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Sisters among thousands with Feaster Five spirit

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

One walks the Feaster Five. One runs it.

But these two sisters from Andover don't sound very different when it comes to the 22-year-old Andover Thanksgiving morning tradition. In fact, they sound like many others from Andover who take part in the race.

"It's a tradition for our family," said competitive race runner Terri Anne McGettrick Arpin of Cheever Circle. "It's

how Thanksgiving starts for us every year."

"It's a community event that we love and just wouldn't miss," added Tracey (McGettrick) Meech of Fleming Avenue.

Meech so enjoys the event she made an outdoor sign asking passersby if they have the Feaster Five spirit. It sits outside Marland Place, where she works as community outreach director.

"That's Tracey," laughed Terri Anne. "She's got a lot of spirit."

Meech said residents look forward to the race each year,

making their way to the corner of Stevens and Main streets to cheer on the runners as they begin to climb the hill to the center of town.

"Our residents are huge fans. They love to watch and cheer," Meech said. "They often go to the Feaster Five with a relative and then get on with their Thanksgiving."

After the race, her family will head to Fleming Avenue where Meech hosts a post-Feaster brunch every year.

McGettrick Arpin is usually among the first arrivals. That's

because she has won the Feaster Five women's division many times.

She's run Feaster Five every year since it started 22 years ago. A lingering leg injury is slowing her down this year so 2009 will be a run for fun, not a competitive race, she said.

"But, I'll be there. It's just not Thanksgiving without the Feaster," McGettrick Arpin said.

It's not too late to register for wither the 5-mile or 5 kilometer

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Sisters Terri Anne McGettrick-Arpin, left, and Tracey Meech, right, are both participating in this year's Feaster Five Thanksgiving Day Road Race. McGettrick-Arpin will be running and Meech will be walking.

CHRISTINE HOCHKEPPEL/Staff photo

RESTAURANTS HEATING UP



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

Carlo Berdahn prepares a meal at Yella, the Lebanese restaurant he opened in downtown with his wife, Danielle.

Three new sites expected downtown by spring

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

A live mariachi band will play when a new downtown Mexican restaurant opens. Steps away, a Lebanese restaurant offers another new alternative. Soon, a hip tapas restaurant and wine bar, perfect for those looking to relax after work, will open in the Musgrove Building.

Call it recession, Andover

style. Even as some businesses continue to use the dreaded R-word, the downtown is about to welcome three new ethnic restaurants.

"It's very positive downtown, lots of momentum," said Planning Director Paul Materazzo. "We're very happy about this."

He said there are two key reasons for Andover's positive economic news happening downtown.

"First, Andover is a great place to be," he said. "And the Main Street reconstruction is complete. That's very important."

That caught the attention of Daniel Vargas who owns Casa Blanca restaurant, a Mexican restaurant on Route 125 in North Andover. He just signed a lease to open a Mexican restaurant on Main Street, in the second-

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The Berdahns opened Yella on Post Office Avenue.

Replace 2 schools or 1?

Members consider closing Shawsheen School, too

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Andover has come to the end of its road with the Bancroft Elementary School building. Shawsheen School could close with it.

That is one option being discussed, along with moving the district's pre-kindergarten program out of Shawsheen and redistricting all five elementary schools, as part of the plan to build a new elementary school in town.

Bancroft Elementary School, built in 1969, has structural problems and the Massachusetts School Building Authority is partnering with the town to build its replacement. The state will reimburse for some building costs, as long as its guidelines are met.

The number of students and grades that will attend the new school must be decided by early December. MSBA has approved funding for so-called educational model with a maximum of 500 students at the new school, but if kindergarten through second-grade students from Shawsheen are included, the maximum increases to 700.

The issue was discussed at a Nov. 10 School Committee meeting and at a standing-room-only public forum on Tuesday night, Nov. 17. Annie Gilbert, School Committee liaison to the building committee, said a vote deciding how many students attend the new school could be taken at the Dec. 8 School Committee meeting.

Gilbert, and fellow School

Committee members Dennis Forgue and Debra Silberstein have expressed interest in exploring the idea of closing Shawsheen.

"There are advantages to going to five elementary schools instead of six," said Forgue at the Nov. 10 meeting. "Shawsheen is our most expensive building to operate, per square foot ... I take the approach that there is no bad idea."

"I am open to viewing this as a step toward closing Shawsheen," agreed Gilbert.

Options, many of which involve closing Shawsheen and redistricting, include:

- Keeping the new school just as Bancroft Elementary is now, with 500 students in kindergarten through fifth grade

- Taking some or all of the pre-K program currently housed at Shawsheen school and adding it to the new school

- Adding up to 200 elementary students to Bancroft's population of 500

- Adding 200 elementary students, plus pre-K, to Bancroft's population of 500

- Moving the pre-K program from Shawsheen to another school site, such as in portable classrooms on land surrounding Sanborn Elementary School. Sanborn is the most centrally located elementary school in Andover's 32 square miles.

"This project is a solution to Bancroft and a solution to the overcrowding at Shawsheen. At

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Alleged harasser to fight neighbor in court, at Planning Board

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

A victim of identity fraud and criminal harassment is asking the Planning Board to consider the alleged criminal behavior of his neighbor, Bill Johnson, and deny Johnson's request to build another home in their

neighborhood.

"If you folks know what these people did to my family, what my boys (sons) went through," Lyons said to the Planning Board, his voice breaking as he gestured to Johnson. "No one should have to go through what my family went through. I urge you not to condone the activity of what this man

did to me and my family."

"Those charges are alleged," Bill Johnson responded.

Bill Johnson and his wife, Gail, are expected back in court tomorrow, Nov. 20, as a result of facing charges of identity fraud, conspiracy, reporting a frivolous case of child abuse and criminal harassment against the family of James

and Bernadette Lyons, who live down the street at 12 High Vale Lane.

The tense verbal exchange between Lyons and Johnson occurred at the Nov. 10 Planning Board meeting, where Bill Johnson said little and sat in the

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ANDOVER H1N1 CLINIC - FOR SOME

The Andover Health Division will offer its first H1N1 flu vaccine clinic next week, but only for specific types of people due to the limited supply.

The clinic will be Monday, Nov. 23 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Andover Senior Center.

Due to the limited amount of available vaccine, the clinic will be for Andover residents who are medical

professionals with direct patient care, pregnant women and their significant others, or parents of infants younger than 6 months of age. "Children will not be vaccinated at this time as there will be no pediatric services available. Clinics for children will be scheduled at a later date when additional vaccine supplies are received," according to the department.

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■ CORRECTION

The girl at the center of the photo published with the Nov. 5 story "Schools' Fun Run draws young crowd" was misidentified.

The young runner was Emma Martin, a West Elementary School student.

FEASTER: Taking part in race is tradition for 2 sisters

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(3.1 mile) run on Thursday, Nov. 26. To register, visit www.feasterfive.com.

The race starts at 8:30 a.m. on North Main Street at the intersection with Route 133 and ends at Brickstone Square, off Haverhill Street (Route 133).

Fees are \$5 for the short kids' race, and \$28 for either the 5-mile or 5K if you register before Nov. 22. It costs \$30 to register after Nov. 22.

People can also register and pick up their numbers on Monday, Nov. 23 and Tuesday, Nov. 24, noon to 7 p.m., and Wednesday, Nov. 25, noon to 6 p.m., at the Andover/North Andover YMCA, 65 Haverhill St. (Route

- 8,500 people expected
- 22nd annual race
- Hosted by the Merrimack Valley Striders
- Hollywood actor Matt Damon and other celebrities have run it
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- Certificates given to all children in Kids' K. Age group prizes will be mailed.

133), Andover; and on Thursday, Nov. 26 (Race Day) from 7 to 8:15

FEASTER FUN FACTS

- Timing and results provided by Granite State Race Services.
- Digital clocks placed at every mile for accurate split times
- Light refreshments served following the race
- Full results posted on Internet
- Glossy race program, courtesy of the Eagle-Tribune, to all entrants
- Portion of the proceeds benefit the Merrimack Valley Hospice and Merrimack Valley YMCA
- **5-mile course:** Starts on North Main Street at the corner of Routes 133 and 28. Goes straight through Andover Center, left onto Morton, left on Bartlett, right on

Chestnut, left on Pasho, right on Summer, left on Washington, left on Elm, right on Maple, left on Walnut, right on High, straight on High taking left onto Haverhill, right on York, then finishing turning right into Brickstone parking lot.

5K course: Start at same location as 5-miler, straight to Elm Street, left on Elm then immediate left onto High, straight on High (merging with 5-mile race at corner of High and Walnut and staying to the left side of the street the rest of the way), following 5-miler to York St. and finishing on York at the top of the hill past the driveway into Brickstone.

Source: www.feasterfive.com

a.m., at Woodworth Motors, the corner of Routes 28 and 133.

The Kid's race is at 7:45 a.m., and the 5 mile/5K at 8:30 a.m.

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SCHOOLS: Shawsheen could close along with Bancroft

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the end of the day, we will not end up with a 600 student (new) Bancroft and no change at Shawsheen," said Lorraine Finnegan, a representative of Symmes, Maini and McKee, the project architect.

Shawsheen is a choice school, with students from around the district attending pre-K through second-grade. If Shawsheen were to close, those students would most likely attend to their neighborhood schools, necessitating redistricting to combat overcrowding at some schools.

The majority of students at Shawsheen come from the West Elementary district, noted Finnegan.

School Committee members agreed that healthy districts have to regularly consider redistricting. The Bancroft project aside, Andover would probably be looking at redistricting in the near

BANCROFT WEBLOG

The School Building Committee has started a weblog, moderated by Annie Gilbert. The site, www.bancroftbuildingproject.blogspot.com, gives additional information about the Bancroft building project, meeting dates and updates as well as a chance to post comments.

future anyway, said Gilbert.

If Shawsheen remains unchanged through the Bancroft building process, the town will have to address its future eventually. Built more than 80 years ago, the building is not handicapped accessible or energy-efficient.

"Operating 10 schools in expensive. I don't see keeping Shawsheen open long-term. I think we all have to look ahead as this as a possibility," said Silberstein on Nov. 10. "I'm leaning toward a 700-person school."

As of Oct. 1, Shawsheen had

283 students, including 75 in the pre-K program. Fifty percent of the students in the pre-K have special needs, and don't pay tuition by state mandate.

Bancroft had 469 students, as of Oct. 1.

Who goes into the new building is a School Committee decision, and where the building is located on the Bancroft property is a School Building Committee decision, noted Gilbert.

"All things being equal — educational opportunity, fiscal reality and district-wide population needs, (the School Committee must decide) "what is the ideal population for the Bancroft school?" said Gilbert on Nov. 16.

Once an educational model is chosen, a feasibility study, including the model's environmental and neighborhood impact, will be done. Based on the study, the School Committee can revise the school size and population at a

later date, said Gilbert. The School Building Committee is aiming to open the new school in the fall of 2012, said Gilbert. That date would be more flexible if Bancroft remained open while a new school was built on another spot on the property.

Many of the families with students at Shawsheen this year will not have students there if or when it closes in two years.

Some parents and abutters to Bancroft, which is located in a residential district near Phillips Academy, have expressed concern about traffic issues, if a larger school is built. A well-attended public forum was held Saturday, Nov. 14, to discuss possible locations for the new school on the Bancroft property.

A traffic study will be done at the Bancroft property, said Finnegan, but not before the building size is chosen in December.

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THEN: In 1938, a group of citizens formed the Andover Consumer's Cooperative Incorporated, patterned after the first co-op store in Rochdale, England, dating from 1844. After several homes, the CO-OP moved to 68 Main St. in 1943 (seen here). Later, the store was sold to the Barcelos brothers in 1975.



NOW: The former location of the Andover Consumer's Cooperative Incorporated, at 68 Main St. as it looks today.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



WE'RE HOPEFUL SHE (SUPERINTENDENT Claudia Bach) will be here until the end of the year. Given these times, we need her leadership. But...if there is a void, it won't be there for long.
— School Committee Chairwoman Debra Silberstein, in a story on the superintendent search. See page 17.

