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Town restores single streetlight, at watchdog's intersection

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

One Andover streetlight will soon be turned back on – and it just happens to be on the street where one of the town's foremost watchdogs lives.

The town will relight the corner of Cyr Circle and Lincoln Street, near the home of Mary Carbone, a woman who attends

most every selectmen's meeting and frequently complains about the town's decision to shut off about 600 streetlights to save money.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said the light would help mitigate problems at an intersection with nighttime safety concerns. The suggestion to restore that specific light came from Carbone, a resident of Cyr Circle.

This light, along with over 600 others, was originally taken out of service last year because the town felt the high number of street lights on town roads was unnecessary, according to Stapczynski. In some cases, town residents voicing concern about safety in specific areas forced the town to reconsider its position regarding specific individual lights.

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"Right after that, there were 17 [lights] that the safety officer said we want to rethink," Stapczynski said. "Since that time,

there has been one or two where people have made a case and the safety officer said, 'I think that would be good.'"

No other street lights are expected to be brought back at this time besides the one at the end of Carbone's street, Stapczynski said, but that could change if residents suggest more areas with legitimate safety concerns.

"People have, and we've honored some and denied others," Stapczynski said.

Carbone said her effort to have lights turned on has not been a selfish effort, and she remains upset that so many other lights have been turned off.

"It bothers me terribly to think that the town would do

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VOLLEYBALL, FIELD HOCKEY, FOOTBALL REACH SPECIAL HEIGHTS



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

SERVING PERFECTION, TOO: The girls volleyball team was set to play in the state semifinals Wednesday night. Above, Andover's tri-captain, Annie Ye serves the ball during a playoff victory over Tewksbury last week. Story, page 17.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

PERFECT, HEADING INTO STATE FINALS: The Andover girls swim and dive team isn't the only team going for a state championship this fall. It is joined by undefeated field hockey and volleyball teams. Above, sophomore Meagan Keefe is mobbed by her field hockey teammates after scoring the winning goal in double overtime Tuesday to send Andover to the Division 1 state final. See story, page 18.



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HISTORIC GAME: Andover football posted a score more worthy of an NBA court than the high school gridiron. Andover won a game for the ages, 88-82, in eight overtimes. Story, page 16.

Man, dogs found dead surrounded by gas cans

Chief: Fires set intentionally in foreclosed home

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Authorities are investigating the death of an Andover man who was found in his foreclosed-upon home surrounded by gas cans and several fires.

Richard Joyce, owner of 3 Sandybrook Circle, and his three dogs were found dead last Thursday, Nov. 11, in a second-floor bedroom, according to Stephen O'Connell, spokesman for District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett. Firefighters arrived at the scene after smoke was spotted coming from the home by joggers just after 6 a.m.

The cause of death for Joyce is pending a toxicology report, but foul play is not suspected, O'Connell said.

Firefighters found inside the home a number of fires burning that appeared to be intentionally set, according to Andover Fire Chief Mike Mansfield.

"There were numerous five-gallon gasoline cans with wicks sticking out of their spouts," Mansfield said. A vehicle in the garage was also set to potentially

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New citizens group to take aim at town spending

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

A new citizens group is forming to take a closer look at how Andover spends its money.

Taking the name of Andover Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility, the group aims to "evaluate the actions of the whole budgetary process of the town of Andover," founding member Tom Garesché said. He plans to hold the group's first organizational meeting on Sunday, Nov. 21, at 3 p.m. at the Memorial Hall Library.

"We are carrying one of the largest debt bills in the state over our property and real estate values," Garesché said.

The group will look at particular projects in town and aspects of the town's budget process, see how

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something of this nature to the taxpayers of the community," Carbone said. "The residents deserve something above baseball fields."

One alternative, Carbone proposed, is to use lights that dim or brighten based on how dark it is outside, thus saving money.

Currently, the town doesn't have any plans on converting older street lights to such equipment, or even newer, more

energy-efficient lights, because that the conversion could cost more — much more, in some cases — than the savings the new lights would generate in the short term, according to Stacpzynski.

"It is not as easy as what it sounds, coming from what other municipalities are doing or companies are selling," Stacpzynski said. "There is a (financial) return, but you have to put up capital first."

North Andover Santa Parade

The North Andover annual Santa Claus parade will be held on Saturday, Nov. 27 at noon, starting at the Middle School. The North Andover Police Department and the Festival Committee are encouraging

businesses and local organizations to participate or enter a float into the parade. Anyone wishing to participate may contact Sgt. Foulds for details at 978-683-3168 by today Nov. 18.

Water main burst spurs traffic nightmares

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

A burst water main under one of Andover's busiest intersections caused traffic problems in downtown Andover throughout Tuesday and into yesterday, Wednesday, Nov. 17.

The main originally broke at around 2 a.m. Tuesday morning, and a replacement pipe wasn't brought online until Tuesday afternoon, according to Morris Gray, superintendent of Water and Sewer.

The break occurred at what Gray said is one of Andover's two "nightmares" for road repairs — Elm Square, the intersection of Post Office Avenue, Main, North Main, Elm and Central streets.

The incident caused day-long traffic backups on all four roads, as well as smaller side roads in the immediate area, but there were no safety concerns as crews worked all day to tear apart and reconstruct the intersection.

"Public safety has been perfect," Gray said. "In terms of keeping traffic away from us and keeping traffic flowing, they have been great today."

The pipe that burst is believed to have been installed around 1898, before automotive traffic moved through the busy intersection.

"If I had to guess, this had to be one of the original pipes of the town," Gray said. "There is a lot of old infrastructure in



MARY SCHWALM/Staff Photo

Crews work to repair North Main Street where a water pipe burst on Tuesday while Town Manager Buzz Stacpzynski checks out the damage.

Andover. Little by little, we are replacing it or rehabing it."

The break caused significant damage to the roadway. When the pipe broke, water pushed through an old, buried, concrete layer, causing part of the paved intersection to bubble and rise above nearby curb stones, Gray said.

Due to this, the intersection — which may be the busiest one in town, next to Shawsheen Square, where Routes 28 and 133 meet — needed to be repaved from crosswalk to crosswalk.

But it could've been worse.

Pointing down to Shawsheen Square, Gray said he was part of the team on duty when a water

main in the center of that intersection exploded during the '80s.

This week's explosion, though troublesome, occurred off to the side of the Elm Square intersection, on the corner of North Main and Central streets.

It also occurred in an area that did not require the town to cut off any residents from their water supply, Gray said.

"Whoever was awake (when the main broke) would have noticed they had lower volume and low pressure," Gray said, adding that no other effects were likely noticed by town residents.

Memorial Hall Library, located on the corner that the water main

break occurred, didn't experience a drop in its business over the course of the day, according to Susan Katzenstein, assistant director of the library.

"We have a very loyal clientele," Katzenstein said. "People always come to the library. It doesn't matter what is going on."

Getting to the library, on the other hand, was an issue.

"Everybody complained on the way to work," Katzenstein said, laughing.

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GROUP: Residents band together to study town finances

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other towns handle similar tasks, and compare Andover to others in the region, according to Garesché.

"We'll bring people in and see who wants to get involved and participate, or who wants to figure out things without getting the town spin on it," he said.

Central to his concerns, and acting as an example of why Garesché believes this new group is needed, is the proposed Bancroft Elementary School, which will cost the town \$44 million before a possible state reimbursement of more than \$16 million is considered.

While saying that the price of the school per square foot is double what similar construction

projects tend to cost, Garesché said the town is overspending on the project needlessly.

But don't get Garesché wrong — he wants a new Bancroft school.

"I am in agreement that they need the school, because they did it wrong 40 years ago," he said. "They have an opportunity to do it wrong again, because they are putting this massive school in a constricted lot."

The new Bancroft Elementary School is expected to be the town's largest elementary school, and will be on the smallest number of acres, opponents have argued.

But ACRF won't stop at analyzing the Bancroft plan.

"The same thing goes for the Town Yard project," Garesché

said.

Through their work, Garesché said the group will allow residents to have a firm understanding of projects by the time they come to Town Meetings and ballot-box elections.

"When people come out to vote, we want them to have their opinion based on the facts," Garesché said. "We will be able to get answers to questions before the projects get pushed through."

Town Manager Buzz Stacpzynski said he welcomes the group, and supports the idea of citizens getting involved in their community.

