he has got over 1,300 fans on Facebook alone. Someone started a site called, erroneously, "The Jamaican guy who does wheelies around Andover."

"Very cool, man, very cool," Lockhart said with a smile.



Robert Conlay of Andover and his son, Ari, 3, stop to watch Garth Lockhart do a wheelie while he rides down Main Street.

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## Take the 3 Rs back to school with you

Going back to school? There are tools you need to take with you. Some of the most important tools are the 3 Rs: READING skills, RESPECT for yourself and others, and RESPONSIBILITY for all you do.

### Reading

Reading is important whether you are in kindergarten or your last year in high school. Reading makes all the other subjects easier.

If reading is hard for you, don't be afraid to let your teacher know you need extra help. After all, if you can't read the road signs, how will you be able to drive that great looking car or order food from a menu?

Two ways to improve your skills are reading your newspaper and reading books from the library. Reading the newspaper will help you keep up to date on events in your community and school. Books from the library can take you places, entertain you, and amuse you, all while improving your skills.

### Respect

When you respect yourself it is easy to respect others. Being courteous and considerate shows that you respect them.

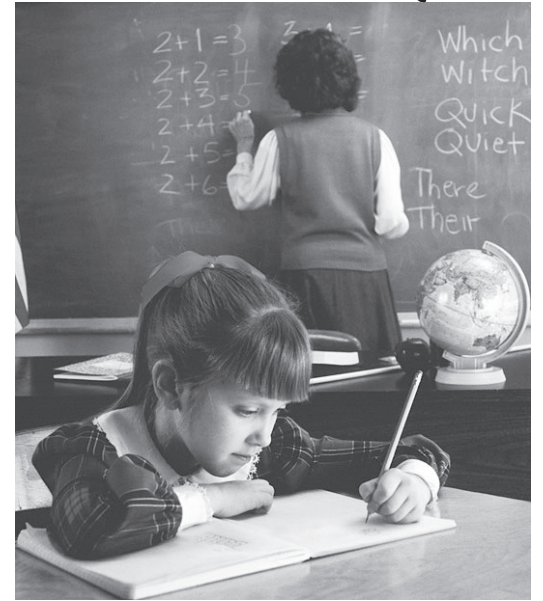
Respectful people value each individual's differences. You might not agree with their ideas. That is OK as long as you do not demean or mistreat them. In other words, "NO PUT DOWNS!" When you show respect for others they soon respect you.

**Activity:** Look through the newspaper and find examples of people showing respect to other people, animals or the environment. Try to be more respectful to schoolmates, teachers, administrators, and your family.

### Responsibility

Taking responsibility for all you do is a big task. Taking responsibility means you must be accountable for your actions. That can be fantastic when things are going well and friends are patting you on the back. It can be hard when you have to accept the blame when things go wrong.

It takes a strong person to stand up and say, "I made a mistake" without blaming others.



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Being that strong person displays that you are dependable and you can be trusted.

People who are responsible help other people along the way.

**Activity:** Scan your newspaper for examples of people taking responsibility. Are these people you could admire and look up to?

Find people who are not taking responsibility for their actions.

List five responsibilities you have. Who would be affected if you do not carry them out?

### Hall of Fame or Hall of Shame?

Would you like to see your portrait in the Hall of Fame, or the Hall of Shame? Practice the 3 Rs and you'll find yourself in the Hall of Fame.

Keep track each day in a journal how you did with the 3 Rs. At the end of each week, check to see how you are doing.

Would your behavior put you in the Hall of Fame or did you do something that made you qualify for the Hall of Shame?



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# Arts & Entertainment

## First 'High Tea and History' to recall the ballroom

The Andover Senior Center and the Andover Historical Society will host a monthly "High Tea and History" afternoon tea on Sept. 15 at 2 p.m. Based on the Society's "Andover Stories" project, this event is meant to "allow people to celebrate and share memories of Andover the way they once knew

it as the Historical Society heads to its 100th anniversary in 2011." The first topic of our "High Tea and History" will center around one of Andover's most prominent institutions through the late 1950s, "The Crystal Ballroom." As host of the first tea of the series, local resident Bernice Haggerty will focus on what it

was like to dance many a night away at the original Crystal Ballroom. This timely reminiscence anticipates the inauguration of a monthly ballroom dancing event: "Crystal Ballroom at the Townhouse" which will begin on Sept. 12 in the Andover Town House, also known as Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.