THE TERROR SLOWLY EVOLVES INTO a desperate self-examination as you realize just how alien you are in this environment. Who you are, or at least who you think you are, is something that you are constantly aware of.
— Michael Kaluzny, an Andover teen living in Germany as an exchange student. Column in Education, page 18.



NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOV. 19	FRIDAY, NOV. 20	SATURDAY, NOV. 21	SUNDAY, NOV. 22
Tri-town Task Force vision meeting on Interstate 93 interchange CANCELLED (was at 4 p.m.) Andover Housing Authority, 100 Morton St., 7 p.m.	Shawsheen Primary School Improvement Council, Shawsheen principal's office, 8 a.m. West Elementary School Council, West Elementary School conference room, 8:15 a.m.	Ballardvale Fire Station Building Committee, South Elementary School, Woburn Street, 9:30 a.m.	Planning Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.
		TUESDAY, NOV. 24	MONDAY, NOV. 30
		Tri-board (selectmen, Finance and School committees) subcommittee meeting, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 8 a.m. Green Advisory Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 6:30 p.m.	Doherty Middle School Council, Doherty Middle School main office conference room, 4 p.m.
			WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2
			South School Council, 55 Woburn St., office conference room, 3:15 p.m.

US Senate candidate debates to be televised locally

Both Democratic and Republican candidates for the U.S. Senate seat faced off in a candidates' forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts.

A video of that forum will be shown on Andover and North Andover local access cable channels. Check local cable television listings for the dates and times. A video of the complete forum is also available on the League Web site, www.lwvma.org.

The candidates' forum was held at the University of Massachusetts Amherst Nov. 8.

Bob Paquette, host of morning edition on WFCR, the Amherst National Public Radio channel, was moderator, and WFCR co-sponsored the forum.

Democrats participating were U.S. Rep. Michael Capuano, Alan Khazeli, and Stephen Pagliuca. Republicans participating were State Sen. Scott Brown and Jack E. Robinson. Attorney General Martha Coakley did not participate because of a scheduling conflict.

These candidates will appear on the party primary ballots on Tuesday, Dec. 8. The final

election for the senate seat is Tuesday, Jan. 19, and the league plans to hold another forum with the candidates on the final ballot on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at Faneuil Hall in Boston.

In the two-hour Amherst forum, the candidates answered questions in four broad areas: the economy, climate change, war and peace, and health care.

"By presenting all the candidates in the primary races on the same stage, the League feels registered party voters will have a chance to decide among their party's candidates, and

the majority of Massachusetts voters who are not enrolled in a political party will have a chance to decide which ballot they want in the Dec. 8 election," said Zaxaro Bennett, president of the Massachusetts League.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization. The League encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and works to increase understanding of major public policy issues. For more information on the state and local Leagues, go to the Web site, www.lwvma.org.

Today is last day for Rotary Club's Thanksgiving food drive

The Andover Rotary Club is encouraging residents to help the less fortunate have a hunger-free Thanksgiving this year.

Its Thanksgiving food drive runs through today, Thursday, Nov. 19. Nonperishable food items can be donated at several businesses in town, including the Andover Townsman office, 33 Chestnut St.

Rotary members package the

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Merrimack College, Sakowich Campus
Center Career Services Office, room 370
River Bank, 30 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover
Danversbank, 18-20 Central St.
Stone Wall Real Estate, 89 North Main St.

donated food items into boxes, add turkeys and all the fixings, and give them to Merrimack Valley families through the

Andover Housing Authority, Lazarus House, Bread and Roses and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to

Children.

Each year, the Andover Rotary Club delivers more than 200 Thanksgiving boxes with turkeys, said organizer Paula Evans.

"We are always looking to make a holiday a happier one by helping the less fortunate. Any and all donations a appreciated and accepted," said Evans in an e-mail.

— Bethany Bray

Class of 1989 reunion says thanks with auction

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, the biggest reunion weekend is right behind.

The AHS Class of 1989 is holding theirs on Saturday, Nov. 28 at the Wyndham Andover — with a bit of a twist. The merriment will

include auction items like Red Sox and Bruins tickets. Money raised will go to the Andover Coalition for Education (ACE). Organizers say it's a great way for attendees to say thanks. The auction is not part of the \$75 ticket.

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I-93 development meeting put off until after holidays

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

A public forum on zoning for the Interstate 93 interchange project originally scheduled for today, Nov. 19, has been postponed until January due to lack of interest.

Previous forums on the project, which will build a new exit onto Interstate 93, opening up 700 acres of previously landlocked property to development, had 20 or 30 people attend from Andover, Tewksbury

and Wilmington.

"You're talking about 700 acres here, and three communities," said Paul Materazzo, Andover's director of planning. "The charettes [meetings] are really hands on, held to define and sculpt this project. This is going to be a new part of town."

The I-93 interchange, planned for between the Route 125 and Dascomb Road exits, has a construction completion date of September 2016, said Steve McLaughlin, an engineer with the Massachusetts

Department of Transportation. Materazzo believes part of the reason why public forums have had sparse attendance is because folks have a hard time conceptualizing something that is years away in a remote area of town.

The big push to design zoning for the interchange area will come in January, said Materazzo, and the Nov. 19 forum will be rescheduled for after the holidays.

On Nov. 12, a public forum about the interchange design – rather

than the zoning plan – was held at Old Town Hall and was better attended. One hour into the four-hour drop-in session, 25 people had stopped by from the three towns.

"This is the horse, and the cart (zoning plans) is coming," said Materazzo, looking around Old Town Hall as residents looked at maps and diagrams detailing traffic, noise, drainage and environmental studies.

"We're working on what the interchange could handle,

which depends of the type of development, of course," said McLaughlin.

MassHighway has narrowed designs down to six models, one of which includes not building an interchange at all. By the end of August 2011, they will submit a preferred design, as well as a few alternatives, to the office of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act for public feedback and environmental study.

Estimated cost for the

interchange stands at \$150 million, said McLaughlin.

As the interchange is being designed by the state, the towns of Andover, Wilmington and Tewksbury are creating zoning for the project simultaneously. This will allow any developer to avoid having to deal with three separate towns' zoning quirks.

For more information, visit www.vhb.com/tri-tounfbcl/ or www.andoverma.gov/planning/i93/

■ POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Tuesday, Nov. 10 – At 5:23 a.m., Merrimack Valley Hospital called Andover police reporting it had an Andover resident as a patient who had been a victim of assault. At 7:10 a.m., Todd B. Wettergreen, 38, of 20 Argyle St., was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

At 1:35 p.m., Felix J. Tirado, 39, of 115 Berkley St., Apt. 2, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license, using a number plate violation to conceal identity, and having an uninsured vehicle trailer, and unregistered and uninspected motor vehicle.

At 2:18 p.m., Jillian A. Twohig, 26, of 28 Nutter Road, North Reading, was arrested and charged with driving with a revoked license.

Wednesday, Nov. 11 – At 11:59 a.m., Jennifer C. Singarella, 28, of 291 Jackson St. Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant.

Thursday, Nov. 12 – At 4:16 p.m., a Main Street shop called 911 to

report a shoplifter. At 4:40 p.m., Samara A. Williams, 36, of 27 Lakeside Boulevard, North Reading, was arrested and charged with larceny over \$250.

Friday, Nov. 13 – At 4:26 p.m., Huy Quoc Le, 25, of 9 Buttonwood St. Boston, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license, three counts of forging or misusing an RMV document, an using an uninsured vehicle trailer and unregistered motor vehicle; also on a warrant for larceny.

Sunday, Nov. 15 – At 3:13 p.m., Shane M. Ciccoria, 27, of 33 Washington St. Ipswich, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license, giving a false name/address to police and driving an uninspected vehicle.

BREAKS

Monday, Nov. 9 – At 8:57 a.m., a break-in was reported at Doherty Middle School. The break happened around 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7, said Lt. James Hashem. Three male Andover youths entered the building through an unlocked

window and set off the security alarm. Police responded, but the juveniles had fled. "The (police) response had scared them away," said Hashem. The school was not damaged and nothing was stolen. The three juveniles were identified through the school's security video, and were issued a summons to juvenile court for breaking and entering.

THEFTS

Monday, Nov. 9 – At 5:54 p.m., a Chestnut Street resident reported check fraud.

Thursday, Nov. 12 – At 3:26 p.m., a person reported some medication stolen from a bag while at Memorial Hall Library.

Friday, Nov. 13 – At 1:12 p.m., an Algonquin Avenue resident reported identity theft.

Monday, Nov. 16 – At 6:39 a.m., a Lowell Junction Road caller reported theft of a sander unit over the weekend.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Monday, Nov. 9 – At 1:57 p.m., a vehicle stolen out of Dracut was located in the parking lot of the

Wyndham hotel, Old River Road. Tuesday, Nov. 10 – At 8:11 a.m., a Pine Street resident reported several items were stolen from her vehicle overnight.

Wednesday, Nov. 11 – At 2:07 p.m., an officer cited a Main Street driver for driving a vehicle for hire without proper inspection and without a vehicle-for-hire license.

Thursday, Nov. 12 – At 7:22 a.m., a vehicle stop on Lovejoy Road issued a driver a court summons for driving an unregistered, uninsured and uninspected vehicle. An officer transported the driver to Wabanaki Way.

At 9:34 a.m., Lowell police contacted Andover police to notify they had recovered a vehicle stolen from town, with damage to the passenger side of the car.

At 4:09 p.m., a Shawsheen Road caller reported her daughters car had been rifled through earlier and now smells like marijuana.

At 6:10 p.m., a Hawthorne Circle resident reported a vehicle break-in.

Monday, Nov. 16 – At 9:18 and 10:26 a.m. and 5:03 p.m., Enmore Street residents reported vehicle break-ins, with items stolen.

INCIDENTS

Monday, Nov. 9 – At 12:31 p.m., a restraining order was served on Railroad Street.

At 12:58 p.m., a River Street resident called 911 to report a snake in his yard that looked like an exotic pet. The snake wandered into the woods before an officer arrived.

At 4:23 p.m., police and fire personnel responded to Hearthstone Place, to help a one-year-old child who got their leg stuck in a crib.

At 4:54 p.m., CardSmart in Shawsheen Plaza reported a "creepy

looking male" in the parking lot asking people for money and following people to their cars.

Tuesday, Nov. 10 – At 11:29 p.m., a restraining order was served on North Main Street.

Thursday, Nov. 12 – At 11:04 a.m., a Cassimere Street resident called to report a neighbor was blowing leaves onto his property.

At 2:05 p.m., a caller reported a female on the bridge on Interstate 93 at the Merrimack River who they feared might jump. Four officers and an ambulance responded, and took the woman to the hospital.

At 4:09 p.m., a parent called to report their son was assaulted that day at Andover High School.

At 5:46 p.m., a caller reported teenagers running around on North Main Street with a shopping cart.

At 8:32 p.m., an officer served a summons.

At 8:33 p.m., police assisted the fire department with a house fire on Tobey Lane. A second caller reported the fire was at 2 Tobey Lane. Police and fire blocked off the street.

Friday, Nov. 13 – At 5:49 p.m., police stopped a vehicle on River Road, issuing a criminal application to a 31-year-old for possession of a class B substance.

Saturday, Nov. 14 – At 6:01 p.m., a resident reported a 20-year-old woman has locked herself in a bedroom and the caller thought she heard a gunshot. Police and an ambulance responded to find the woman had cut her wrists with a knife, and they took her to the hospital.

Sunday, Nov. 15 – At 2:38 p.m., police assisted the fire department with an oven fire on Blueberry Hill Road.

Monday, Nov. 16 – At 2:42 p.m.,

police and fire responded to a report of an odor of gas at Raytheon, Lowell Street.

At 8:37 a.m., a resident called 911 to report a 21-year-old female who was unresponsive after taking half a bottle of Tylenol. An ambulance took the female to the hospital.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 11 – At 9:37 a.m., officers responded to a very minor crash, where a truck hit a pedestrian, on Elm Street.

At 6:35 p.m., a 911 caller reported an accident on North Main Street, near Perfecto's Cafe, with a car hitting two parked cars. An ambulance responded for the driver, who was given a written warning for a marked lanes violation.

Thursday, Nov. 12 – At 5:21 p.m., a rear-end crash, with injuries and airbag deployment, was reported on Route 125 at Salem Street.