But the idea behind ACRF is unnecessary, Stacpzynski said.

"Before another group gets started, I would refer them to

the Finance Committee," Stacpzynski said. "I would invite them to come to the budget meetings. I offer them personal invitations."

Whether the group sounds similar to another or not, Stacpzynski said the idea of citizens looking over town operations is a good one.

"There is nothing like asking the department heads specific questions," Stacpzynski said. "Andover is a community, and I invite people to get involved. ... Come to the meetings. Participate. Get closely involved with the process."

Residents looking for more information about Andover Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility can contact the group at AndoverCFR@gmail.com.



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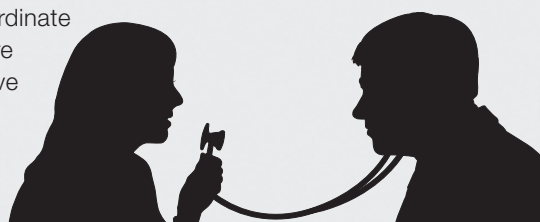
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■ POLICE LOG

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The following items were taken from the Andover police log for Nov. 9 through Nov. 15:

ARRESTS

Tuesday, Nov. 9 — At 10:57 a.m., Anthony Lopez, 17, of 63 Brookfield St. in Lawrence, was arrested at the Greater Lawrence Technical School and charged with disturbing a school assembly.

Wednesday, Nov. 10 — At 7:16 a.m., Marcus Villa, 22, of 48 Oak Terrace in Haverhill, was arrested on Haverhill Street and charged with a marked lanes violation, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, giving a false name or address to police and on five warrants covering 10 charges, including breaking and entering at night time with intent to commit a felony, resisting arrest and violating an abuse prevention order.

At 10:21 p.m., Michelle Juarez, 39, of 47 Union St. in Andover, was arrested on River Road and charged with driving with a suspended registration and driving an uninsured motor vehicle.

Friday, Nov. 12 — At 2:50 a.m., Gregory Coito, 19, of 277

Merrimack St. in Lawrence, was arrested on River Road and charged with operating a motor vehicle while unlicensed.

At 7:58 a.m., Benson Chege, 50, of 754 Aiken St. in Lowell, was arrested on Haverhill Street and charged with operating a motor vehicle while unlicensed.

Saturday, Nov. 13 — Between 10:39 p.m. and 11:04 p.m., police arrested four males from Andover on Main Street and charged them with being persons under the age of 21 in possession of liquor. They are: Matthew Barker, 17, of 67 Central St.; Graham Fuller, 17, of 10 Wolcott Ave.; John Lucchi IV, 18, of 3 Lantern Road; and Zachery Weiss, 18, of 30 High St.

Sunday, Nov. 14 — At 1:43 a.m., police aided in an arrest at Merrimack College. William Crowley, 20, of 23 Bellevue Ave., Winchester, was arrested on Foxhill Road and charged with false use or misuse of a liquor ID card or license and disorderly conduct.

Monday, Nov. 15 — At 11:39 a.m., Andrew Carter, 32, of 29 Mountain Home Road in Londonderry, N.H., was arrested on River Road and charged with indecent exposure, failing to stop for police and possession of a class A drug.

At 12:06 p.m., Tina Troy, 26, of

83 Class St., Manchester, N.H., was arrested on River Road and charged with possession of a class A drug.

THEFTS

Wednesday, Nov. 10 — At 12:39 p.m., a Ridge Street resident reported a theft of an iPod.

Saturday, Nov. 13 — At 11:23 a.m., police received reports of lights stolen from a driveway on Lovejoy Road.

Monday, Nov. 15 — At 8:01 a.m., a caller on Lowell Street reported that somebody had broken into a vending machine and taken money out of it over the weekend.

At 12:04 p.m., a Main Street resident reported that mail was being stolen from her mailbox.

At 3:08 p.m., a Bancroft Road resident reported that silver was stolen from inside her home. The theft is believed to have occurred

within the past year.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Nov. 9 — At 12:03 p.m., a Minuteman Road resident contacted police to report an assault that took place on Monday, Nov. 8.

At 1:46 p.m., police were called to Osgood Street on reports of

a tree down in the roadway. A responding officer said that the "tree" was a stick and he moved it out of the road.

Wednesday, Nov. 10 — At 12:05 p.m., an Elysian Drive resident visited the station to complain about a neighbor who routinely puts leaves in the street.

At 2:30 p.m., a Donna Road resident reported that a sick raccoon was in her front yard.

At 3:13 p.m., police received a call from a Chestnut Street resident about a suspicious device that may have been left at the end of her driveway. Police discovered the item was a piece of trash. The officer disposed of it.

Thursday, Nov. 11 — At 7:24 a.m., a resident of Marion Avenue reported that the tires of his vehicle were slashed overnight.

Friday, Nov. 12 — At 10:57 a.m., a Haverhill Street resident reported illegal dumping of sheet rock that has been occurring in a dumpster on his property.

At 11:49 a.m., a caller at the post office on Main Street reported a man who "busted a door out of anger [when] he couldn't gain access to a P.O. Box." A responding officer said that the incident seemed to be a misunderstanding.

Saturday, Nov. 13 — At 9:47

p.m., a Fosters Pond Road resident called to report vandalism to her car.

At 11:46 p.m., a resident called police because, at around 11:20 that evening, somebody rang her door bell. When the person left, she got the person's license plate number and gave it to police. The car was found next door, where a guest of the house said he accidentally went to the wrong house.

Sunday, Nov. 14 — At 1:28 p.m., a Haverhill Street resident reported illegal dumping of trash in his dumpster.

At 2:15 p.m., an Elm Street resident living in a condominium called police about a possible scam involving a female realtor who wanted to rent the condo to a wealthy man. The owner of the condo attempted to call the woman using numbers she provided, but the numbers were invalid, and the real estate firm the woman said she was from denied that a woman by that name worked there.

Monday, Nov. 15 — At 3:46 a.m., a caller from Lowell Street reported hearing sounds outside and requested that an officer check the area. Police checked the exterior of the property and

found nothing.

At 9:27 a.m., a caller on Somerset Drive reported an injured rabbit that was still alive and in the road. When officers arrived, the rabbit was picked up by a nearby resident and already en route to a veterinary clinic.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Tuesday, Nov. 9 — At 3:22 p.m., police received reports of a two-car crash with injury on Beacon Street. Both cars had to be towed from the scene.

Friday, Nov. 12 — At 12:08 a.m., an individual on Washington Avenue reported that his truck had been hit by an older vehicle with a loud muffler that left the area heading towards Elm Street. The truck had to be towed as a result of the hit-and-run accident.

Saturday, Nov. 13 — At 9:36 p.m., police received reports of a two-car crash on Elm Street. No personal injury was reported, but one of the two vehicles had to be towed from the scene.

Sunday, Nov. 14 — At 10:22 a.m., police received a report of an accident at Elm Square with no reported injuries. Both vehicles involved had to be towed from the scene.

FIRE: Neighbor found note on door saying there were explosives in house

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be involved in the fire, he said.

The house was built in July of 1962 and originally owned by Joyce's mother, Ethel Joyce. The property changed hands in 2008 from Ethyl to Richard for \$1, according to Essex North Registry of Deeds. Its most recently appraised value was \$432,000, which included a \$295,500 value on the 0.74 acres of property the house was built on, according to the town assessor's office.

The property originally was set to be foreclosed on Nov. 4, according to a real estate notice that ran in the Andover Townsman as recently as Oct. 28, 2010. The foreclosure date had been moved to Nov. 18.

"As part of our quality control process, GMAC Mortgage does not proceed to sale until each case receives an additional review and is deemed appropriate to proceed. In this case, the sale date was moved to ensure that all required reviews were completed. Initiating the foreclosure process is a serious

matter and only pursued when all other home preservation options have been exhausted," according to company spokesman Jim Olecki.

A note about explosives

Last Thursday at just after 6 a.m., Brad Gale, one of Joyce's neighbors, was brought to his door by two joggers who saw smoke, he said.

Once Gale and his wife called 911, he said he ran over to the property and found a full-page, typed note taped to the front door. He knocked on the door and called for Richard Joyce, but the property owner did not come to the door, Gale said.

As police arrived on scene, Gale said he took the note and read the first few lines from it, which he said were disturbing in context, at which point he stopped reading.