"High Tea and History" will use the Historical Society's weekly stories, printed in the Andover Townsman, as springboards for discussions and reminiscences about what it felt like to live in this town's bygone ages. Everyone is invited to contribute with their own "Andover Stories," or

simply enjoy listening to others. Donations of tea cups and saucers are appreciated, as well as fancy tea fixings. ASC and AHS will provide the tea and cookies. Preregistration is suggested to hold a spot to this free event. For information contact Karen Payne-Taylor, 978-623-8321.

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## SIGN OF TIMES: CLOSED FOR SEASON



A sign announces the end of the season at Poms Pond as Andover lifeguard Julia Shapiro, 18, notes the license plate of a car entering the facility.



A young boater waits on the shore as Andover's Stan Margolin and his daughter Noa, 7, and son Nathaniel, 5, unseen, paddle in for a landing after one last canoe trip.

MARY SCHWALM/Staff photos

## Spool acquires magic touch

### Andover magician in Cambridge show

By Sara Brown  
Contributor

Almost every child goes through a phase where he or she is entranced by magic and magic tricks. Andover's Reed Spool has never lost that love.

In fact, Spool's love for magic has brought him on a journey to becoming a magician that will see him performing as a part of Kalliope's Karavan in Cambridge on Aug. 27. The event is described as "an evening of side show delights and vaudeville theatre."

Spool's introduction to magic happened at a Halloween party when he was 14.

"A magician showed me a coin trick and how to do it," said Spool. "I thought it was the coolest thing in the world."

Ever since that night, Spool has been fascinated by the subject, reading books about magic, learning tricks and attending magic camp.

"Magic camp changed the way I looked at magic," said Spool. "It really helped me become a magician."

The first time Spool ever performed magic was at camp during a competition, and, he admits, "I did horribly." Through practice he has mastered a number of tricks and has enough confidence in his work to display it on Youtube.

The Andover resident's family and friends have always been supportive of Spool's magic and as he's developed as a magician, they have become impressed. "When I show them a trick for the first time they are always like 'how the hell did you keep that from me,'" he said.

Spool's magic is heavily focused on the movement of his hands, using props like coins, thimbles and an array of other objects. New tricks involving coins take Spool little time to master.

"Coins are a tool I use a lot," said Spool. "My hands know how they feel. My hands know how it works."

Spool's has taken an interest in a new prop - sponge balls. "I've seen how other magicians use them and its pretty lame so I am trying to make them less lame," jokes Spool.

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ABOVE: Lifeguard Shawn Noonan removes the mast from a boat in preparation for storage.



Lifeguards Shawn Noonan, front, and, from left, Caroline O'Malley, Jeremy Holgan and Colin Trepicchio carry a boat up the beach for storage.



AT RIGHT: Liam Ginty, 6, of Andover, pirouettes into the water from the dock on the last day of swimming and activities at Poms Pond.



### MAGIC MEETING

**What:** Kalliope's Karavan, with Andover magician Reed Spool  
**When:** Friday, Aug. 27, 2010, 8 to 10 p.m. (doors at 7:30)  
**Where:** YMCA Theatre, 820 Mass. Ave., Central Square, Cambridge  
**Cost:** \$12 in advance/\$15 at door. Ages 18 and over only.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, AUG. 20

**ADAPTIVE HORSEBACK RIDING**, for individuals with disabilities, hosted by The Department of Conservation and Recreation, Bradley Palmer State Park, Topsfield, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Assistive equipment and teamwork will help people of all abilities ride the gentle horses while enjoying trails at a leisurely pace; call ahead for waivers requiring a doctor's signature; 617-626-1294.