At 10:37 p.m., police, ambulance and a tow truck responded to a hit-and-run crash that occurred on the Route 495 ramp near Union Street. The vehicle that caused the crash, a white Honda Civic, had fled on 495 southbound. Lawrence police stopped the vehicle on Commonwealth Drive.

Saturday, Nov. 14 – At 12:20 p.m., a vehicle drove through a gate on Shawsheen Road, and the gate came through the windshield, hitting a male in the car. Five officers and an ambulance responded.

Sunday, Nov. 15 – At 11:32 a.m., a person walked into the station to report their car had been struck in front of Shawsheen Plaza.

— Compiled by Bethany Bray

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RESTAURANTS: New eateries opening downtown

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floor location where Serene was located and Vincenzo's before it. He plans to open the restaurant in March and will not close his North Andover restaurant.

"I even like the sidewalks outside," Vargas said of his new space. "I just love the building...even my wife said I love it too much."

Vargas, whose father owned two restaurants in Mexico, said many of his current customers are from Andover. "Now, they won't have to leave Andover," he said. "I will get a mariachi band for my opening because everyone is happy."

Yella, the new Lebanese restaurant on Post Office Avenue, has already had its soft opening.

"We're excited," said Danielle Berdahn who owns the restaurant with her chef-husband, Carlo

Berdahn, a native of North Lebanon. "Ample, simple and exciting," is how she described her Lebanese-inspired menu.

Carlo Berdahn formerly worked at the catering company, The Catered Affair, and says catering clients included Red Sox owner John Henry, former First Lady Laura Bush and state senators.

Yella is open for lunch, dinner and brunch on Sunday. The Berdahns donated 10 percent of every entree sold on their opening night on Tuesday, Nov. 17, to the Merrimack Valley Food Bank.

Across the street in the Musgrove building, Matthew Morello of Morello Hospitality is planning to open Bin 28, a wine bar and restaurant. He filed plans in the town's planning office last Wednesday, Nov. 12, to open a "tapas wine bar,"

or a small plate restaurant. "In an economy like this, it's time to invest," said Morello, who was managing the restaurant at Andover Inn with his wife, Alison, until it closed for renovations earlier this year. "This will be a nice place to meet friends, gather and get a bite to eat."

Morello is hoping for a spring opening for Bin 28, which will use 3,000-square-foot and offer 28 different wines.

Musgrove landlord Rep. Barry Finegold said he is excited about the new restaurants coming downtown. "People in town really want this," he said, noting that both Yella and Bin 28 hope to offer outdoor seating in the good weather.

He proposed changing the street name for his new tenants from Post Office Avenue to Andover

Place. The idea was presented to Selectmen this week.

"There's been no post office there for like 100 years," said Finegold.

Meanwhile, Materazzo said downtown business changes are just beginning.

"If you ask me, this is just a start," Materazzo said. "We want restaurants to play off each other and I think they will. It's starting to happen."

Re/Max realtor Kevin Baroni, who closed the Vargas deal, agreed that the completed Main Street reconstruction project is important to tenants. There's a new downtown momentum, he said.

"Now, we just need some office workers to fill vacant office space and walk to these places," Baroni said. "That would be great."

NEIGHBORS: Will return to court on Nov. 20

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front row with his lawyer. Directly behind him sat James Lyons and Julie McLeod, an Andover Street resident whose property abuts Johnson's. Both Lyons and McLeod have been vocal in their opposition to Johnson's attempts to build and make changes to his 4.15 acres at 36 High Vale Lane.

Court documents and police reports allege that Bill and Gail Johnson harassed the Lyons family, starting in March 2008, through an acquaintance, Gerald Colton of Lowell. The alleged harassment ranges from the bizarre — signing up Lyons as a member for the American Association of Nude Recreation — to the nasty — calling the Department of Social Services with a false report that the Lyon's teenage son "inappropriately touched a female student at school."

The Johnsons are due back in court Nov. 20 to decide whether they want a trial by jury or judge, and to set a trial date, said Steve O'Connell, spokesman for the Essex County District Attorney's office.

Bill Johnson and his lawyer, Don

Borenstein, appeared before the Planning Board last week to make the case that a special permit for a subdivision initially approved in the winter of 2005 has not lapsed, although construction on a proposed single-family home has not begun.

"We just want you to endorse plans that you have already approved," Borenstein told the Planning Board on Nov. 10. "We are not asking the board for a new permit, or to modify the plans."

Johnson hopes to build a single family home off Reynolds Street, a road he built to connect acreage he owns to High Vale Lane. The home would sit on 2.5 acres and be connected to town water and sewer.

Construction has not begun because Johnson's plans have not been approved by the Ballardvale Historic District Commission, said Borenstein. Johnson applied with the commission in 2005, and was denied after neighbors resisted the project, saying it would not fit with Ballardvale's historic character.

Despite several appeals to regional and state boards, Johnson still does not have approval

from the Ballardvale Historic District Commission. He needs that approval to receive a building permit from the town.

Town bylaws dictate permits lapse after 24 months of filing, said Tom Urbelis, lawyer for the town. Urbelis said he felt Johnson's two-year period had passed.

"It is up to the applicant to prove to you that they made a substantial use of that permit ... or good cause as to why there has not been substantial use," Urbelis told the Planning Board.

Borenstein said Johnson has done paving work, earth moving and installed an unconnected sewer line since spring 2005, in preparation for building.

James Lyons contended that Johnson's earth-moving project "has nothing to do" with the proposed single-family home.

"What he's trying to do now is sneak in the back door and build a multi-lot subdivision (with only approval for one home)," said Lyons, noting that Johnson applied for permission to build a three lot subdivision in 2004 and was denied. "What you have is basically two divisions going on at one time, which we believe is in

direct violation of bylaws."

Borenstein assured the Planning Board that Johnson would request permission to connect further lots to Reynolds Street.

The Planning Board took no action on Nov. 10 and will continue the discussion on Johnson's application at either its Dec. 8 or Jan. 12 meetings.

James and Bernadette Lyons, by way of their lawyers Michael Gillis and Corrina Hale, had dropped off a packet of documents against Johnson's case that afternoon.

"We can't make a decision tonight," said Planning Board Chairman Paul Salafia. "We have a lot of new information here that we've never seen before."

In 2007, Johnson was given a cease-and-desist order by the town for dumping construction materials and landscaping debris on an undeveloped lot he owns behind his home, on Reynolds Street. Both James Lyons and McLeod were quoted in a June 2007 Townsman article inferring that Johnson was dumping the debris in retaliation to their opposition to his plan to build on that lot.

NEWS BRIEFS

Tuttle again watching schools' money

School Business Administrator David Keniston's last day in Andover was Thursday, Nov. 12, and his job is being filled on a per-day basis by Bernie Tuttle. Keniston left to take a job as business manager for the Peabody school district.

Tuttle is Andover's former school business administrator and served as interim before Keniston was hired in April 2008.

For years, town boards have mentioned consolidating the town and school finance operations. Keniston said knowing his job may change or be eliminated caused him to look elsewhere.

The School Committee began advertising for Keniston's position on Sunday Oct. 18. A classified ad listed a salary range of \$95,000 to \$110,000 and required a masters degree, certification and a "distinguished record as a school business administrator."

Selectmen to set tax rate on Dec. 7

Selectmen will vote to set the tax percentage paid by residents versus businesses at their Dec. 7 meeting.

Town Assessor David Billard made a presentation to selectmen Monday, Nov. 16, noting that assessed property values dropped 4.51 percent this year.

In fiscal year 2009, Andover had a 1.46 tax shift, with commercial and industrial properties paying a higher rate than residents. This year, the average single family home paid \$7,054 in property tax, the average commercial tax bill

was \$42,846 and \$79,217 for industrial property.

If Andover were to adopt a 1.46 shift again for 2010, the average resident property tax bill would be \$7,201, with \$44,632 for commercial and \$82,509 for industrial, said Billard.

Andover's tax classification factor has been at the 1.46 shift since fiscal year 2007, when it increased from 1.42.

The Dec. 7 meeting will begin at 6 p.m., with a public hearing, deliberations and a vote before selectmen join the Finance and School committees for a tri-board session.

Capital Improvement Program hearing bumped to Nov. 23

The Nov. 16 selectmen's meeting ran long, so members decided to postpone a public hearing on Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski's Capital Improvement Plan until Monday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. in the second-floor meeting room of Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St.

Selectmen will meet with the Finance Committee and School Committee to discuss CIP items on Dec. 7 and take a vote to adopt the CIP on Dec. 21.

Stapczynski recommends \$7,655,207 in new vehicles, maintenance, repairs and upgrades to town buildings, property and infrastructure. It's the lowest CIP number he's ever recommended, a reflection of the economic times, he said.

The full CIP can be found on www.andoverma.gov and printed copies are available at Town Offices and Memorial Hall Library.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

HOLIDAY FLOWER WORKSHOP, hosted by The Village Garden Club of Andover, 7 p.m., with Betsy Williams, noted lecturer, author, and workshop leader. She has been growing, selling, decorating and teaching about living with herbs since 1970, Atria-Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover.

BIRTHDAY BASH CONTINUES, Andover Bookstore, 7 p.m., with discussion about its 200-year history led by storyteller Susan Lenoe and Karen Harris of the Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St., Andover; 978-475-0143

LIVE THEATER, Sound of Music, by Andover High School Drama Department, 7:30 p.m., Collins Center, \$18 adults, \$9 students and seniors (60+); www.collins-center.com, 1-866-811-4111 (Visa and MasterCard accepted).

LIVE THEATER, three aging World War I veterans plot to escape their nursing home for one final adventure in the comedy, "Heroes," Merrimack Repertory Theatre, through Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m.; MerrimackRep.org, 978.654.4MRT.

PSYCHIC READINGS, 6-9:30 p.m., \$20 per 15-minute session, Winnekenni Castle, 347 Kenoza Ave., Haverhill; www.winnekenni.com, 978-521-1686.

ANDOVER ARTIST, and published children's book illustrator Ilene Richard, has a painting titled "Cake" in the Frances N. Roddy Open Competition in Concord, through Nov. 30, Concord Artist Association, 37 Lexington Road, Concord; 978-369-2578; www.ilenerichard.com.

FRIDAY, NOV. 20

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LIVE THEATER, The Firehouse Center for the Arts and Artist's Collaborative Theatre of NE (ACT ONE) are teaming up to bring Joe DiPietro's "Over the River and Through the Woods." Firehouse Stage at Market Square in Newburyport, 7:30 p.m., \$18 for Members, Students and Seniors; \$20 for Non-Members; 978/462-7336, www.firehouse.org.

SATURDAY, NOV. 21

TASTES & TREASURES SILENT AUCTION, hosted by the Andover Historical Society, features exotic Spanish tapas catered by Sandrino's Best of Thymes and Spanish wine pairings with numerous auction items including an exclusive private shopping event at Night & Day, Andover's premier lingerie boutique and a private five hour Boston Harbor sail, \$25; www.andoverhistorical.org, 978-475-2236.

METHUEN'S FESTIVAL OF TREES OPENS, runs through Dec. 5, weekdays from 5 to 9 p.m., week-ends from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., general admission is \$8, children under 12 are free, Valley Office Park, 13 Branch St., Methuen; (978) 685-8878, www.methuen-festivaloftrees.com.

LIVE PIANO, with Jodie Brickman's students, 2:30 p.m., Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; RSVP

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Andover High School is presenting "The Sound of Music" this weekend. Maria, right, played by AHS senior Margaret Christoforo, plays with the Von Trapp children as they sit on her bed. First row: Sam Kraples as Friedrich; Katharine Leland as Marta and Tiernan O'Rourke as Kurt. Back row: Samantha Marton as Louisa; Brianna Fogden as Liesi; Dierdre O'Rourke as Gretl and Elye Bottiger as Brigitta.

Favorite things

Andover High's 'Sound of Music' hopes to make your list

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

'SOUND OF MUSIC'

The Collins Center is alive with the "Sound of Music" this week.

Nuns, Nazis and the von Trapp family have been rehearsing for months at Andover High School in preparation for their fall musical, "The Sound of Music," which opens tonight.