A few moments later, a woman reading the note over his shoulder said the note gave warning about explosives in the house, he said. The note was then given to police just before fire crews got



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo.

The house on 3 Sandybrook Circle, seen above, was the scene of a fire on Thursday, Nov. 11, during which resident Richard Joyce was found dead with his three dogs in an upstairs bedroom.

on the scene, Gale said.

After a bomb squad arrived and found no bombs in the house, fire crews were able to put the fire out in short order, according to Gale.

"They did a fantastic job putting the fire out," Gale said. "I thought it was going to burst into flames, but they did a good job."

The amount of damage done to the house is estimated to be at least \$125,000, according to

Mansfield.

The incident at Richard Joyce's house did not come as a complete surprise to Gale, he said.

"I think, the last year or so, he fell on really hard times," Gale said. "He was a little peculiar. In

the last year, I think I saw him maybe twice."

Debra Colombo, a Tobey Lane resident, said the deaths of Richard Joyce, his two Pyreneese dogs and his Yorkie dog were tragic, and not what she expected when she first heard a helicopter overhead and saw the commotion a couple streets away from her.

"I knew they were foreclosing, and thought that it was the foreclosure, and that someone was putting up a fight," Colombo said.

Gale recalled that he hadn't seen Richard Joyce, or any of his three dogs, in the last month.

"I assumed two weeks ago that he walked away from the property," Gale said.

Since the fire, most of the house's windows and doorways have been boarded up to prevent entry. A blue Hyundai SUV with no license plates, belonging to a member of the family according to Mansfield, sits in the driveway. It is not the vehicle that may have been set up to explode.

Andover fire detectives and state authorities continue to investigate the incident.



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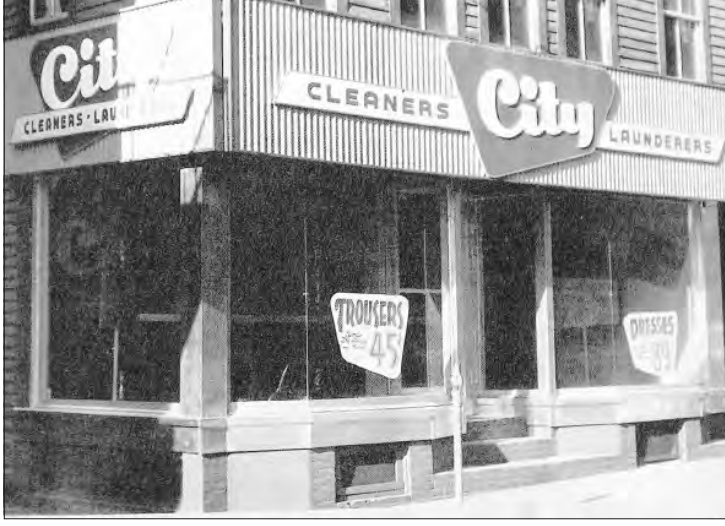
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STONE WALL Real Estate Corner
by Bill Buck, Broker/Owner
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When selling properties, real estate agents want to describe them in the best possible terms. Potential buyers are much more likely to be attracted to a home that is described as "accessible to major highways" than if it were described as "abutting Interstate (such-and-such)." While this may seem obvious, there is more to composing an advertisement than choosing clever euphemisms and catch phrases. Experienced agents also know that psychology and even common sense come into play. For instance, while sellers may want to boast that their homes have numerous upgrades, agents know that a list of such renovations may raise buyers' eyebrows. Instead of being impressed, they may wonder what made such renovations necessary. Better instead to stress overall quality.
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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: City Cleaners moved into its then-new location at 8 Park St., Andover, in 1957. Prices for dry cleaned and pressed items included dresses for 89 cents, trousers for 45 cents, shirts laundered and refinished for 21 cents and sheets for 12 cents. Photo copied from the Andover Townsman, Feb. 28, 1957.



NOW: Dellaria Salon & Day Spa on Park St., Andover, was once the home of City Cleaners back in 1957.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



It's always something during our fall show. Last year it was H1N1.
— Andover High drama director Susan Choquette, who is preparing for this weekend showing of RENT School Edition. The show's choreographer gave birth a month early and a student lead developed tonsillitis. Story in Arts, page 5.

This might be the greatest high school football game in the history of Andover, the MVC, Massachusetts or even the country.
— Golden Warriors football co-captain Ned Deane following the team's eight overtime 88-82 win. Story in Sports, page 16.



Calling all Nutcrackers! Holiday performers to be featured in Dec. 9 paper

The Townsman will publish information about local dancers appearing in The Nutcracker and other holiday performances in its Dec. 9 edition. All Nutcracker information will be published in this one special holiday Gift Guide. The deadline for inclusion of information is Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 5 p.m.
Parents, dance studios, instructors and dancers are invited send information and digital photos to Editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsm.com. Please include "Nutcracker" in the subject line of the e-mail. Photos should be sent as jpg attachments to an e-mail, with each image roughly 1 MB in size. Typed releases and print photos can also be dropped off or mailed to 33 Chestnut St., Andover, but must be received by Wednesday, Dec. 1 for inclusion.

Class of '85 reunion

Andover High School Class of 1985 Reunion will be on Saturday, Nov. 27 from 7 p.m. to midnight at Salvatore's Restaurant in Lawrence. The cost is \$60 per person which includes dinner and a band. Denim and Diamonds is the theme, also known as "jeans and fun dressing," according to organizers. Register on Facebook at "Andover High School 1985 Reunion" then send a check, or contact Betsy Murphy at unhwild1989@gmail.com. Checks can be sent to AHS Class of 1985, c/o Betsy Murphy, 16 Balmoral St., #206 Andover, MA 01810.

Senior village group has Old Town Hall office

TAVAH's office is open in Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., Andover, and someone will be there to greet people and answer questions from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

What is TAVAH all about? Organizers say, "Simply put, TAVAH believes that the best way to support our older neighbors and ourselves is by pooling our talents and resources to make it easier for all of us to remain independent as we face growing physical challenges, or just too many things to do, and not enough time, local family or connections to address them. Whether it is helping with upkeep on one's home or with accessing the many social, health and wellness opportunities in the community, TAVAH's mission is to ensure that its members, 50 years of age and older, can remain in their homes safely for as long as they choose, with dignity and a sense of well-being, while maintaining a connection to their community."

Seniors meeting on new Bancroft school proposal

On Monday, Nov. 22, at 10:30 a.m., members of the School Building Committee will visit the Senior Center to discuss plans for the new Bancroft School and to answer questions prior to the Dec. 6 Special Town Meeting. The information session will be held upstairs in the School Committee room: enter through the Senior Center at 30 Whittier Court, then take the elevator to the second floor. For more information, call 978-623-8321.

Home items wanted to restock warehouse

The Project Home Again warehouse will be open on Sunday, Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon for donations of household goods to be dropped off. The warehouse, at 439 South Union Street, Lawrence, is part of an effort by Temple Emanuel of Andover to "make sure that our neighbors have the necessary household items they need in order to live with dignity." People can call 978-270-9878 upon arrival at the warehouse and volunteers will come unload your car. For more information, check the website at phama.org.

Sign-ups underway for Boomer and senior classes

Registration began Nov. 15 for all BoomerVenture and Andover Senior Center winter classes, which start on Nov. 29. Course offerings include low impact aerobics, strength training, gentle and intermediate yoga, seated exercise (Sit and Get Fit), tap dancing and Zumba. Organizers are also registering people for singing, acting, tambourines, mixed media art instruction and wood-carving this week. Call to check available space.

Law school offers educators training on bully-law

The Massachusetts School of Law Diversity Alliance Club is presenting a training session for Massachusetts educators today, Friday, Nov. 18, designed to help school districts understand and comply with the multiple provisions of the state's comprehensive new anti-bullying law. With Dec. 31 deadline for schools to submit a bullying plan fast approaching, only a handful of the state's 393 school districts have done so. MSL is the first law school in the state to offer free assistance to school districts in regards to this legislation, it reports. This effort was recognized by Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, who presented MSL's Diversity Alliance with a citation in recognition of raising awareness of law and preventing bullying in the Commonwealth. The training will provide an overview, analysis and implementation strategies as required by the newly enacted anti-bullying legislation. Program presenters include Andover School Committee member and MSL assistant professor of law Paula Colby-Clements; Attorney Paula Kaldis, assistant dean and professor of law; and Dean Graziano, a J.D. candidate at MSL with over 23 years of education experience.