**FREE SINGERS WORKSHOP**, hosted by The Treble Chorus of New England, 7:30 p.m., St. Michael's Church, North Andover. There will be performances by the Training Choir, the Concert Choir and the Schola Choir in addition to selections from our spring 2011 opera, "The Magic Flute"; Anna Choi, 978-837-5461, tcnmanager@treblechorus.com. If you would like to schedule an audition with TCNE in September, contact Anna Choi.

**CRYSTAL SHOW & CELTIC HARP**, music with Jerry Marchand, 3-9 p.m., continues during business hours on Aug. 21, 22, free admission, Circles of Wisdom, 90 Main St., Andover; 978-474-8010.

### SATURDAY, AUG. 21

**ANDOVER FARMERS MARKET**, Andover Historical Society lawn, 97 Main St., Andover, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; 978-475-2236, andoverhistorical.org.

**FREE CANOE PROGRAM**, 11 a.m., Harold Parker State Forest, meet at Forest Headquarters parking lot, 305 Middleton Road, North Andover, sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and the park's interpreter, Bob Anderson. Basics of canoe handling and water safety discussed with a guided paddle around one of Harold Parker's ponds. Canoes provided, bring sunscreen,

insect repellent, water, a camera and your own life vest if you have one, otherwise one will be provided. Limited to 16 adults over 18. Preregistration required; 978-475-7972.

**LIVE JAZZ MUSIC**, 7 p.m., Grace Kelly Jazz, Maudslay Arts Center, 95 Curzon Mill Road, Newburyport, rain or shine, \$10, \$8 seniors, 12 and under free; maudslayartscenter.org, 978-499-0050.

**CLAMBAKE**, hosted by Knights of Columbus, Lawrence Council, 1 Market St., Lawrence, \$20-35, 1-2 p.m., doors open at 10:30 a.m.; 978-687-9834, 978-686-5712 for tickets, must be purchased by Aug. 16.

**LIVE MUSIC**, with Tom Monte: Man of many voices, 3:15 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; RSVP 978-475-4225.

**NEWBURYPORT ARTWALK**, 3-7 p.m., free event and open to the public, maps will be available to guide visitors from one gallery to another.

### SUNDAY, AUG. 22

**GLOUCESTER ROAD RACE**, 7-Mile Road Race in scenic Cape Ann, field of 3,000-5,000 runners expected; rungloucester.com.

**LIVE MUSIC**, American Century Music Classical Quintet, 2 p.m., Maudslay Arts Center, 95 Curzon Mill Road, Newburyport, rain or shine, \$10, \$8 seniors, 12 and under free; maudslayartscenter.org, 978-499-0050.

**ARMENIAN FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL**, noon-5 p.m., \$1 per person, American Legion Farm, 1314 Main St., Haverhill; 978-372-9227.

### MONDAY, AUG. 23

**WATER WHIMSY**, a small show of large and small water features at Garden in the Woods, Framingham, featuring seven fountains, guided walking tours weekdays at 10 a.m. and weekends at 2 p.m. Admission \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors,

students, \$4 for youths, through Sept. 7.

### TUESDAY, AUG. 24

**LIVE SING-ALONG**, with Mary Ellen Driscoll (guitarist/songwriter), 2:30 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; RSVP 978-475-4225.

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 25

**LIVE THEATER**, Rebel Shakespeare, teen actors, "Much Ado About Nothing," North Andover Stevens Memorial Library, 1 p.m. There will be an 11 a.m. "Be a Rebel for a Day" workshop for kids, followed by lunch with the cast. Preregistration for the workshop required. Call the Stevens Memorial Library, 978-688-9505, ext. 42010. There is also a 7 p.m. performance at Winnekenni Castle, Haverhill.

**DOLL TEA**, 2-4 p.m., Parson Capen House, 1 Howlett St., Topsfield, bring your favorite doll or

toy, for girls and boys, hosted by the Topsfield Historical Society, donations accepted.