The cast, which includes local elementary- and middle-school students as some of the von Trapp children, toured Andover schools on Nov. 13, giving preview performances. The classic, family-friendly musical is a change from recent productions, including last year's "A Chorus Line," which contained some adult themes.

"It's family-friendly, it's a staple of childhood," said Andover High senior Margaret Christoforo, who plays Fraulein Maria. "It's a lot of fun, and I love working with the kids."

Christoforo said the character of Maria matches her own happy-go-lucky personality.

Elya Bottiger, 14, and Samantha Marton, 15, who play von Trapp daughters Brigitta and Louisa, said the show has been a real team effort. Because the cast has such a wide age range, they've learned to work together and rely on each other.

On Monday, as the cast ran through a dress rehearsal, teens dressed in nun habits, party dresses and lederhosen studied, adjusted each others costumes and chatted backstage, humming strains of "16 going on 17" and

WHO: Presented by Andover High School

WHEN: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Nov. 19, 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 21 and 22 at 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$18 adults; \$9 students and seniors (60+)

Box office: www.collins-center.com or 1-866-811-4111

"Do-re-mi"

Tiernan O'Rourke, a 12-year-old Pike School student who plays Kurt von Trapp, said being in the show has taught him time management, scheduling homework time around after-school rehearsals. Tiernan's younger sister, 6-year-old Dierdre, plays Gretl, the youngest von Trapp.

Friedrich, the eldest von Trapp son, is played by South Elementary student Sam Kraples, 12.

Sam said the high school cast has been really nice to the youngsters in the production, and he's learned from them.

Through the show, Christoforo's character transitions from a nun to a nanny and eventually a bride and stepmother to the seven von Trapp children.

Backstage during her multiple costume changes, Christoforo says she takes time to "breathe, and try to remember to have fun."

"I've really learned to value the amount of work that has gone



Captain Von Trapp, played by AHS senior Joe Downs-Berry, talks to Elsa, his fiancée, played by AHS junior Chelsea Frei.



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover High School freshman Connor Wilson (left) and sophomore Ron Kramer work on the set of the drama department's fall musical "The Sound of Music."



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Olivia Sintros has recreated Ford's Coffee Shop in the basement of her Andover home. A meal there is an auction item this weekend.

Spanish taste and historic treasures

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

TASTE & TREASURES

The taste of Taste & Treasures has a sparkling Spanish flavor this year. Since this is a benefit event for the Andover Historical Society, the list of treasures on the silent auction block has a nostalgic flair.

So, who better to offer up for bid a piece of Andover history than those with close ties to a former mom and pop downtown diner: a replicated booth scene from the former Ford's Coffee Shop on Main Street. Ford's was considered by many to be a town treasure in its day. Its 40-year history spanned from 1954 to 1994. It was owned by the late Thomas L. Koravos and his wife, Stella (Martzakos) Koravos, longtime town residents.

Their daughter, Olivia Sintros of Andover, keeps a Ford's diner booth in her Elm Street basement. She's

Where: Historic November Club building on Locke Street (Home of the Unitarian Universalist congregation)

When: Saturday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$25

Information: www.andoverhistorical.org.

offering breakfast for six at the booth as one of the silent auction items at Taste & Treasures.

Are you a newbie in town who has never even heard of Ford's, and know only of Starbucks at the former Ford's location? Not a problem. Fast forward to 2009 and put your bid on a contemporary auction offering such as the exclusive private shopping event at Night & Day, a Park Street lingerie boutique.

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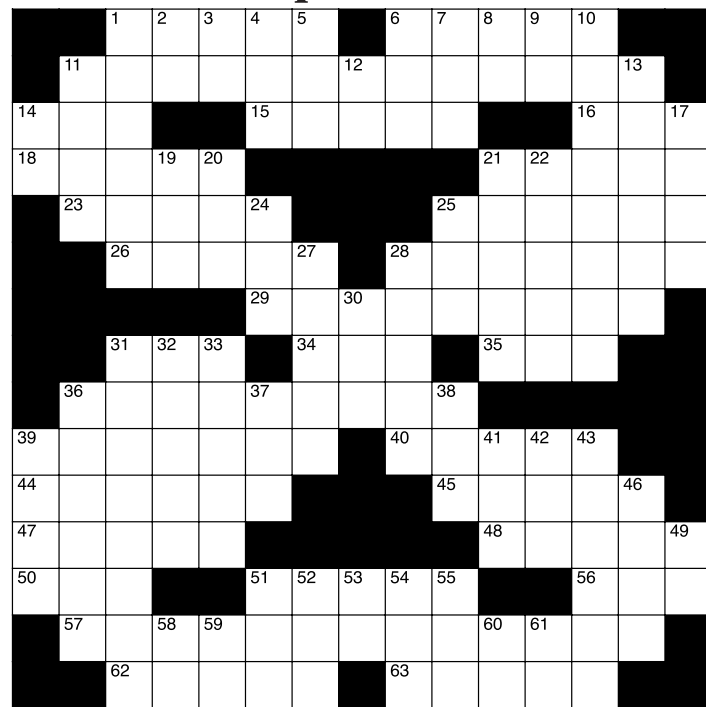
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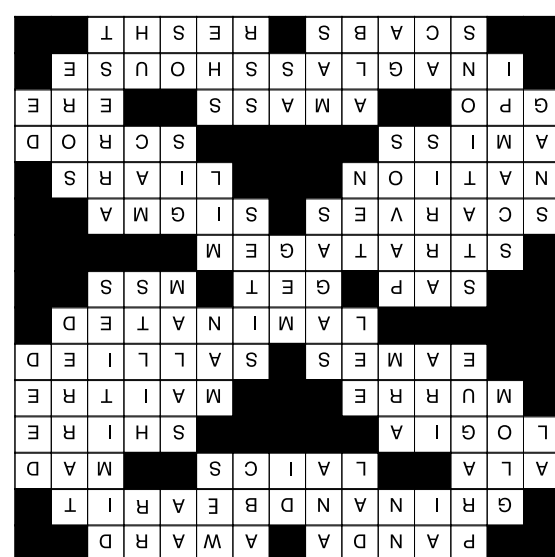
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16. Deranged
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25. ___ d'e, seats you
26. Designed chairs
28. Set out
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31. Fluid for maple syrup
34. Acquire
35. Manuscripts (abbr.)
36. Scheme
39. Neck garments
40. 18th Greek letter
44. Temperance crusader
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50. Central mail bureau
51. Bring together

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62. Healing crusts
63. NW Iranian city

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2. 2001 Spielberg film
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7. Director _ Anderson
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19. Retirement account
20. Furnish with weapons
21. Arabian greeting
22. Sword handles
24. Snake-like fish
25. An adult male human
27. Adventure stories
28. Building lots
30. "French Kiss" actress
31. Posts
32. Broadway actress
33. Peruvian beach town
34. Shrimp sauteed in butter and garlic
37. Decimal system base
38. 1/1000 of an inch
39. Tear from a catch
41. World data organization (abbr.)
42. Rubberized fabric coat
43. Take into custody
46. An open skin infection
49. The 1st state (abbr.)
51. White linen liturgical vestment
52. More (Spanish)
53. Equally
54. Used to be U _
55. The woman
58. Atomic #89
59. The 4th state (abbr.)
60. Atomic #76
61. Expression of uncertainty

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LIVE THEATER, Sound of Music, by Andover High School Drama Department, 7:30 p.m., Collins Center, \$18 adults, \$9 students and seniors (60+); www.collins-center.com, 1-866-811-4111 (Visa and Mastercard accepted).

LIVE GRATEFUL DEAD-ISH CONCERT, with Dark Star Orchestra, recreates historic Grateful Dead music, Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell, 8 p.m., \$35.50, \$30.50; (978) 454-2299, www.lowellauditorium.com.

SINGLES DANCE, The Social Life of Haverhill, American Legion, Main Street, Route 121, Haverhill, 8 p.m. to midnight, with DJ, \$9; Cindy, 978-373-3504.

ARTISTS RECEPTION, for the Annual Juried Members Exhibition 2009 exhibit running through Dec. 31, including works by Linda Maletz and David Phaneuf, both of Andover, 2-4 p.m., Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641, www.whistlerhouse.org.

LIVE MUSIC, Cliff Eberhardt, New Moon Coffeehouse, Universalist Unitarian Church, 16 Ashland St., Haverhill, 8 p.m., \$20, artist Lara opens the show. Tickets for this show are available at the door starting at 6:30 p.m.; www.

newmooncoffeehouse.org, 978-459-5134.

LIVE GOSPEL MUSIC, The Choral Majority gospel choir and band perform, 7 p.m., Middleton Congregational Church, 66 Maple St. (Route 62), free; http://www.nytsn.net www.nytsn.net.

LIVE THEATER, The Firehouse Center for the Arts and Artist's Collaborative Theatre of NE (ACT ONE), see Nov. 20 listing.

SUNDAY, NOV. 22

GUIDED HIKE, "The Ponds of Harold Parker," 1-4 p.m., explore the back trails of Harold Parker State Forest and check out three ponds: Salem, Sudden and Stearns. The hike is a loop hike, approximately 4 miles long. Meet at the Ranger Station on Salem Street/Middleton Road, Andover; Jeff LaFontaine, 978-470-2980, jefflaf@comcast.net.

PAINTING DEMONSTRATION, The Andovers Artists Guild hosts, with Lowell Artist Tom Gill, 2-4 p.m., North Parish Church, North Andover (corner of Academy and Great Pond roads), guest fee is \$5; Nell, 978-975-0015, www.AndoversArtistsGuild.com.

LIVE THEATER, Sound of Music, by Andover High School Drama Department, see Nov. 19 listing.

LIVE THEATER, The Firehouse Center for the

Arts and Artist's Collaborative Theatre of NE (ACT ONE), 3 p.m., see Nov. 20 listing.

MONDAY, NOV. 23

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

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTABLES TALK, with Henry Jensen, 1 p.m., Marland Place, 27 Stevens St., Andover.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25

FALL PREVENTION, Importance of Exercise talk, 10:30 a.m., Marland Place, 27 Stevens St., Andover.

SATURDAY, NOV. 28

LIVE THEATER, "Animal Crackers," by St. John's Preparatory High School of Danvers, with Eric O'Connor '13 and John McKeon '13, both of Andover, Kaneb Theatre, Alumni Hall, 72 Spring Street, Danvers, 7:30 pm, \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students; rsantoro@stjohnsprep.org or Alicia Greenwood at agreenwood@stjohnsprep.org, 978-774-1050.



Austin Prep freshman Adrineh Nalbandian of Andover.

Andover actress in Austin Prep's 'Pirates'

Austin Drama will present Gilbert and Sullivan's The Pirates of Penzance! this weekend.

Students from all seven grades will perform in this hysterical musical comedy. Austin Prep freshman Adrineh Nalbandian of Andover will be performing as a daughter and a pirate. She is the daughter of Rosette Jacobson and Pars Nalbandian of Andover.

The musical will be in Austin's Multi-Purpose Facility at 101 Willow St. in Reading. The night of swashbuckling pirates will be performed on a life-like ship built by the school's technical students.

Showtimes are Friday, Nov. 20, and Saturday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m. with a matinee show on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 2 p.m.

Admission is \$5 at the door. For more information, contact Deborah DiFruscia, Austin drama director.

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"We're finding that people like to connect with auction items, so a lingerie party is great. You can bring friends," said Elaine Clements, executive director of the Andover Historical Society.

The Ford's offering is more nostalgic.

"Our mission is to connect people and we do that successfully through local stories," Clements said. "The Ford's item really connects local people because so

many people remember it."

That connecting will be done as event-goers sip wine and munch Spanish tapas catered by Sandrino's Best of Thymes. This will be paired with three types of Spanish wines, including a sparkling wine.

Wine-sippers will browse the more traditional silent auction items, such as restaurant gift certificates, theater and concert tickets, and golfing packages to Andover Country Club and Indian Ridge Country Club.

The rest of the silent auction list includes:

- dinner at the Lanam Club,

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■ an original framed "house portrait" by local artist Jim Batchelder

■ a private tour of the Massachusetts State House with lunch

■ unique vintage jewelry, home furnishings, and collectibles donated by Historical Society members.