Big Brother Big Sister Foundation Nov. 24

Big Brother Big Sister Foundation is asking residents to donate lightly used clothing, small household items, jeans, books and shoes. The Foundation will be picking up donations door to door in Andover on Wednesday, Nov. 24, according to a release. To schedule a free at home pick up please call 1-800-483-5503 or schedule online at bbbsfoundation.org. They also offer electronics recycling for a minimal fee and schedule car donations pick ups. Donations help support the children involved in the local Big Brother Big Sister organization.

Nov. 26 last day to register for Special Town Meeting

A Special Town Meeting will be held in Andover on Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Andover High School Collins Center Auditorium. The warrant closed on Friday, Oct. 22. The last day to register to vote for the Special Town Meeting is Friday, Nov. 26. The town clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. for voter registration. The Finance Committee Report and warrant will be mailed by Nov. 29. The warrant can now be found under "Town Spotlight" on the home page of the town website at andoverma.gov. There are four articles on the warrant:

- Article 1:** Purchase of 3 Blanchard St. This article is brought by a citizen's petition from Carl Grygiel and others.
- Article 2:** Grant application for Fosters Pond Conservation land on request of the Conservation Commission.
- Article 3:** Bancroft Elementary School on request of the School Building Committee.
- Article 4:** Easement from Town to the School Department - Bancroft Elementary School on request of the School Building Committee.

Questions may be directed to the town clerk's office at 978-623-8258.



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- Snowmen Creations
- Photos With Santa 11am-1pm
- Baby Blankets
- Chocolates
- Pictures

TOWN OF ANDOVER WATER DEPARTMENT NOTICE FIRE FLOW TEST

A fire flow test will be conducted on **Saturday, November 20, 2010** beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the **MERRIMACK COLLEGE AREA** and water may be discolored for a period of time. To help alleviate the problem, please run your outside spigots until the water clears.

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Arts & Entertainment



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

Andover High School Drama Guild and Music Department presents "RENT School Edition" from Nov. 18 to 21 at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts. AHS senior and veteran performer Chelsea Frei as "Maureen" gives a strong performance singing "Over The Moon".

RENT School Edition is due Andover High to tackle energetic, R-rated musical

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Andover High School's drama department presents its fall show this weekend, but there has already been plenty of backstage drama.

The unexpected early arrival of a baby and the need to use an out-of-town actor to stand-in for one of the lead characters sounds like a good plot for a show of its own. That's the kind of week-before-the-show it's been for the 48 cast members and 25 crew members at the Collins Center at Andover High.

Drama director Susan Choquette calmly explained that there is always a Plan B for her AHS shows. And RENT School Edition's Plan B has been launched in full force.

Longtime music director and show choreographer Jen DeFrio was expecting a baby in early December – well after the RENT School Edition show.

"But, I got the call on Oct. 30 that Jen was in the hospital and the baby had been born," Choquette said.

Then, lead actor and singer Sean McCall, a junior at AHS, got tonsillitis. McCall had to stay in bed and rest his voice last weekend, meaning he could not rehearse the weekend before the show.

"I knew Marblehead was doing RENT after Thanksgiving," Choquette said. "So, I made a call."

McCall plays "Mark," an aspiring filmmaker, in the show. The "Mark from Marblehead" was a thespian trooper. He stood in for



AHS juniors, Conor Richardson, right, as Angel performs the song, "Today 4 You" for Mark, played by Sean McCall.

the critical AHS rehearsal last weekend because he knew all of the lines.

"That's the first time I have ever done that," Choquette said of calling for a back-up actor. "It's always something during our fall show... last year it was H1N1."

Both McCall and DeFrio were at dress rehearsals this week. DeFrio has a reduced schedule planned around her new baby, while McCall sang quietly, saving his voice.

After all, as they say in drama circles – the show must go on! And it will.

Energetic singing and dancing are meant to captivate the audience as the show follows the lives of seven friends living a Bohemian-ish lifestyle in the East Village of

RENT SCHOOL EDITION

WHEN: Nov. 18, 19, 20 at 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 21 at 2 p.m.

WHERE: Collins Center for the Performing Arts, Andover High School

COST: \$18 adults; \$10 students, seniors

HOW: Tickets at the box office, 1-866-811-4111, collins-center.com, VISA and Master Card accepted

NOTE: This musical contains mature content. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 14. Parental guidance recommended.

New York. RENT School Edition cut out some foul language and one song from the original RENT, a Pulitzer prize-winning Broadway musical.

But, RENT School Edition is still rated R for some adult scenes. For example, there are conversations about AIDS, a cross-dresser and a lesbian relationship. As a result, those ages 14 and under should see the show with an adult, according to Choquette.

"It's been on my short list of shows to do...I read the School Edition (script) and said, yes, we can do this," said Choquette.

"I want to feel your energy and vitality," she said from her director's chair at Monday's dress rehearsal this week. "Like West Side Story, this is lively...I want to feel it."

The audience gets to feel that energy this weekend.

Three books, from the authors' mouths

Andover Bookstore has planned what it expects to be its last three author readings of 2010.

The readings will be of the books *A Secret Gift*, *A Crack in the Sky* and *The Widower's Tale*. There will be a \$3 ticket charge at the door for each reading. Call or visit Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St., 978-475-0143, for more information.

■ Thursday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m.

Ted Gup will read from his new book, *A Secret Gift* tonight, Thursday, Nov. 18. Just before Christmas in 1933 an ad appeared in an Ohio newspaper offering gifts of \$10 to families in need. Those requesting help wrote a letter to a mysterious Mr. Virdot. He was, we learn, Gup's grandfather. The author found an old suitcase full of these letters, and

they create a vivid portrait of the Great Depression.

■ Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m.

Mark Peter Hughes will read from *A Crack in the Sky*. Hughes is the author of *Lemonade Mouth* which will soon become a movie. His latest book is set in the future where domed cities protect against a too hot world, and *InfiniCorp* controls and "takes care of everything."

This young adult title is the first in a series.

■ Thursday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.

Julia Glass will read from *The Widower's Tale*. In a quirky farmhouse outside of Boston, 70-year-old Percy Darling enjoys a mostly solitary life until, in complex scheme to help his oldest daughter through a crisis, he allows a progressive preschool to move into his barn.

Boys like Girls to help judge national teen-band contest

Teen bands from across the country are gearing up to rock and roll for a good cause during the Generation Cures Battle of the Bands, a national online music contest to benefit Children's Hospital Boston. Among the judges will be Boys Like Girls, a pop band fronted by Andover High graduate and singer Martin Johnson.

Following the success of its first New England-based Battle of the Bands in April 2010, Children's Hospital is expanding the effort to inspire more teens to do what they love most – create great music while "making it better" for the hospital's littlest rock stars.

Bands from California, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts,

Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont will post original songs with a "make it better" theme on their own personalized fundraising web pages. Family and friends can then log on to listen to the bands' songs, vote for their favorite, and support the cause by making an online gift. Interested bands can sign up at zebrafish.com/notes.

Later this month, celebrity judges including Boys Like Girls, Ashley Gearing, JoJo Levesque, Katharine McPhee, The Ruse, and Matt White will review the top 10 submissions. The winner will receive a professional recording session at the Real

School of Music and their song will be featured on the Rock Band Network.

We The Kings, one of the hottest pop rock bands right now, is supporting Children's Hospital Boston and inspiring aspiring teen bands to enter and raise funds for one of the top pediatric hospitals nationwide. The band, who recently released the song "We'll Be A Dream" featuring Demi Lovato, visited Children's Hospital patients in September to kick off the effort. The band created a special video for the effort, which teens can view on Alloy Digital Network sites, including alloy.com, channelone.com and teen.com.

Band members must be between 13 and 20 years of age. The deadline for submission is tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 19. The winner will be announced in January 2011. This contest is open to residents in California, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont. For complete rules, visit the contest web site.

Generation Cures is a philanthropic movement based at Children's Hospital Boston that provides kids and teens with online tools that inspire real-world generosity all to benefit the hospital's world-renowned research program.

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOV. 18

LIVE THEATER, RENT School Edition opens, 7:30 p.m., \$10-18, by Andover High School drama club, Collins Center, Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road; Schoquette@aps1.net. See today's Townsman ARTS section for complete listing.