**SUMMER CONCERT AND BARBECUE**, Ashland Farm at North Andover senior living community, 5 p.m., public welcome, 700 Chickering Road, North Andover.

**FREE LIVE MUSIC IN THE PARK**, Chestnut and Bartlett streets, "60s Invasion" (Beatles), rescheduled from July 14, 6 p.m., bring picnics, chairs, blanket. For inclement weather or rescheduled performances call 978-623-8279 after 4 p.m.

**MERRIMACK VALLEY TEA PARTY**, hosts "Candidates Night," 6:30 p.m., VFW Hall, 32 Park St., North Andover. Senate and House candidates for Haverhill, Georgetown, Methuen, North Andover, Lawrence, Andover, Dracut, and Tewksbury will be presented. A question and answer period will follow each candidates presentation; Mike Mosca, 978-681-1890.

# Cantemus Chamber calls for new members

Love to sing? Think you might like to sing with the Cantemus Chamber Chorus? The regional music group invites people to come to its annual Open Summer Sing on Aug. 24, when

members will sing works from its new season's repertoire at 7:30 p.m., at the First Church of Wenham on Route 1A at Arbor Street.

Admission is free, and scores will be provided. "If you like us, auditions for new members will be held by appointment the following two Tuesday evenings," according to a release from member

Susan Nash. Details about the sing and auditions can be found online at cantemus.org, or by calling 1-888-CHORUS-1.

## SPOOL: Has performed throughout the region

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Lately, Spool has been reading many different books on alternative props and coming up with his own ideas for tricks.

"Whenever I want to try something different, I just try it," said Spool.

Through the years, he has continuously performed his magic on stages through New England even though performing on stage can be somewhat tense for him.

"The moments before going on stage can be really nerve-wracking," said Spool. "Another magician told me the minute you stop being nervous is when you stop caring. You just have to accept the nerves."

Once on stage though, the nervousness quickly fades for Spool.

"It goes by in a flash," said Spool. "It's a great feeling being up there."

Spool's advice to young magicians is to read about the craft. "Go to a magic store and buy a book for a beginner," he said. "There is a lot of temptation to go online or go onto Youtube. However, that doesn't teach you the fundamentals. It just teaches you how to do that one trick. Once you learn the fundamentals, you can learn different tricks."

In the fall, Spool will enter Umass Lowell and major in computer science. He admits that while earning a degree, magic might have to take a back seat for a while, but hopes to keep growing as a magician.

"I just want to keep getting better at this," he said.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

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### THURSDAY, AUG. 26

**LOCAL AUTHORS BOOK SALE**, and signing, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Johnson Auditorium, 4-8:30 p.m. Andover residents Monique and Alexa Peters will be at this book signing with copies of the children's book "Cooper & Me."

### FRIDAY, AUG. 27

**ADAPTIVE HORSEBACK RIDING**, for individuals with disabilities, hosted by The Department of Conservation and Recreation, Bradley Palmer State Park, Topsfield, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Assistive equipment and teamwork will help people of all abilities ride the gentle horses while enjoying trails at a leisurely pace; call ahead for waivers requiring a doctor's signature: 617-626-1294.

### SATURDAY, AUG. 28

**FREE CANOE PROGRAM**, 11 a.m., Harold Parker State Forest, meet at Forest Headquarters parking lot, 305 Middleton Road, North Andover, sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, with the park's interpreter, Bob Anderson. Basics of canoe handling and water safety discussed with a guided paddle around one of Harold Parker's ponds. Canoes provided, bring sunscreen, insect repellent, water, a camera and your own life vest if you have one, otherwise one will be provided. Limited to 16 adults over 18. Preregistration required: 978-475-7972.

**ANDOVER FARMERS MARKET**, Andover Historical Society lawn, 97 Main St., Andover, 12:30-3:30 p.m.: 978-475-2236, andoverhistorical.org.

**LIVE MUSIC**, 7 p.m., Maudsley Arts Center, 95 Curzon Mill Road, Newburyport, rain or shine, Shirim Klezmer Orchestra \$10, \$8 seniors, 12 and under free; maudslaysartscenter.org, 978-499-0050.