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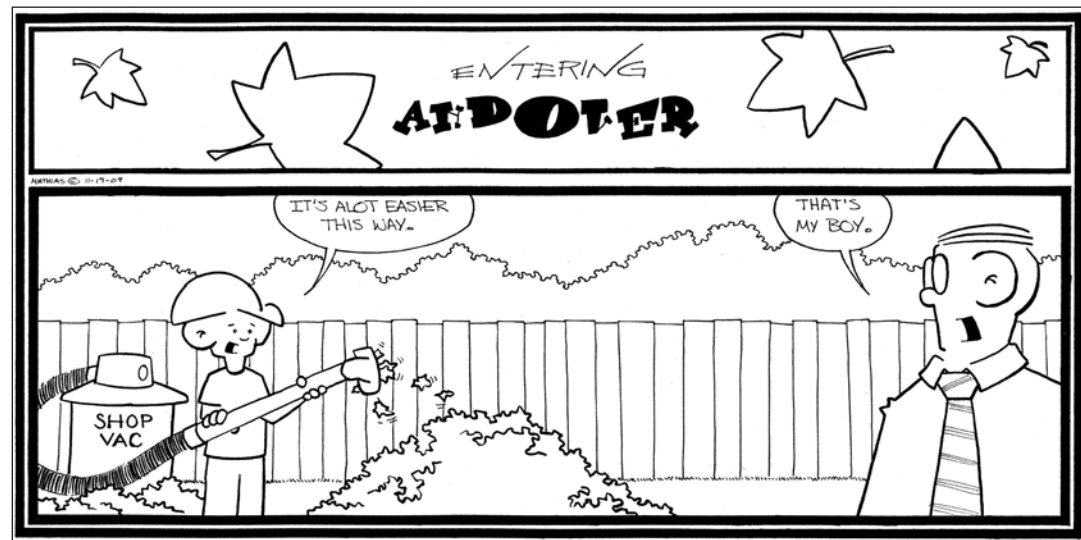
into this show. The blood, sweat and tears, literally, that goes into the show from everyone," said Christoforo.

"Sound of Music" theatergoers may be instantly transported to Austria on the brink of World War II for the AHS production. An impressive two-story set is framed by a backdrop painted with Alpine peaks.

The stage surrounds an open orchestra pit, and the production's student orchestra is visible, conducted by AHS Band Director Joe Wright.

The show is directed by Susan Choquette, AHS director of theater. An American army of parent volunteers, support staff and students have taken care of everything from lighting and props to costumes and sound effects.

ENTERING ANDOVER by Don Mathias



Medical Connection
by Bill Daly, M.D.

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Line up of heroes for Veterans Day

Town shares book on veterans, message from Iraq

By NEIL FATER
TOWNSMAN EDITOR

Some of Andover's oldest and most decorated veterans were recognized on Veterans Day and given a book that can help explain their sacrifices to their children and future generations.

The publication "Heroes Among Us: Book 1" is the first of what is expected to be a series on Andover veterans, and it covers the stories of 29 decorated Andover veterans of World War II and Korea. More than half of the men in the book, or their families, were there to accept the books. Three men have died since being interviewed. Those who could not make the Veterans Day event at Ballardvale Green were given the books in person later.

Veterans Services Officer Michael Burke said he had two goals for the first book: to give veterans something they could share with their families, and to share local history with the Andover schools. Burke said he woke up Veterans Day to hear from a social studies teacher that she has already read "Heroes Among Us" and is planning ways to incorporate it into her



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo
Veteran George Bentley salutes during the Veterans Day ceremony held at Spring Grove Cemetery.

classroom lessons. As part of the holiday program, interviewer Robert Demingue noted that several veterans had not talked about their experiences since the war ended. He recalled one family trying to eavesdrop to learn of their father's exploits.

"We had several incidents where the children did not even know what was being said," said Domingue. "There are 29 completely different stories and they cover a spectrum of contrasts." Domingue shared both serious



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo
Honor Guard member of the American Legion Post 8 Al Doucey watches the Veterans Day ceremony at Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover as young members of the Essex County Civil Air Patrol stand at attention.

and humorous stories about the veterans. For instance, he said

that when some misinformed police showed up to arrest the enlisted Bob Merola for allegedly avoiding the draft, his mother told them "Go to Korea and find him. I'd like to see him."

Toward the end of the Veterans Day ceremony at Ballardvale Green, Burke shared a message from Pat Robb, an Andover police officer and town native who is serving as a heavy equipment pit commander at the Al Asad Air Base in Iraq. Robb's mother, Victoria Robb, shared the entire e-mail with the Townsman.

Pat Rob writes, "I've been in country for just over a month now. While it's not quite as nice as being at home it's definitely a better place than it was five years ago. The amenities here now, compared to then, are remarkable; infrastructure has improved as well. My Marines are doing an incredible job. I can't say enough about them. Although the mission here isn't as hectic as before, they still work long hours in uncomfortable conditions and they always produce the finest results. I come to work every morning and thank the powers that be that I have this group of men to lead. "I wanted to ask if you wouldn't mind passing along the following



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message from my Marines during the Veterans Day ceremony at the Ballardvale Green," Robb continued. "To all of the veterans present, we stand in awe of the accomplishments of our brothers in arms and we strive only to live up to your expectations and the examples that you have set. The men and women of MWSS-472, currently deployed to the Al Anbar Province, wish to thank the citizens of the town of Andover and all those present for their support of all veterans."



PHOTO BY BARBARA INNES

Receiving his 'Heroes Among Us' book is Al Koch, who faced intense combat in Europe during severe winter weather, earning medals including a Bronze Star.



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Girl Scouts help with clothing drive for children

Andover residents are involved in a townwide clothing drive to benefit homeless and low income children through Cradles to Crayons. Through Nov. 21, the group will collect donations of new and gently used children's clothing from infants to teens. The group is also collecting shoes, newborn essentials and backpacks.

Five troops of Andover Girl Scouts have been active in advertising, collecting and sorting the items, according to Pat Commane. These are troop 60079, which includes girls from from High Plain, St. Augustine, West Elementary and Sanborn; troop 60946, which includes South and High Plain students; troop 61224, which includes South and Bancroft students, and troops 66754 and 62109.

"C2C's mission is to provide children the basic things they need to feel warm, ready to learn and to feel valued. In 2008, C2C provided essentials to over 40,000 Massachusetts children, many right here in the Merrimack Valley," according to a release from organizers.

For more information check out www.cradlestocrayons.org or contact Pat Commane at 978-474-6047 or pcommane@yahoo.com

Drop off sites include Memorial Library, Bancroft Elementary School, High Plain Elementary School, Free Christian Church, South Church, Shawsheen School, West Elementary School, Temple Emmanuel, Andover High School, Andover Town Hall, South Elementary School, dress-code in Elm Square and Congregation Beth Israel.

Parade, Holiday Happenings and Santa all coming to town

It's nearly the most wonderful time of the year. The Feaster Five road race through downtown Andover on Thanksgiving morning kicks off a 10-day period of community events in the downtown, that includes a parade on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, the hayrides of Holiday Happenings and a breakfast with a certain jolly old elf for little ones.

Holiday Happenings

This is the sixth year for Holiday Happenings, sponsored by the Andover Business Center Association, and the fourth year

in which a Christmas tree will be lit downtown, in the cubby near TD Banknorth at 6:30 p.m. Main Street will be closed for Holiday Happenings from Punchard Avenue to Elm Square from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4.

There will be two horse-drawn hay wagons departing from the Olde Andover Village Lot and free rides on these hay wagons from 6 to 9 p.m., as about a dozen businesses are paying for these rides. The Historical Society's carol group will be singing carols on the hay wagons. There will be roasted chestnuts in front of the

Town House, sponsored by the Andover Historical Society and the Andover Business Center Association. Phillips Academy student Casey McQuillan will sing in front of the Town House, also called Old Town Hall. Shops will stay open late, holding open houses.

Holiday Happening Buttons will be sold for \$10, sponsored by the ABCA. The purchase of these buttons pays for Andover services such as the Police Department. These buttons will grant the buyer numerous discounts in various stores downtown the

night of Holiday Happenings.

For further information, log onto www.andoverbusinesses.org.

Holiday Parade

The 54th Annual Andover Firefighters Holiday Parade will be Sunday, Nov. 29 at 1 p.m. with a rain/snow date of Sunday, Dec. 6 at 1 p.m. Participants should meet at noon in the Doherty Middle School rear parking lot. The parade, often called the Santa parade, travels from Whittier Street to Elm Street, Elm Street to Main Street and

Main Street to Punchard Avenue. Grand Marshal will be Townsman columnist and former Andover moderator and Selectman Bill Dalton.

Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast with Santa will be held from 9 to noon the next morning, Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Free Christian Church on Elm Street. Typically, Santa also makes an appearance on Friday night at Holiday Happenings.

— *Andover High contributor Eric Bryden contributed to this article.*

Ironstone Farm Spirit of Giving

Ironstone Farm will hold its annual Spirit of Giving Gala to benefit Challenge Unlimited, its program that uses horses to help people with special needs.

The Andover Country Club will be transformed on Saturday, Nov. 21 into Bourbon Street in New Orleans, with Mardi Gras float, café-style food stations, real Louisiana fare, the Boogaloo Swamis playing Zydeco music, a Mardi Gras mask face-painter and "paparazzi" greeters throwing beads to guests from a balcony on the way in. The Hot Tamales will play Dixieland in a parade led by WCVB's Susan Wornick and completed with guy on stilts, Mardi Gras-style.

Seating is café style with low and high-top tables set in various designs throughout the room. Live auction items include the tickets to the Monday Night Football Patriots versus Saints game at the New Orleans Superdome, with three nights' stay in the French Quarter, condo for four on the river overlooking New York City with tix to Good Morning America, a house on Sanibel Island with lots of gift certificates for restaurants nearby, and a round of golf for three with Dennis Eckersley at Turner Hill in Ipswich, according to Ironstone.

People can purchase tickets online at www.challengeunlimited.org.

Mailing deadlines

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New chapter: 3rd century at Andover Bookstore

Self-described 'bookaholic' Meghan Tucker, 11, looks down from the second floor of her favorite place to come for books, Andover Bookstore. "Barnes and Noble might have more books, but I just like it here better," the young reader said on the night the store celebrated its 200th year of business.

STAFF PHOTO/Roger Darrigrand



Last targeted street lights are now out

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

You may have noticed Andover's streets are a little darker – and it's not just because daylight saving time ended this month. National Grid has shut off 626 street lights in town, completing the money-saving project town leaders approved this summer.

The shutoff was completed earlier than expected, said Jack Petkus, director of Andover Public Works, who estimated his department has received between 10 and 20 complaints since lights went off.

"The earlier you turn them off, the more you save," said Petkus. "After one calendar

year, the light is physically taken off the pole, and when it's taken off the pole, our savings will triple."

Petkus estimates the shutoff will save \$30,000 this fiscal year, and upwards of \$100,000 next year.

"We're taking part in the Dark Skies Initiative, which is an effort to reclaim the night sky," said Petkus. "We're also being green – saving on the pocketbook, and [reducing our] carbon footprint."

Among the complaints, the DPW received a petition, signed by a neighborhood of five families, asking to keep lights on. Several residents, unaware of the shutoff program, called National Grid to complain.

Petkus said he and Public Safety Officer Charles "Chuck" Edgerly are continuing to evaluate the town's 1,600 street lights.

He also offered advice to those living in darkened areas of town.

"If you're walking your dog at night, common sense says carry a flashlight, wear light or reflective clothing, walk facing traffic, or turn on a porch light," said Petkus. "Even with streetlights, you can get in (dark areas) between lights."

Resident to be one of nation's top docs

Andover resident Dr. Howard K. Koh, M.D., M.P.H. will be sworn in as the nation's 14th Assistant Secretary for Health tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 20, at 12:30 p.m.

Koh, most recently associate dean for public health practice and director of the Division of Public Health Practice at Harvard School of Public Health, was state health commissioner from 1997 to 2003.

The assistant secretary for health is responsible for the major health agencies, and is the leading health advisor to the secretary of HHS.

Koh and his wife, Claudia Arigg-Koh, an ophthalmologist, have three children.