LATIN AMERICA TALK, with Marjorie Agosin addressing the work of contemporary Latin American poets who have spoken on behalf of human rights and have created a poetics of witnessing, 12:30 p.m., White Fund Room, Northern Essex Community College Lawrence Extension Campus, 78-82 Amesbury St.; necc.mass.edu.

CALLING ALL FEMALE SINGERS, Merrimack Valley Chorus hosts, Women of all ages welcome and you do not have to read music, 6:45-8:30 p.m., learn 3 holiday songs in a cappella harmony, Wilmington Arts Council Building, 219 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington; 800-928-6151, merrimackvalleychorus.org.

AUTHOR READING, Ted Gup will read from his new book, *A Secret Gift*, about a family secret connected to an Ohio newspaper offering gifts of \$10 to families in need, 7 p.m., \$3, Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; 978-475-0143.

FRIDAY, NOV. 19

LIVE THEATER, "Annie" opens, Pentucket Players, Rogers Performing Arts Center at Merrimack College, through Nov. 27, cast members from Andover include Emma Kelley, Julianne Teichert, Craig Bottiger, Clarie Nagahiro, Allison Lu Attarian, Brooke

Skinner, Shea Krokorian, Meg Davis, Jessica Andrews, Samantha McGee. See story in Nov. 10 Townsman.

LIVE THEATER, RENT School Edition, 7:30 p.m., see Nov. 18 listing.

SATURDAY, NOV. 20

FREE INTRO TO YOGA, 9:30-10:30 a.m., UnionStudio Yoga, 305 North Main St. (Rt. 28), Andover. If you are new to yoga but not quite ready to jump into your first class, Intro to Yoga is the class for you. This free one hour class teaches principles of correct alignment, guidelines for breathing, and basic poses for strength, flexibility and balance. A relaxation practice promoting calm mind and body completes the practice. Instructor Connie Glorie, unionstudioyoga.com, 978-886-7944.

GENEALOGISTS MEETING, the Essex Society of Genealogists will have Marcia D. Melnyk speaking on *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly* of Electronic Resources, social hour noon-1 p.m., lecture follows, Centre Congregational Church, Summer Street, Lynnfield center next to Public Library; esog.org

SPORTS EQUIPMENT SALE, Proctor School, 60 Main St., Topsfield, 9-11:30 a.m. Sale items include ski, hockey, soccer, baseball, tennis and fitness equipment, camping and fishing gear, bikes, sleds, snowshoes, water skis, roller blades, helmets and golf clubs; Martha Roberts (Friends of the Boxford Town Libraries), 978-887-4227 or Barbara Crowley (Topsfield Elementary School PTO), 978-887-0193.

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Pioneer Hicks' 50 years of art on display

The Addison Gallery of American Art, the art museum of Phillips Academy, is presenting the first museum retrospective of Sheila Hicks: 50 Years.

The comprehensive exhibition, running through Feb. 27, 2011, is called Sheila Hicks: 50 Years. It is devoted to "an artist who builds with color and thinks with line. From her earliest work of the late 1950s to the present she has crossed the bounds of painting, sculpture, design, drawing, and woven form, and has been a critical force in redefining the domains of contemporary art-making. While challenging the relation of fine arts to commercial arts and studio practice to site-specific commissions, Hicks has, above all, re-imagined the profound, vital relation of artist to artisan," according to a

release.

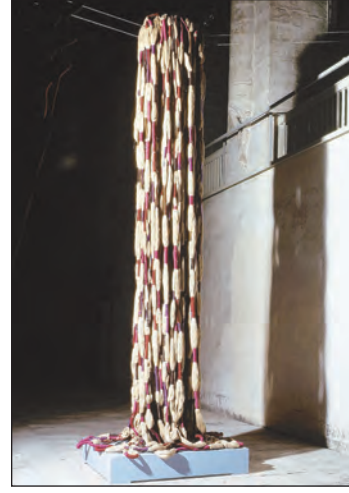
"When our respected colleague and friend Joan Simon arrived at the Addison to share images of Sheila Hicks' work, the curatorial staff and I were mesmerized by what we saw," said Brian T. Allen, the Mary Stripp & R. Crosby Kemper Director of the Addison. "...In this retrospective exhibition, we celebrate Hicks' constant exploration of - and experimentation with materials and methodologies, the bravado and conceptual force of her sculptures, and her reverence for and openness to the diverse cultural traditions that energize and transform her own work."

From her earliest experiments with woven forms, Hicks has explored processes that skew the traditional grid, incorporating traditional and new materials

or integrating found objects, even deconstructing her own works and reusing the elements to create any number of others. In addition to her studio works and commissions, Hicks is noted internationally as a teacher and mentor of several generations of artists and designers, according to the museum.

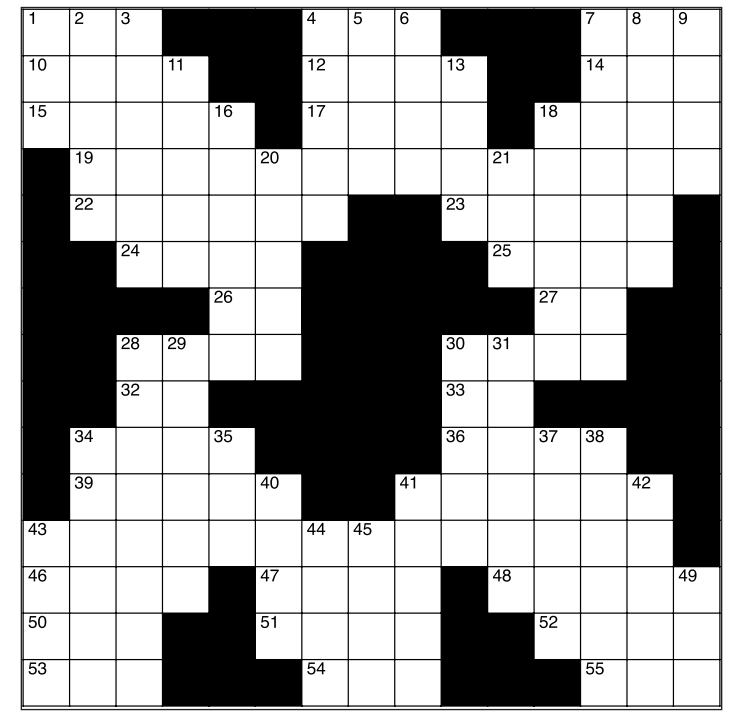
The exhibition was organized and co-curated by independent scholar Joan Simon and Addison curator Susan Faxon.

The Addison Gallery of American Art is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. The Gallery is closed on Monday. Admission is free. The Addison Gallery also offers free education programs for teachers and groups. For more information, call 978-749-4015, or visit addisongallery.org.



Lianes Nantaises, a 1973 work on linen, wool, silk, synthetic raffia by Sheila Hicks, at the Musée Jean Lurçat et de la Tapisserie Contemporaine, dépôt du Château des Ducs de Bretagne.

Crossword puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Not wet
4. Defensive nuclear weapon
7. Play a role
10. No longer alive
12. Not messy
14. Indian Hills Press poet
15. Silkworm moths
17. Scarlett's home
18. About aviation
19. Husbands & wives
22. Bed linens
23. Portico
24. "Rule Britannia" composer
25. The Plains of Olympia
26. Morning
27. Libyan dinar
28. Scottish tax
30. Allegheny plum
32. In the year of Our Lord
33. The golden state
34. A long narrow opening
36. Singles
39. Writes bad checks
41. Skulls
43. Trotsky & Lenin
46. Town in Mauritania
47. Scornful sounds
48. Russian Black Sea resort
50. What part of (abbr.)

51. Mentally healthy
52. Disorderly retreat
53. The woman
54. Cony
55. Married woman

18. Brother of Artemis
20. Individual articles
21. S.W. native Am. people
28. Drool
29. Text reviser
30. Reject with contempt
31. Roofed patios
34. Preliminary drawing
35. ___ Aviv, Israel
37. Belgian painter James ___
38. Humorous drama
40. Grinders
41. Lettuces
42. Chief Assyrian God
43. Window taps
44. More terrestrial frog
45. New Rochelle college
49. Belonging to a thing

CLUES DOWN

1. Tooth caregiver
2. Enlarges hole
3. Motorcycle maker
4. Initial wagers
5. Small pierced orb
6. Designer Jacobs
7. South Australia capital
8. Loving stroke
9. The "terrible" age
11. More desperate
13. N.M. art colony
16. Sports venues

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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LIVE MUSIC, Hanneke Cassel Trio Concert, New Moon Coffeehouse, Universalist Unitarian Church, 16 Ashland St. (rts 110 and 125), Haverhill, 8 p.m., \$10-20; newmooncoffeehouse.org.