**LAID OFF LAWRENCE CITY WORKERS BENEFIT**, 6 p.m., Salvatore's in Lawrence, live band, an all-you-can-eat pizza buffet and more. \$20 per ticket; call Colleen McManus, 978-291-0267, for tickets.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 4

**ANNUAL MAHRAJAN**, 5-11 p.m., free admission, homemade food and pastries, Lebanese and American cuisine, live music, St. Anthony Maronite Church, 145 Amesbury St., Lawrence; 978-685-7233, stanthonylawrence.org.

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 5

**ANNUAL MAHRAJAN**, noon-11 p.m., see Sept. 4 listing.

### MONDAY, SEPT. 6

**BOAT BUILDING DEMONSTRATION**, Essex Shipbuilding Museum's Shipyard, 66 Main St., Essex, noon-4 p.m., free admission. Try steam bending a plank, making a trunnel and putting together and mounting a frame. Music by John Hicks and Friends. Round-trip transportation will be available from the Gloucester Maritime Heritage Center to Essex; essexshipbuildingmuseum.org, 978-768-7541.

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 9

**LIVE THEATER**, "Perfect Harmony" opens, a comedy about the greatest a cappella group in

high school singing history, through Oct. 3, \$44-\$48, all student tickets \$20, Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200 (Tuesday through Saturday, 1-6 p.m.), stonehamtheatre.org.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 11

**DEADLIEST CATCH APPEARANCE**, Captain Sig and the Hillstrand Brothers from the Discovery Channel's hit show "Deadliest Catch," 8 p.m., \$29.50-\$36.50, Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell; 978-454-2299.

**BENEFIT 5K ROAD RACE**, and 2 mile fun/run, to help find the cure for progeria, a "rapid aging" disease that afflicts children, 9-11 a.m., Peabody City Hall, 24 Lowell St., Peabody, \$20 runner, \$15 walker, \$45 family special (up to four people); Susan Rosenblatt, race@progeriaresearch.org.

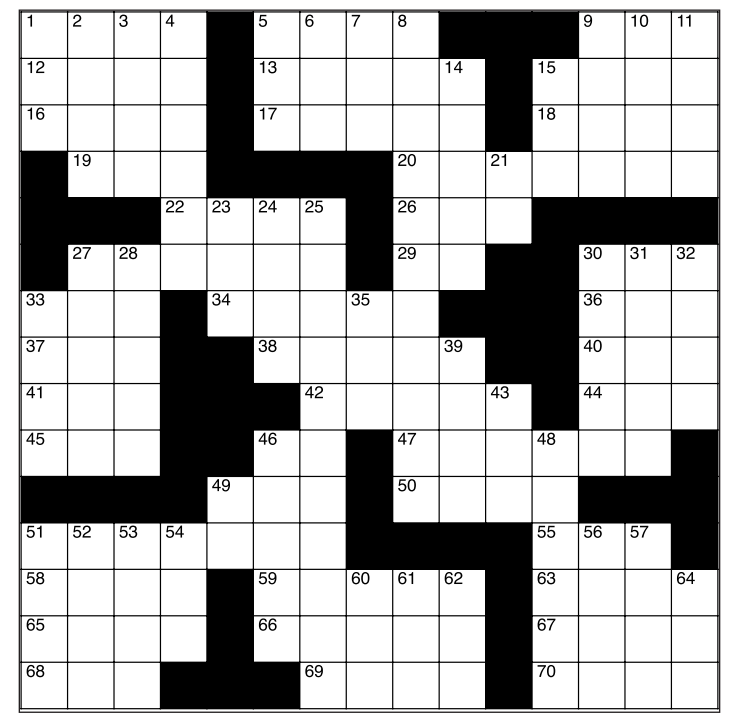
### SUNDAY, SEPT. 12

**WALK FOR ANIMALS**, Spencer Peirce Little Farm, Newbury; walkforanimals.com.

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 19

**WELLNESS FESTIVAL**, "Ridgefest," noon-4 p.m., Rolling Ridge Retreat & Conference Center, 660 Great Pond Road, North Andover, celebrating the Ridge Wellness Center opening at noon, followed by a festival including 15-minute "taste" of massage treatments for \$10, yoga, tai chi, expressive arts, storytelling, labyrinth walks, hula-hooping, Afro-Caribbean drumming, wellness vendors, music, etc., free admission; rollingridge.org, 978-682-8815.