WW II veteran shares survival story Nov. 22

In the spirit of honoring our veterans, the West Parish Church Men's Group will host a special presentation in Fellowship Hall, 129 Reservation Road, Andover, starting at noon on Sunday Nov. 22 when Haverhill native John Katsaros will share with us his amazing story of survival as a 20-year-old aerial gunner on a B-17 shot down over Germany on their 11th bombing mission. Katsaros was twice captured by the Gestapo and escaped with the help of the Free French Resistance.

Following his presentation, he will be glad to personally autograph his book: "Code Burgundy: The Long Escape" available for \$25. A light lunch and refreshments will be served with free-will cash donation accepted. All are welcome to hear Katsaros' incredible story and message to us all.

■ HIGH SCHOOL REUNIONS

Class of 1989

Andover High School Class of 1989 will have its 20th high school reunion on Saturday, Nov. 28, at 6 p.m., in the Andover Wyndham Hotel, 123 Old River Road. The night will include a buffet dinner, slide show and a DJ playing all '80s music. Tickets are \$75 through Sept. 28, and \$85 after that. Organizers say they will stop selling tickets as soon as the room capacity is reached, and tickets will not be available at the door. Those interested in attending can send a check to AHS Reunion Committee, 4 Wilmor Road, Topsfield, MA 01983.

The Web site for more information is www.ahsreunion89.com.

Class of 1979

The Andover High School Class of 1979 will hold its 30th reunion on Friday, Nov. 27 at Andover Country Club. The cost is \$55.

For more information e-mail andoverhigh1979@yahoo.com or contact Ginny Busta at gabby_busta@verizon.net or 978-409-1026; Mary Kate Eisenhour at 978-685-5630; Donna Phaneuf at donna@donnapr.com or 978-688-4613, or Mary McVey Vernaglia at mverna-glia@comcast.net.

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Townspeople

My neighbor's brother

Bill Dalton



We have a neighbor, a guy in his mid-60s who retired last year. Let's call him Jim. Like a lot of recently retired

gents, his growth of beard is two days ahead of him, and his grizzled appearance fits the edgy profile of the conifers and boulders that dominate the landscape around here. His big smile and friendly voice tell me he'd be the first one to help you if you needed it.

When he's in his yard, I often stop and talk. Jim stays busy, working on his neat little house, struggling for dominance with bushes and trees that want to take over. We talk about the beauty of the area, the wild animals, and the taxes, of course.

I stopped by a couple of days ago. A sharp wind was blowing dark scud above the tallest pines and shaking the dead leaves off the maples. His smile was gone and his face was low with sadness. He and his younger brother, only a few years apart in age, worked at the same assembly plant most of their lives. His brother was retiring this month.

They were within seeing distance of each other at work. My neighbor said they smiled and waved at each other across the assembly floor. Last year, my neighbor's brother fulfilled a dream of many years and built a cabin, where he and his wife would retire. With his brother Jim's help, it took him nine months to complete the home.

They did the work themselves, and Jim's only reward was that he was doing it for

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Home building can be sweet



Debra Rodger, of Andover, adds to her gingerbread themed home "The Velveteen Rabbit" during a gingerbread-decorating contest to benefit at the Community Cooperative Preschool. The event also featured games and music, and children could decorate their own gingerbread house.

TIM JEAN/Staff photos



A close look at the "Goodnight Gorilla" gingerbread home created by Andover resident Jeanne Topham.



Runners check their watches at the start of the ninth annual Larry Robinson race at Andover High School Nov. 8.

KATE GLASS/Staff photo

Andover residents run to beat cancer

New mom wins her first race since giving birth

A record field of runners under perfect weather conditions raised \$20,000 to fight cancer at the 9th Annual Larry Robinson 10 Miler and 5 Kilometer Race held Sunday, Nov. 8, at Andover High School, said Roy Dennehy, event director and two-time cancer survivor.

Since 2001, a total of \$180,000 have been raised to help advanced cancer research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Larry Robinson's name and memory, he reported. Robinson was the former Andover High Principal, who died of cancer in 1999 at age 46.

In the 5K race (3.1 miles), the overall male winner was Adam Holmes of Andover (17:17), who is the cross country coach at Merrimack College. The female

winner was Caroline Bjune another resident of Andover (19:40) who won in her first race back since giving birth in September.

In the 10-miler, the overall male winner was Kevin Gorman of Norwood (55:46), and the female winner was Amanda Kourtz of Raynham (62:46). Betsey Desfosse, a teacher at Andover High who Dennehy calls "the greatest supporter and No. 1 volunteer for all the nine years of the event," ran the 10-mile race in a time of 1:30:26.

Due to the popularity of the event among younger runners, this year's 5K race included a 13 and younger category. Female sisters Emily and Grace O'Hara from Andover came in first and second for females in this age

group, both completing the race in under 28 minutes.

Michael Primes of Andover topped the age 19 to 29 group in the 5K with a time of 17:25.

Fabio Piergentili of Andover topped males 40-49 with a time of 17:49.

A time of 26:11 for the 5K was turned in by Andover Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, good enough for second in his age group, 60-69.

Finally, in the 80 and over age category Lou Peters, an 84-year-old running legend from Methuen, was the overall winner for the second year in a row.

For a complete listing of all the finishers, visit: www.coolrunning.com/results/09/ma/Nov8_9thLar_set3.shtml.



Adam Holmes of Andover approaches the finish line of the ninth annual Larry Robinson 5K race at Andover High School on Nov. 8. Holmes finished first with a time of 17:17.

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TOWNSPEOPLE

Non Sibi Day reaches Djibouti

Navy Cmdr. Robert W. Patrick Jr., a 1988 graduate of Phillips Academy in Andover, and his fellow sailors of Patrol Squadron 10 "Red Lancers" (VP-10), Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla., recently completed the fourth month of their six-month deployment to the Navy's Africa Command and Central Command, operating from bases in Qatar, Djibouti, and Japan.

While deployed, the Lancers have conducted operations in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom to include maritime security operations; anti-submarine warfare; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; routine maritime patrol and anti-piracy missions in the Arabian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, the Arabian Sea and the Gulf of Aden and maintained a 99.5-percent sortie-completion rate.

The Lancers introduced a contingent from Patrol Squadron One "Screaming Eagles" (VP-1) to Central Command theater of operations during the Screaming Eagles' two-day visit from Widbey Island, Wash. The Screaming Eagles will replace the Lancers at the conclusion of the units deployment in December.

In Djibouti, during a "Non Sibi" day, the PA slogan meaning not for ourselves, the Lancers helped distribute 10,000 units of clothing donated by Carter's Inc., Atlanta, Ga. The influx of 270 boxes temporarily shut down the camp post office until the sailors loaded the donations on a truck and moved them into storage. The donations were then distributed with the assistance of the base staff, U.S. Embassy personnel and the Ministry of Women and Family Affairs.

Resident, trooper earns Medal of Merit

State Police Trooper Edward H. Troy, an Andover resident, has received the Massachusetts State Police Medal of Merit. He was honored during a ceremony at the Statehouse for "his outstanding investigative skills, leading to 11 felony narcotics arrests."

On May 20, 2009, Trooper Troy led an investigation into a major marijuana trafficking ring. This investigation resulted in seven arrests for trafficking and the seizure of more than 500 pound of marijuana and over \$182,000. On June 1, 2009, Troy's initiative and expertise led to the seizure of more than five kilograms of cocaine and \$2,250 and the arrests of three suspects for trafficking. On June 13, 2009, Troy was again the lead investigator in a cocaine distribution case. Troy closed this case quickly with the arrest of one subject for possession with intent to distribute cocaine, and the seizure of over \$385,000.

Trooper Troy is a 23-year veteran of the Massachusetts State Police and is assigned to the state police Andover barracks. He was previously assigned to the Massachusetts Attorney General's Special Investigations Unit, the Middlesex County State Police Narcotics Unit, the Suffolk County State Police Narcotics Unit, and the State Police Norwell Barracks. He is a 2003 recipient of the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office Trooper Joseph F. Moynihan Award, and previously received a New England Narcotic Enforcement Officer's Association Award.

Troy is a 1979 graduate of West Roxbury High School and holds a bachelor's degree in law enforcement from Western New England College.

■ ENGAGEMENTS



Matthew Coolidge and Kathryn O'Donnell

Matthew Coolidge and Kathryn O'Donnell are pleased announce their engagement. Both are graduates of Andover High School. Kathryn is the daughter of Marcia O'Donnell, of Andover, and the late Miles O'Donnell. She is

a resident in internal medicine at Brown University in Providence. Matthew is the son of Alden Kendall Coolidge Jr. and Karen Coolidge of North Andover. He is an electrical engineer and lives in Providence, R.I.



Mathew Santos and Elizabeth Bird

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Santos of Amesbury, formerly of Andover, are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Mathew Santos, to Elizabeth N. Bird, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bird of Elbridge, N.Y.

Mathew is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. James A. Kelly Jr. of Andover and Boca Raton, Fla., and Arthur E. Santos of Medford and the late Mary A. Santos.

Elizabeth is the granddaughter of Margery A. Near of Elbridge, N.Y. and the late

Wilson J. Near Jr. and Irma K. Bird of Elbridge, N.Y. and the late George K. Bird.

Mathew is a graduate of Pingree School and St. Michael's College. He is currently employed as an associate at CB Richard Ellis/New England.

Elizabeth is a graduate of Colgate University and Boston University where she earned a masters degree in teaching. She is employed as a teacher in Dedham.

The couple plan a August 2010 wedding in Chatham.



Anne Marie Felago and Mark Sutton

Richard Felago of Cambridge and Susan Felago of Andover, along with Richard and Val Sutton of Chester, England, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Anne Marie Elise Felago to Mark Cresswell Sutton.

Anne Marie is a graduate of Bishop Fenwick High School in Peabody, Mass. he received a bachelor's degree in business administration, graduating cum laude, from Villanova University in 2003 and her MBA from Goizueta Business School at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. in 2009. She is currently

employed at ING Investment Management in Atlanta.

Mark is a graduate of Queens Park High School in Chester, England. He received a bachelors of science with honors degree, within human resource management/sport and exercise science in 2001 from the University of Gloucestershire, England. He received his MBA from Babson College in Wellesley, Mass. in 2009. Mark is currently employed at Secure-Works in Atlanta, Ga.

Anne Marie and Mark are planning a September 2010 wedding in the Andover area.



Melanie Maguire and David Kern

Melanie Maguire, daughter of Barbara and Phil Maguire of Andover, is engaged to David Kern, son of June and Fred Kern of Bedford.

Melanie received her bachelor's degree from University of Massachusetts Amherst and her master's degree in physical therapy from the University of Miami. She is now practicing physical therapy at Sports and Physical Therapy

Associates in the Lexington and Acton locations.

David received his bachelor's degree in marketing from the Barney School of Business at The University of Hartford and is in software sales. He is a business development consultant for Tiger-Bow and director of sales for Massachusetts Futsal Association.

The couple plans to wed in November.

Ironstone Farm recruiting people for the 2010 Boston Marathon

It won't be the horses running the marathon.

Ironstone Farm of Andover, is seeking both unqualified and qualified runners to participate in the 2010 Boston Marathon.

Businesses also are being sought to help add financial support.

Selected unqualified runners

must raise in exchange for their waiver into the race, a minimum of \$3,250. Qualified runners are also welcome to join the team for a minimum fundraising effort of \$500 per member.

Participants will receive personalized coaching and course advice, fundraising tips, organized training runs, team

uniform, luxury bus to the start on race day, involvement with other charity programs and their runners, pre race pasta party, and more, according to the non-profit organization on Lowell Street, Route 133.

They bill running the marathon as a way to help Ironstone Farm while keeping active this

winter by training for the April 19, 2010 edition of the Boston tradition.

Interested in applying to join a team? Contact program coordinator Susan Hurley at 978-852-7891 or visit Ironstone Farm's Web site at www.challengeunlimited.org for an application.



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Business

Consigning is here again

Shopping for kids consign-ment style was so well received last spring, organizers of the event say they had to come back to town.

The Children's Drop & Shop has once again set up a temporary store on Chestnut Street, where Andover Cycle used to be. Sellers are dropping off gently-used kids winter clothes all week. The sale opens to the public on Friday, Nov. 20 at 10 a.m. Sale days are also set for

Nov. 21 and 22.