LIVE MUSIC, The IVY CHORD Coffee House, Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn St., Reading, presents Chris Smither, 8 p.m., \$25 general admission; uureading.org/ivyfix.htm, 781-229-9394.

EXHIBIT OPENS & RECEPTION, "Inside & Out," through Dec. 30, reception, 2-4 p.m., features Lowell native Joe Quinlan, known for his photography of old factories, storefronts, urban

Book club for adults at YMCA

The Andover/North Andover YMCA has a book club for adults open to residents of the towns.

The organization has two offerings, the third Wednesday of each month, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., and the third Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. There is no cost to join in the group.

Contact the Member Services Desk for each month's book selection. Each group picks the following month's book selection. The book for October was *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson.

scenes, farm structures and railroads, Whistler House Museum, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641; whistlerhouse.org.

LIVE THEATER, RENT School Edition, 7:30 p.m., see Nov. 18 listing.

SUNDAY, NOV. 21

A WORK OF HUMAN HANDS SALE, a consignment sale of fine quality handcrafted items from artisans and farmers in developing countries all over the world, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., St. Augustine Center for Education and Ministry, 35 Essex St., Andover; Danette Morris, 978 475-0050 x33.

LIVE MUSIC, WomenSong Choral Ensemble, the North Shore's only all-women choral ensemble, 4 p.m., North Parish Church in North Andover's Old Center. The concert includes both ancient and contemporary mystical chants and in anticipation of the coming of winter, three works that communicate delight with the many aspects of newly fallen snow.

TAP DANCE SHOW, 39 tap dancers from Nancy Chippendale's Dance Studios are on the USA Tap Team and will be traveling to Riesa, Germany in December to compete for the World Tap Championships. They host a pre-trip show, at North Andover Middle School, 2 p.m., \$10; 978-685-5533 for tickets. Tickets will not be available at the door.

SINGLES DANCE, Black Swan Country Club, 258 Andover St., Georgetown, 8:30 p.m.-midnight, free swing dance lessons 7:30-8:30 p.m., \$13, proper business dress required; (781)446-0234.

PASTEL DEMONSTRATION, hosted by The Andovers Artists Guild, featuring artist Julie Airolodi, 2 p.m., East Mill Art Space, 21 High St.

North Andover (Davis and Furber Complex), \$5 donation; Nella, 978-975-0015, andoversartistsguild.org.

LIVE THEATER, RENT School Edition, 2 p.m., see Nov. 18 listing.

FRIDAY, NOV. 26

SINGLES DANCE, Angelica's, 49 South Main St. (Rte. 114), Middleton, 8:30 p.m.-midnight, free swing dance lessons 7:30-8:30 p.m., \$15, proper business dress required; (781) 446-0234.

LIVE THEATER, Beasley's Christmas Party opens, holiday story for the whole family, Merrimack Repertory Theatre, through Dec. 19; MerrimackRep.org, 978.654.4678.

LIVE THEATER, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever opens, through Dec. 23, and Sister's Christmas Catechism, through Dec. 19, Stoneham Theatre, \$38-\$44, Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200, stonehamtheatre.org.

SATURDAY, NOV. 27

LIVE THEATER, St. John's Prep Drama Guild presents "The Last Days of Judas Iscariot," 7:30 p.m., \$12-18, Kaneb Theater, Alumni Hall, on the school campus at 72 Spring St., Danvers; stjohnsprep.org.

SUNDAY, NOV. 28

PARADE, Andover Firefighters annual parade, along Main Street, Andover.

LIVE THEATER, St. John's Prep Drama Guild presents a Fiesta of One Act Plays, 2 p.m., \$12-18, Kaneb Theater, Alumni Hall, on the school campus at 72 Spring St., Danvers; stjohnsprep.org.

LIVE MUSIC, New England Ringers, 4 p.m.,

the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., N. Andover, \$10-15; newenglandringers.org.

TUESDAY, NOV. 30

HEALING ATTRIBUTES, Endicott College Department of Fine Arts hosts, highlighting the healing attributes of creativity and art making, with renowned author and therapist Dr. Cathy Malchiodi, 7 p.m., free, Rose Performance Hall, Center for the Arts, Endicott College, 376 Hale St., Beverly.

FRIDAY, DEC. 3

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS, downtown Andover on Main Street, 5-9 p.m., a tree lighting, caroling and later-than-usual store closings, hosted by Andover Business Center Association.

LIVE MUSIC, Messiah and More: Sharing the Christmas Spirit, with professional chamber orchestra and acclaimed Boston area soloists Susan Consoli, Pamela Dellal, Martin Kelly and Thomas Jones, audience carol sing-a-long, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover, 7:30 p.m.,

SATURDAY, DEC. 4

HOLIDAY HIGH TEA & CORDIALS, benefits VNA Hospice Care, 2-4:30 p.m., Lanam Club, 260 Main St., Andover, the festively decorated Lanam Club offers a selection of teas and pastries; hospicecarema.org.

RED BOW FAIR, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., North Parish Church, 190 Academy Road, No. Andover.

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School Committee supports deer hunt

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

The School Committee has advised other town officials to go forward and allow bow hunting of deer on land more than a quarter mile from school property.

With a 3-1 vote, the committee last week asked that the town consider making a few changes to the deer management program as it will be featured in the Fish Brook Wetlands area, which borders High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle schools.

The changes include moving the hunting area farther from school property, now putting it over a quarter mile away, as well as guaranteeing that no hunter would be allowed to enter or exit the land by walking on or near school property. Specifically cited at the meeting was the concern of hunters bringing killed deer within visible range of students at the schools, which program supporters said wouldn't happen if the changes that the committee proposed are implemented.

Selectmen and Conservation Commission members would need to vote on the School Committee's suggestions for the rules to take effect.

Central to the discussion was the safety of children. While hunters argue no safety concern exists, safety remained a significant issue for opponents of the plan.

School Committee member Dennis Forgue said moving the boundary of the hunting area farther away from the school alleviates any concerns he had about safety.

"Our focus was on the safety issue," Forgue said. "As long as you push (the boundary) a quarter of a mile back, that'll mitigate the safety issue."

Pam Lathrop and Patrick Bucco, principals of High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle respectively, attended the meeting and pledged their support of the changes to the plan.

"I feel like there are risks in any endeavor," Lathrop said, adding that the recommended changes to the plan allowed for her to support it on behalf of her school.

On the other hand, the plan doesn't absolutely guarantee the safety of kids at the schools in question, according to School Committee member David Birnbach.

"The only way to mitigate the risk with respect to hunting near schools is to not allow it," said Birnbach, who voted against the plan. "The School Committee should be taking a zero-risk approach in respect to the safety of our children."

Central to his concerns with the plan is that deer, if shot non-fatally, could wander onto school property regardless of how much the plan is changed.

"When they've been hit, they don't know north from south," Birnbach said, pointing in a random direction. "They don't know that there's a school that way."

"My recommendation was a zero-risk statement," Birnbach added. "For me, it's black and white."

The proposed deer management program allows for deer hunting by bow-and-arrow only on particular areas of conservation land. Three conservation areas have already been approved by the town for deer hunting: Wood Hill, Bald Hill and land in the vicinity of Haggetts Pond. The area of Fish Brook Wetlands is the fourth, and final, area of land proposed by the plan.

The pilot program allows for 25 Andover-based hunters, who must be permitted to hunt and pass a proficiency test to receive the permit.

Permitted hunters must hunt from tree stands, which limit their shooting range to around 30 yards and force hunters to aim toward the ground when firing arrows.

The program runs through Dec. 31. of this year only, and officials say it aims to correct a number of local issues caused by deer overpopulation: falling biodiversity in town forests, car accidents, property damage and recent, sharp increases in Lyme disease incidents.

For feedback on this story, or for other story-related inquiries, please email dluca@andovertownsmen.com.