## Crossword puzzle



### CLUES ACROSS

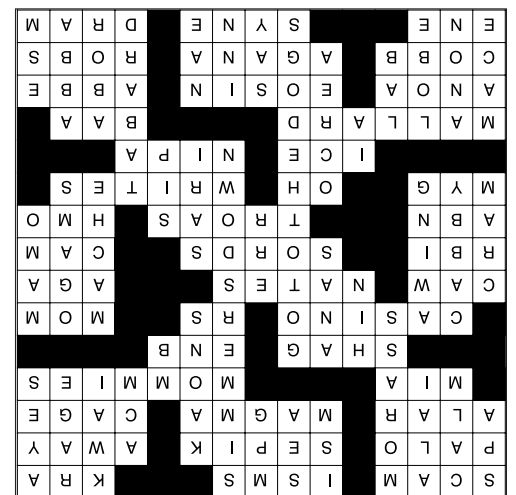
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- Systems, doctrines, theories
- Malaysian Isthmus
- Alto, CA. city
- Papua New Guinea river
- Not home
- Daminozide
- Molten rock in the Earth's crust
- Bird enclosure
- Actress Farrow
- Mothers
- Long napped carpet
- English National Ballet (abbr.)
- Gambling place
- "Twilight Zone" host's initials
- Ma
- A crow's sound
- Belonging to Burkus
- Honorable title (Turkish)
- Baseball hitter's stat
- Flocks of mallards
- Rotating mechanism
- Airborne, abbr.
- Region around Troy
- Type of group insurance
- Myriagram
- Grey's Anatomy actress Sandra
- Forms cursive letters
- Water in the solid state
- Hut aka bahay kubo
- Green headed duck
- The cry made by sheep
- Old World buffalo
- Red dye
- A French abbot

- Outfielder Ty
- Capital of Guam
- Steals
- Point midway between NE and E
- Auld lang \_\_\_\_, good old days
- Apothecaries' unit
- Thai city Hua \_\_
- Freshwater duck genus
- End in ruin
- Taximan
- Causing astonishment
- Corn salad (French)
- Old Irish alphabets
- Honeycreeper
- Fill to bursting
- Stray
- Indian frock
- Small swallow
- Plant sheath
- Knights' outer tunic
- Farm state
- Nutmeg seed covering spice
- At another time
- Pierced ear part
- A scientist's workplace
- Miri
- Swedish rock group
- Express a supposition
- Hostelry
- No (Scottish)
- Earth System Model (abbr.)