"Andover was great last spring when we had spring and summer clothes. Now, we have winter clothes for kids up to size 16," said Stacey Lai of The Children's Drop & Shop.

It's not too late to offer your kids' outgrown winter clothes. Items for the sale are still being accepted. Check out www.childrensdropsandshop.com for instructions.

Post Office Avenue

Delivering a name change?

Did Post Office Avenue ever have a post office? The question was raised at the selectmen's meeting by the three landlords of the Musgrove Building, located at the corner of Main Street and Post Office Avenue.

They want to change the street name from Post Office Avenue to Andover Place because they are hoping to turn the area into a hip restaurant row and they want a more hip-sounding name.

Andover Historical Society put its stamp on this question as town records show the Musgrove Building housed a post office back in 1900.

Landlords do not know how long the name-change process would take. But this is one request that won't get lost in the mail. Landlord Barry Finegold (D-Andover) said his group is serious about following through on the name change.

- Judy Wakefield

Women help lead Chinese culture course

Regional Asian Center looks to attract businesses

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

The local Asian Center started out as a gathering center for new immigrants, including many who had escaped from war torn homelands. It was the place to go for inexpensive English classes.

Grants earmarked for language programs for refugees paid the rent and salary stipends for years at the Asian Center of Merrimack Valley, which was founded in 1987 by nuns, the Sisters of Charity.

Now, 22 more peaceful years later, grant money is drying up.

"But there are so many Asians now. In Andover alone, the population is growing," said Yang Schmitt, an immigrant from Beijing, China, who married an American. The couple live in Andover with their daughter.

She's a new face at the Asian Center and looking to take the programs to the next level.

"Times have changed. Now, we need to be more about Asian culture, Asian business, not just language," Schmitt said. "It's a whole new generation [and new business climate in Asia,



Courtesy photo

Leaders of the center include, from left Andover resident Ying Schmitt; Muoi Lam, the Vietnamese and Chinese outreach coordinator; and director and Andover resident Kaori Kelts.

especially China]. You've got to understand that if you are going to do business over there."

Schmitt is looking to reach out to companies with Chinese business connections by offering a Chinese culture course to them. It's the first time the Asian Center, at 1 Ballard Way in Lawrence, across the street from the Elks Club, is offering such a course.

Schmitt applauded the center's

growth over the years, as there is a growing preschool program, an elder program for Cambodian, Chinese and Vietnamese elders, and workshops to help with citizenship applications.

The Business Chinese Class is for workers who need to travel to China. The eight-week, \$300 course starts later this month and is held on Mondays from 6-8 p.m. at the Merrimack Valley

Asian Center.

Her Chinese culture tidbits start right at registration. She's asked often why the number 51 is included in the e-mail address for class registration.

"To the Chinese, 51 is a very lucky number, and, so I put it in," she said.

In addition to lucky numbers, students can expect to learn about about the Chinese economy and how much it has changed in the 25 years since Schmitt left Beijing.

"I earned 24 yen a month and now that same job (in a hotel's front office) pays 10,000 yen a month. That's a big change," she said. "In America, the change in 25 years is usually in new houses, but it's not like that in China."

She also plans to teach some key Chinese words suitable for any business exchange.

"The Chinese love it when you know words from their language, really love it," Schmitt said. "Little cultural things that you need to know and may help you is the focus (of the class). With so much Chinese-American connections, I think this course will really help businesses."

To learn more, contact Ying Schmitt at 978-683-7316, Ext. 16 or learningchinese51@gmail.com.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Winchester Hospital has named **Robby Robertson** to its executive team. Robertson is vice president of facilities and real estate services.

Since joining Winchester

Hospital 14 years ago, Robertson has been a leader in the strategic alignment of Winchester Hospital's program growth by doubling the organization's physical capacity to more than 700,000 square

feet across 31 off-site locations. He has executive oversight of construction, facilities and real estate, telecommunications, security and transportation services.

Robertson is a member of the

Stoneham Chamber of Commerce, National Fire Protection Association, American Society for Healthcare Engineering and New England Healthcare Engineers Society. He lives in Andover.



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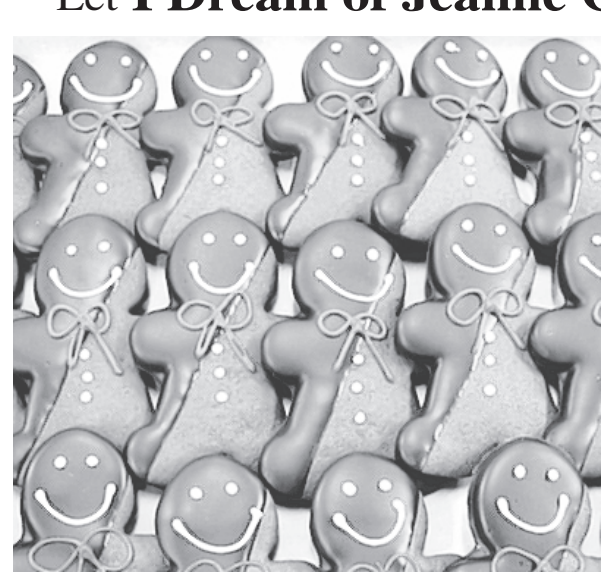


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Education

Schools set aside \$15,000 for superintendent search

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

The School Committee has signed a \$8,500 contract with an outside agency to find a new superintendent for the Andover Schools, and top finalists for the job will be announced Feb. 8.

The committee voted unanimously to hire the Massachusetts Association of School Committees on Nov. 10, paying it \$8,500, plus up to another \$6,500 for travel, advertising and other expenses for the four-month search and interview process. Member Dennis Fargue said the school department would need to pay for travel, advertising and other expenses even if Andover conducted the search itself.

MASC representative Mike Gilbert outlined a search timeline on Nov. 10, which has the School Committee voting to appoint a superintendent on March 4.

Claudia Bach, Andover's superintendent since 1998, announced her resignation last month. Her

TIMELINE: SEARCH FOR NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Through December: Massachusetts Association of School Committees meets with focus groups in town, determines selection criteria and community profile
Dec. 16: Adverting posted in the Boston Globe, New York Times and on sites of state and national association of school committees
Jan. 15: Deadline to apply for the job
Jan. 21: MASC presents eight to 10 semifinalists to the School Committee; candidates are not made public
Jan. 25-29: MASC interviews semifinalists with a screening committee
Feb. 8: Between three and five finalists presented to School Committee; names made public
Feb. 22-26: MASC conducts site visits to see finalists on the job
March 2, 3 and 4: final interviews with finalists
March 4: School Committee votes to appoint superintendent
July 1: new superintendent begins in Andover

employment contract lasts until June 30, but the School Committee has released her from her obligation to remain until then, if she were to find another job.

The new superintendent will begin July 1, 2010. If Bach were to leave before June 30, an interim would be found, said School Committee Chairwoman Debra Silberstein. One option discussed

has been asking Assistant Superintendent Susan Nicholson to step into the role.

"The School Committee has had an initial discussion about it, and there are a lot of really good opportunities within the district for an interim, or it could be a retired person," said Silberstein.

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Parents: What do you want in the next leader?

Parents and community members are invited to attend one of the focus groups hosted by Michael Gilbert, of the Mass. Association of School Committees, the consultant running the superintendent search in Andover. The goal is to develop a superintendent profile based on the input of parents and community members. These meetings are for parents with children in any of Andover's Public Schools. Parents should choose the meeting that best meets their personal schedules, and do not necessarily have to attend the meeting held at their child's school. The proposed schedule for consultants' focus groups is below, with the parent focus groups in bold.

3:45 to 4:45 p.m. - Faculty Focus Group/High Plain and Wood Hill

Tuesday, Dec. 1
 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. - Faculty Focus Group/Bancroft Elementary
7 to 8 p.m. - Parent Focus Group/Wood Hill and High Plain

Thursday, Dec. 3
 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. - Central Office Focus Group
 10 a.m. to noon - Administrative Council Focus Group
7 to 8 p.m. - Parent Focus Group/Bancroft Elementary

Thursday, Dec. 10
 11:00 a.m. to noon - Focus Group with Community and Seniors at Senior Center
 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. - Focus Group with Town Officials
 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. - Faculty Focus Group /Sanborn School
7 to 8 p.m. - Parent Focus Group/ West Middle School

Monday, Nov. 23
8 to 9:30 a.m. - Parent Focus Group/South Elementary
 10 to 11:00 a.m. - AHS Student Focus Group
 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. - Faculty Focus Group/AHS
 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. - Faculty Focus Group/West Elementary

Tuesday, Nov. 24
 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. - Faculty Focus Group/Doherty Middle

Remembering an educational visionary

Ken Seifert



When I read the article written by Meredith Price about Ted Sizer, former Phillips headmaster from 1972 to 1981, I was deeply moved by the

memories.

For almost 10 years I had the good fortune to be working in the same town with one of the greatest education visionaries in our history. When you personally know and witness someone with unselfishness, vision, objectivity, and a sense of humanity you are compelled to say something about such a person.

Sizer was one of the most intellectually honest and ego-detached persons I have known. His perspective on education, schooling and moral imperatives exuded from his personality. We shared many luncheons at the Andover Inn. Sometimes they were more like seminars on what makes a good school. I must admit I did more listening than speaking on such occasions. No matter how small the item he was passionate about what he thought. It was infectious. He was an extremely logical man and could discuss issues based on the merit of the idea and not his feelings. However he was a very empathetic man and considered the impact an idea would have on people. He was also a courageous man. He spoke his beliefs without fear or concern he might be alone in his thought.

On one occasion we discussed the sharing of resources for the mutual benefit of children. He said if Phillips Academy had extra seats in some of its classes with a low teacher pupil ratio, Andover public school

children could audit the course. We worked out a process over a cup of Henry Broekhoff's soup. I went back to the high school and within a week we had five students auditing Chinese Language classes. They had to provide their own transportation. I think Ted could see the role China would play in the world's future.

I gave him a similar offer to audit classes in our high school. He was also a pragmatist. He said, "How could I defend sending private school students to a public school? The alumni and parents would be all over my back." He would have fought the battle. I thanked him for the offer and many of our children took advantage.

In 15 minutes you could share an intended strategy. He would give you the merits of the idea and proceed to tell you where the alligators in the swamp were. He was a patient man but did not waste his time.

After the Phillips experience, he launched his ideas on the national and world scene. Walter Annenberg, a publisher gave him \$50 million to dream. He chose Brown University as his dream center creating the Annenberg Institute for School Reform. In a short time, Brown was one of the most exciting places for teaching and learning in the country. It was here that he established one of the finest innovations in 50 years, the Coalition for Essential Schools. For more information, just Google the topic.

To be candid, if one examines what it proposes, it makes most practices in today's schools look like the 1920s. It emphasizes the power of individual teachers and schools as the hope of the future. It provides assessments that answer the basic question: what do you know and how can you show it? I wish I had taped his comments on MCAS and No Child Left Behind.

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Celebrity readers

Andover elementary schools are inviting community leaders into their classrooms this week as part of the League of Women Voters 14th annual Community Read-Along. On Tuesday, members of the community read in the morning to Sanborn Elementary students and in the afternoon another group read to West Elementary students. Pictured are the Finance Committee's Peggy Kruse, bottom left, the Andover Cultural Council's Keith Sherman, at left, and the Memorial Hall Library's Geri Deyermond, bottom right, all at Sanborn.

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ANDOVER HIGH ROUNDUP

Andover sets records, cruises to North swim title

SWIMMING

Records were falling as Andover rolled past the competition to claim the North Section swim championship on Saturday.

"It was a phenomenal day," said Andover head coach Marilyn Fitzgerald. "We opened by winning the medley relay and that set the tone for the meet."

The Golden Warriors registered 335 points to outdistance Acton-Boxboro, which had 196. Archrival Haverhill finished seventh with 84 points.

Andover's Rachel Moore continued her record-setting accomplishments. Her time of 51.16 in the 100 freestyle topped Jenny Norton's 24-year-old meet record of 51.83. Moore also set a new standard in the 100 backstroke when her time of 56.05 — which erased Andover legend Connie Brown's 10-year old mark of 56.71.