Possible I-93 interchange plan revealed

Plan said to improve local roads, too; expected to get tri-town support

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Andover's I-93 Task Force revealed a site plan for the Interstate 93 Interchange at Lowell Junction that members believe best fits Andover's future interests in the tri-town project, by including plans to improve other intersections and sidewalks in town.

The proposed site plan will allow for free and quick access to the eastern side of Interstate 93 between the existing Dascumb Road and Route 125 interchanges, allowing Andover and neighboring Tewksbury and Wilmington to further develop roughly 700 acres of currently unused space, according to Chris Huntress, chairman of Andover's I-93/Lowell Junction Area Task Force.

In a Planning Board meeting Tuesday evening, Huntress presented the plan, which he said could get the support of all three towns involved in the project.

Concerns about traffic on local roads have prevented the three communities from agreeing on a single plan up to this point.

The plan that the task force has selected allows for emergency vehicle egress to South Street in Tewksbury, while no pedestrian traffic will be allowed to impact the area, according to Huntress.

Meanwhile, both north-bound and south-bound traffic would have on- and off-ramps running to the eastern (Andover) side of the highway.

The plan also includes a number of off-site traffic mitigation items that Huntress believes will make Andover roads in the area safer for foot traffic, in an effort to address concerns that residents and employees would be affected by increases in traffic through areas that weren't previously designed to support them.

Changes are proposed to three intersections located where Andover Street crosses Clark Road, Tewksbury and River streets, according to Huntress. A fourth intersection, at River Street and Laconia Drive, would also be

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Chris Huntress, chairman

upgraded in the mitigation plan, Huntress said.

Two sections of River Street that do not currently have sidewalks would be upgraded as well, to complete sidewalks that abruptly end at one point and pick up again down the road.

"You'll see on any given day, at noon time or the hour before or immediately after, walkers and joggers from the businesses down there trying to get down River Street to get out and get some exercise," Huntress said. "This is a very narrow and windy, and up and down, section of River Street that's actually quite dangerous."

Also included in the plan is the purchase and restoration of the Reichhold property, the site of a former chemical company near the Shawsheen River that

an environmental consulting firm has spent years cleaning up. Huntress said the riverfront land is a "tremendous opportunity" for the town.

"We think that it is valuable for potential storm water mitigation, and it also can serve as active and passive recreation, providing a pedestrian linkage into and out of Lowell Junction and Ballardvale," Huntress said at the meeting.

The added parts of the plan would be covered by federal and state funding, as the need for them will be based on the implementation of the new interchange, Huntress said.

"It is something, to help protect these neighborhoods from traffic, that should be in the interchange project anyway," Huntress said.

The next step for Andover is to approve the plans. In the near future, boards around town will be asked to review, consider and approve the plans, at which point they would be brought before officials in Tewksbury and Wilmington for their thoughts and possible approval.

Residents would take action on the plans at a future Town Meeting, which could happen as early as the winter of 2012, Huntress said.

Along with the plans, the three towns would also need to agree to a form-based code, which would prevent any of the towns from implementing anything drastic that the project wasn't designed to handle, such as large-scale shopping malls, according to Huntress.

But the town is not rushing the project, he said.

"We have one shot to get it right," Huntress said. "If it takes 12 months to get it right, then it will take 12 months to get it right, because it will be there forever."

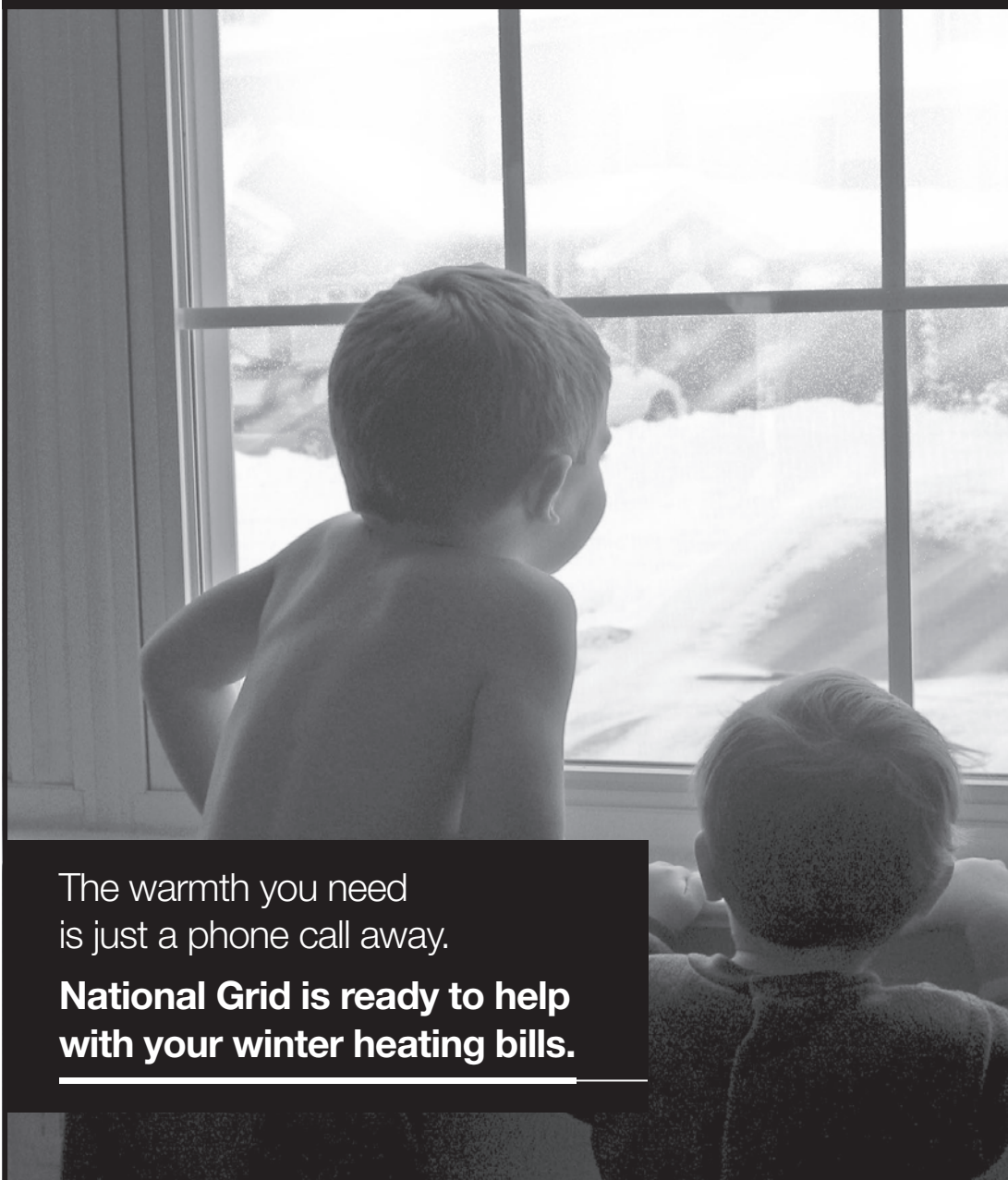
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Obituaries

Dolores V. DeBolt, 88



Dolores Virginia (McCreanor) DeBolt, widow of Harold E. DeBolt (formerly of Pittsburgh and of Andover), died in her home in Boulder, Colo.,

on Friday, Nov. 12, 2010 of congestive heart failure. She was 88-years-old, daughter of Terrance Anthony and Sarah Jane (Roberts) McCreanor.

She was born on Jan. 31, 1922 in Pittsburgh. She married Harold on Sept. 21, 1946 at St. James Church in Wilkesburg, Pa.

She is survived by her siblings, James McCreanor and Honora Schmider of Wilkesburg. She was preceded in death by her

sisters, Rita Haines, Sarah Misdendorf, and Kay McCreanor. The children of Harold and Dolores are Rita Marie DeBolt, Robert Owen DeBolt, and Patricia Kathryn DeBolt of Boulder, Mary Ann Hand of Golden, Colo., Thomas Martin DeBolt of San Diego, and Edith Eleanor Tatulis of Candia, N.H. Dolores had nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

ARRANGEMENTS: Recitation of the Rosary was Sunday, Nov. 14, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church 3300 Table Mesa Drive, Boulder, CO 80305. Memorial Contributions to Abbey of St. Walburga, 1029 Benedictine Way, Virginia Dale, CO 80536-7632. Services are being handled by M.P. Murphy & Associates Funeral Directors, Boulder.