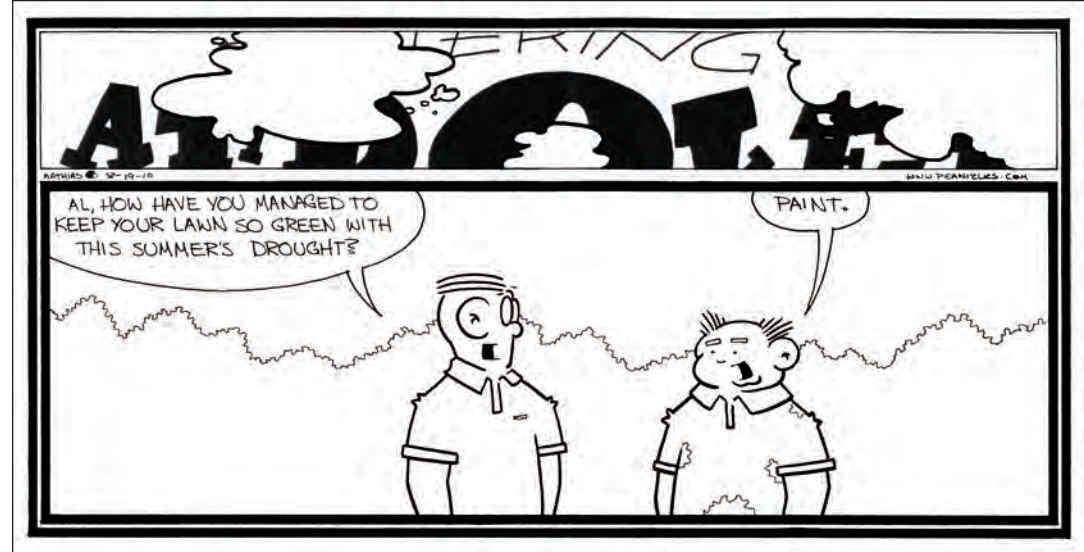
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- A health resort
- Not hectic
- Jai \_\_\_\_, sport
- Mire
- Singular of 5 across
- A large body of water
- Gas usage measurement
- Cools off
- Yuan
- Feel intense anger
- Affirmative votes
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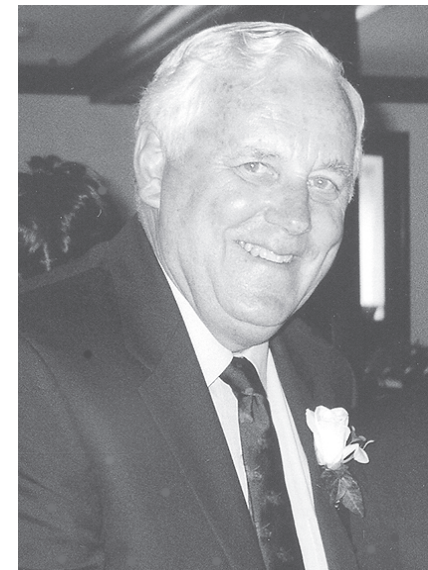
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# Last day to register for primary is next Wednesday, Aug. 25

The Massachusetts State Primary will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 14, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

As customary, there is a change in precinct polling places for fall elections. Precincts 1, 7 and 8 will vote at the Andover Senior Center on Whittier Court, near the Park. Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9 will vote at the Collins Field House at Andover High School, 80 Shawshen Road.

The last day to register to vote or change party affiliation for the Primary is next Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010. The Town Clerk's Office will be open to register new voters from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mail-in voter registration forms are available at all four town post offices, Memorial Hall Library and the Town House. Andover residents who will be 18 years of age on or before Sept. 14 may register to vote for this primary.

Mail-in registration forms must be postmarked by Aug. 25, 2010 for the registration to be valid for the primary.

This election will be a three party primary: Democratic Party, Republican Party and Libertarian Party. Registered voters who are registered but not enrolled in a party or a political designation at the time of the election (unrolled voters) may vote by choosing a ballot of one of the three parties. Voters registered in a non-party political designation will not be able to choose a party ballot for this primary.

Any residents who have changed their residences or who did not reply to the 2010 Annual Town Census are encouraged to call the Town Clerk's Office and verify their voting status at 978-623-8255. If a voter has changed his or her address in town, they must notify the Town Clerk's Office in writing in order to vote at the new address.

School is in session during the polling hours and voters should plan on some traffic delays during the start and end of the school day.

Voters may verify precinct information by going to the town's website at andoverma.gov and looking for the precinct search under Government/Town Meeting and Election Calendar.

The elected offices on the primary ballots are as follows:

- Governor
- Lt. Governor
- Attorney General
- Secretary of State
- Treasurer
- Auditor
- Representative in Congress 5th District
  - Councillor-5th District
  - Senator in General Court: Second Essex and Middlesex District
  - Representative in the General Court: 17th Essex District (Andover Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9)
  - Representative in General Court: 18th Essex District (Andover Precincts 1, 7, 8)
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