Freshman Maggie D'Innocenzo's 4:59.14 beat Katelyn Martin's two-year-old record by a scant 0.3 seconds.

Moore grabbed two firsts (100 freestyle and the 100 backstroke) and the Golden Warriors recorded single wins from Monica Patterson (200 freestyle), D'Innocenzo (500 freestyle) and Ashlee Korsberg (100 breaststroke).

FIELD HOCKEY

Warriors battle, but fall just short

For much of the final 20 minutes of the contest, Andover threw all of the pressure it could at its opponent. But, in the end, the Golden Warriors couldn't find the back of the net.

No. 2 Andover allowed a first half goal, and despite controlling the pace of play in the second half, could not tie the game and fell to No. 3 Weston 1-0 in the Division 1 North semifinals last Tuesday. It was the second straight year the Golden

Warriors (19-1-1) were eliminated by the Wildcats.

"Andover definitely held the momentum in the second half," said Weston coach Laura Galopim. "We weren't playing aggressive enough, and had to call a time out. But our goalie was great."

The Golden Warriors held the ball in the Wildcats' zone for nearly the entire second half, outshooting Weston 8-1 after the break — all while a player down due to a penalty.

"I thought we played so hard," said Andover coach Maureen Noone. "We just started running wild in the second half instead of trying to make the pretty passes. We were moving the ball up and just running really well. But it wasn't enough."

Firing shot after shot, the Golden Warriors saw one blast go wide of the net, and another sail up and over the net.

Andover fell behind in the first. Playing without standout back Nicole Giroux, who had left the game with an injury, Emily Quinn tallied the game's lone goal.

Led by Sierra Zwerling, Emily Hook and Laura Dimitruk, the Golden Warriors' defense did not break from there, but it was not enough.

VOLLEYBALL

Central again bites Andover

Just as it opened the season, Andover could not best Central Catholic.

The Golden Warriors suffered only their third loss of the season, all against their archrival as the Blue and Gold fell to the Raiders 25-13, 23-25, 25-22, 25-18 in the Division 1 North final on Saturday.

"We opened up the season with them," Andover coach George Sullivan said. "It was very, very similar to this. ... The third game we should have won and we didn't and that changed

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Just a freshman, Andover's Deborah Daly has become a force on the diving board, and is drawing comparisons to past Golden Warrior diving greats.



Deborah Daly

Freshman Daly looks to help Andover to Division 1 state title

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Deborah Daly admits that there are moments when butterflies still creep into her stomach while on the diving board.

"There have been some tough times that I've been scared to do everything," she said. "Especially early on, when I was afraid of smacking (the diving board). But I have been saying to myself, 'If you smack, you smack. Oh well, get over it. Just go.'"

It is those nerves of steel that have allowed Daly — just a freshman — to emerge as the newest in a long line of

Andover diving stars. Next Saturday, Daly will look to help lead the Golden Warriors to victory at the MIAA Division 1 State Swimming championship at MIT.

Already, she has drawn comparisons to Golden Warriors diving greats including two-time Division 1 state champion Katie O'Connell (2006-07), two-time Division 1 North champ Jen Busby (1999-2000) and four-time North Sectional champion Caroline Crocker (1995-98).

"Deborah is two years ahead of them as freshmen," said Andover head coach Marilyn Fitzgerald. "She probably has more variations on her dives

than any freshman we have ever had. She is not afraid to try new things."

It has been a breakout first varsity campaign for the 14-year-old, who began diving just two-and-a-half years ago.

"I had tried gymnastics for about half a year and it was only OK," she remembered. "I had never swam in my whole life, but I decided I wanted to give diving a shot. I was a little scared, especially on the three-meter (board). But it clicked right away."

Daly began to star for Charles River Diving, which operates out of college pools in

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The Andover Junior Football League Eagles went a perfect 6-0 and won the AJFL championship this year. The team finished its season by defeating the Steelers, last year's champion, by a score of 38-18. The AJFL banquet in the Andover High School cafeteria capped the season last week. Pictured are the Eagles, first row: Jack Atwood, Joseph Romano, Matthew Mangione, Jack Hartford, Charlie Mosher, Patrick Doheny, Jacob Dalimonte, Brandon Witten, Alex Hajdukiewicz, Michael Biddle, Patrick McHardy, Matt Galvin, Philip LeBlanc; second row: Liam Doherty, Steven Parrill, Ross DaPrato, Sabastian Hamori; third row: Coach Mark Biddle, Patrick Goad, Andrew Biddle, Daniel Perrone, Cam Burton, Mitchell Stevens, Will Galvin, Connor McCullough, Zach Walker, Thomas Dalimonte, Evan Lundgren, Coach Paul Walker; fourth row: Coach Patrick McHardy, Coach Andy Hajdukiewicz, Dylan Norris, Coach Mike Hendrickson, Daniel McDonald, Coach Bob McCullough, Tommy Murphy, Ben Hartford (2008 Eagles), Nolan LeBlanc, Coach Larry Witten, Chris Gerrior and Coach Chip McDonald. Not shown in picture: John Romano and Daniel Amidon.

ROUNDUP

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momentum, and it was the same thing here. I think if we won the third game it would have been a big difference."

Kirsten Arvidson led Andover with 14 kills, and her sister Sarah Arvidson added 11 kills. Andover finished the year 20-3, 20-0 against teams other than Central.

Girls Swimming

North Sectional Swimming (at MIT)

Team Scores: 1. Andover 335, 2. Acton-Boxboro 196, 3. Reading 132.5, 4. Chelmsford 117, 5. Lexington 111, 6. Winchester 110.5, 7. Haverhill 94, 8. Wakefield 50, 9. Central Catholic 35, 10. Lowell 32, 11. Boston Latin 27, 12. Belmont 26, 13. Dracut 24, 14. Stoneham 14, 15. Burlington 5, 15. St. Peter Marion 4

Local placers:
200 medley relay: 1. Andover (Maggie D'Innocenzo, Rachel Moore, Ashlee Korsberg, Emma Cammann), 1:50.64; 200 freestyle: 1. Monica Patterson 1:55.02, 5. Alexa Korsberg 2:01.71, 3. Anna Millar 2:01.73; 200 IM: 2. D'Innocenzo 2:08.38, 3. Korsberg 2:11.89; 50 freestyle: 3. Emma Cammann 25.01, 5. Brittany Ross 25.69; Diving: 2. Deborah Daley, 3. Jenny Coneney, 4. Courtney Stone; 100 butterfly: 2. Korsberg 59.7, 6. Audrey Hanson 1:03.87; 100 freestyle: 3. Patterson 54.07, 4. Camman 54.44, 6. Ross 56.03; 500 freestyle: 1. D'Innocenzo 4:59.14; 200 freestyle relay: 1. Andover (D'Innocenzo, Ross, Cammann, Patterson) 1:40.46; 100 backstroke: 1. Rachel Moore 56; 100 breaststroke: 1. Ash. Korsberg 1:09.78; 400 freestyle relay: 1. Andover (Ashlee Korsberg, Rachel Moore, Alexis Korsberg, Monica Patterson), 3:38.44

DIVING: Freshman looks to make her mark

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Boston. During the offseason, she works out there for up to three hours a day, six days a week. She has also spent up to five days a week there during this season.

Her performance with Charles River created plenty expectations for when she arrived at Andover High this season. But while in the eighth grade, she found a mentor in then-Andover senior and two-time state champion O'Connell.

"I have known Katie for a long time," she said. "It was great to be able to talk to her and ask her about anything, like what it was like to be a member of the varsity team."

"I was confident in my abilities as a diver. I've been doing it for 2 1/2 years. But I was more nervous that I wasn't going to be an important part of the team. I wanted to be able to help out the girls."

It became clear early on that Daly would be an immediate contributor. In the first meet of her varsity career, Daly took first

with a 252.70, besting Methuen standout Katie Oskar.

"It was really exciting to have a freshman come in with so much past experience," said Andover diving coach Becky Pierce. "Deborah is just the whole package as a diver. She is absolutely (comparable) to the best we've had."

Daly and the Golden Warriors surged through the regular season, going 12-0, with Daly grabbing five first while being held out of some meets. But she saved her best performances for the postseason.

She earned first place at the Merrimack Valley Conference diving series (229.80), and took first place (245.50) to lead Andover to victory at the MVC league meet after its streak of eight straight was broken up a season ago. Last Saturday, she added a second-place finish to help Andover to the Division 1 North title.

"Deborah has a high degree of difficulty," said Fitzgerald. "That is the name of the game

in big meets. A lot of divers that make states are solid on their six required dives. But you have to have optional dives and the higher degree of difficulty the diver has, the more points she can score. She has that."

Daly now turns her attention to the state meet. After entering the winner's circle nine straight times, the Golden Warriors finished fourth last season. But Daly and her teammates are primed to regain that title this season.

"I can't wait for states," said Daly. "For freshman like us who have never experienced (a championship), it would be unbelievable. And it would mean so much to me if I were able to contribute to the victory. To know that I was a part of it, and help them to a title would be very special."

"There are still times at meets, when it gets silent, when it is weird for me to be out there and know that everyone is staring at me. But once I get out on the board, I am focused and know what I have to do."

Little Leaguers take Fall Classic



The White Sox are champions of Andover Little League's Fall Baseball Season in the 9- to 12-year-old age group. Pictured are bottom row, from left: Jake Purtell, Kyle Vumbaco, Kunal Vaishnavi, Josh Levine, Jack Gerard; and top row: Isaac Finn, Manager John Graham, Steve Schuhwerk, Cole Spencer, Ian Greaves, Nick Graham, Coach Erik Smith and Gavin Smith. Not pictured is Darin Hunt.

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Advertisement for Bayberry at Emerald Court, featuring a photo of a woman and text about assisted living for veterans.

Advertisement for Prudential Howe & Doherty Realtors, featuring a photo of a house and contact information.

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Large advertisement for WHEELS NORTH.COM featuring a photo of a woman and various pet services.

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The Greater Lawrence Kiwanis Club conducted its second annual Captain George Street Bridge Clean Up Saturday morning, Nov. 7. Twenty students, and veterans, helped Kiwanis Club members clean the bridge area, which is part of Greenwood Road and crosses over Interstate 495 in Andover. Gary Finlayson of Andover, a member of the Kiwanis Club for 10 years, finishes cleaning up using a leaf blower.

TOWN TALK

Holiday concert

The United States Air Force Band of Liberty will play a Christmas Concert on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. at the Collins Center, 80 Shawsheen Road, Andover. The director of Veterans' Services is hosting this patriotic concert.

This is a free concert but tickets are required. Stop by the Veterans Office or mail a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Veterans Office before Nov. 25. Indicate how many tickets you need. There is a limit of six tickets per request. For more information call the Veterans Office at 978-623-8218. Tickets are also available at the Andover Senior Center.

Take a hike - and see ponds of Harold Parker

Explore the back trails of Harold Parker State Forest and check out the Salem, Sudden, and Stearns ponds on Sunday, Nov. 22 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The planned hike is a loop hike, approximately 4 miles long. Meet at 1 p.m. at the Ranger Station on Salem Street/Middleton Road, Andover.

For more information, contact the ATC's Hiking Series Coordinator, Jeff LaFountain at 978-470-2980 or by e-mail at jefflaf@comcast.net.

IRS sees sunny future

Forget its auditing power, the Internal Revenue Service is set to add geothermal and solar-power features to its Andover building. The IRS will break ground today, Nov. 19, on construction to modernize its building off Route 133.

According to Cathy M. Menzies, communications specialist, the project "will allow IRS to expand accounts management, compliance services, and criminal investigative functions, as well as support the agency's increased use of automated technology. The project also includes green features - installation of geothermal heating and cooling systems, a new roof with a photovoltaic

array, seismic repairs, window replacement, HVAC upgrades, and installation of state-of-the-art electrical equipment and energy efficient fixtures."

Girls Night Out

The Magic Parties, self-described as "an organization of women supporting women to bring their gifts and talents into the world," announces Girls Night Out: Conversations for Women That Matter. The free, public event will be Monday, Nov. 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Pike School, 34 Sunset Rock Rd. To register visit www.themagicparties.com/events.html or contact info@themagicparties.com.

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