Melukote K. Srinivasan, 66

Dr. Melukote K. Srinivasan M.D., 66, of Andover, died Monday, Nov. 8, 2010 at Lahey Clinic in Burlington.

Dr. Srinivasan was born in Mysore on Feb. 15, 1944 in India to Krishna Iyengar and his wife Kamalamma.

He was educated in India and earned his medical degree from Mysore Medical College in India. Dr. Srinivasan was a practicing radiologist at Salem Radiology.

He is survived by his wife,

Bharathi (Parthasarathy) Srinivasan of Andover; a son, Sushant and his wife Parvathy of Andover and a daughter, Shilpa Srinivasan also of Andover. Also among his survivors are his brothers and sisters in India.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends called on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. To offer online condolences please visit www.confetfuneralhomes.com.

Mary Pierce

Mrs. Mary (Tousey) Pierce, of Naples, Fla. and Kennebunkport, Maine, and formerly of Melrose, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on Monday, Nov. 8, 2010 at her daughter's home in Tewksbury. She was 85-years-old and had enjoyed a long, full and vibrant life.

Mary Tousey Pierce was born on May 7, 1925 in Boston, one of two children of the late George Tousey and Gladys (Nettleton) Tousey. Mrs. Pierce graduated from Melrose High School, Class of 1942, and from Wheaton College in 1946. Mary married Roger Curtis Pierce on June 19, 1948, and together they raised three children and ran the family wholesale hardwood business, Holt & Bugbee Company in Tewksbury where she actively participated for over 45 years. Following her husband's death in 1990, Mrs. Pierce served as President of the company from 1991-1995.

Residing in Melrose for 50 years, Mary was actively involved in numerous charities and donated her time generously, particularly to the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital. More recently while residing in Naples, Mrs. Pierce continued to do civic work and served on the Board of Directors for The Vineyards in Naples. She was a member of West Parish Church in

Andover and the United Church of Christ in Naples.

Above all else, Mary's happiest moments were those spent with her family. She was the beloved wife of the late Roger Curtis Pierce with whom she shared 42 years of marriage. Devoted mother of Becky Pierce of Tewksbury and Kennebunkport, Maine, Roger Curtis Pierce, Jr. and his wife Judy of Andover, and Phillip Tousey Pierce and his wife Tricee of Andover. Dear sister of the late George Tousey III. Cherished grandmother of Susan Kilbride and her husband Michael of Freeport, Maine, Sean Curtis Herlihy and his wife Beth of Andover, Stephanie Pierce of Somerville, Brittany, Caroline, Michael, and Benjamin Pierce, all of Andover, and Betsy Pierce of Philadelphia. Loving great-grandmother of James Curtis Herlihy and Hannah Jeannette Herlihy, both of Andover.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral service was in West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover, was Friday, Nov. 12. Visiting hours were held at the Robinson Funeral Home, 809 Main St., Melrose, on Thursday. Interment was in West Parish Garden Cemetery, Andover. Gifts in Mary's memory may be made to the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust, P.O. Box 7004, Cape Porpoise, ME 04014 (Attn: Use for the Timber Point Association). For online tribute or to express condolences, visit RobinsonFuneralHome.com.

Jerome E. Andrews, Jr., 85



Jerome ("Jerry") E. Andrews, Jr. died peacefully on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, at the age of 85. Over the past decade, Jerry lived with

Alzheimer's disease. He did so with courage, grace, and an enduring smile.

Jerry was a lifelong resident of Andover and North Andover, most recently at Edgewood. After graduating from Harvard College, he served in the Navy and then attended Harvard Law School. For over 35 years, he was a partner in the Boston law firm of Choate, Hall & Stewart where he served as Managing Partner for a number of those years.

Jerry's interests were broad, and he cared deeply for his family, his friends, his clients, his community, and his sports. He served on numerous charitable boards of directors, helped start the Andover Youth Hockey Program in 1960 and loved coaching on Saturday mornings, served on the Andover Zoning Board of Appeals, was President of the North Andover Country Club, and was a member of the Vestry of Christ Church. He enjoyed playing all sports, particularly with his family and friends. His favorites were hockey, tennis, sailing and golf. He remained an avid fan of Harvard football and hockey teams, and was a season-ticket holder of both for

years. All his life, Jerry enjoyed spending part of each summer on Cape Cod.

After retiring from practicing law, Jerry developed a variety of new interests, audited classes at a local college, and offered his fund-raising skills to the Pike School and to the Greater Lawrence Habitat for Humanity. He will be remembered especially for his gentle grace, his caring heart and compassion, his wise counsel, and his sense of humor. The Andrews family thanks the caring, dedicated staff at Edgewood Retirement Community for the exceptional care and love Jerry received.

Jerry married Joyce Bisbee, and they enjoyed 56 fun-filled years together. He is survived by his wife and their four children: Chris and his fiancée Debbie Martin of Andover; Steve and his wife Lisa of Andover; Ned and his wife Darlene Young of Glover, Vt.; and Lisa Hooper and her husband Errol of Greentop, Mo. He is also survived by four grandchildren: Margaret Andrews, Christopher and Sarah Hooper, and Jessica Andrews. He was predeceased by his parents, J. Edson and Barbara Gale Andrews; and sister, Gale.

ARRANGEMENTS: In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 311 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02472; or to Christ Church, 25 Central St., Andover, MA 01810. There will be a memorial service, a celebration of Jerry's life, Dec. 4, 2010 at 1 p.m. at Edgewood Retirement Community, 575 Osgood St., North Andover.

Helen Shadallah-Maclaren, 86



ANDOVER — Helen Shadallah-Maclaren, 86, of Andover, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010 at the Sunny Acres Nursing Home, Chelmsford, with

her son and daughter by her side. She was born on Feb. 10, 1924 in Lawrence to the late Charles and Margaret Abraham. Helen was educated in the Lawrence school systems. She was a longtime employee of Raytheon Company. She retired in 1984 after 26 years of employment there, rising from clerical staff to become Raythe-

on's Community Relations Administrator which allowed her to be actively involved in community affairs in the Merrimack Valley on behalf of Raytheon Company.

She regularly worked with the United Way and Family Services and Community Daycare. She was on the board of the Salvation Army and an honorary member of the Greater Lawrence Chamber of Commerce where she was a frequent volunteer. Through her work as Community Relations Administrator, she was active in charitable and fund-raising activities for many social organizations.

Helen was outgoing and sociable. She enjoyed cooking, rooting

for her beloved Red Sox and was an avid and skillful card player. She particularly enjoyed poker and 45's. She won many card championships. Helen was fortunate to remarry her present husband, Archibald Maclaren, in 1988. They lived in Andover and enjoyed many happy years together during their retirement. They traveled frequently and spent summers at their lake home on Merrymeeting Lake in N.H.

Helen was predeceased by her first husband, George J. Shadallah; her sister, Flora Macoul; and brothers, John and Joseph Abraham; and her step-grandson, Matthew Wakefield. She is survived by her husband, Archibald Ma-

claren; her son, Attorney Steven G. Shadallah of Salem, N.H., and his wife Celeste; her daughter, Susan Perry of Salem, N.H.; her granddaughters, Sarah Shadallah and Laura Shadallah; her grandsons, Colin Perry and Robert Pick-up; her nephew, Dr. Kenneth Macoul and his wife Carol; her nephew, Attorney John Macoul; her niece, Donna Martineau and her husband Donald; and on her husband's side she is survived by the following children; Alan Maclaren and his wife Rowan; Jeffrey Maclaren and his wife Michele and Leslie Wakefield; and the following grandchildren on her husband's side, Caitlin Berman and her husband Dr. Andrew Berman; Fair Vassoler and her husband Rodrigo Vassoler; Maximillian Maclaren and Adam Wakefield; and her great-grandson on her husband's side, Alexander Berman.

The family would like to express their appreciation to the staff of Sunny Acres Nursing Home of Chelmsford for the exceptional care and kindness given to Helen during the past year.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends called on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010 at the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. Funeral services were on Friday, Nov. 12, 2010 in the West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover. Burial followed in the West Parish Cemetery, Andover. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her memory to the Salvation Army, 132 Merrimack St., Haverhill, MA 01830-6209; or the United Way 59 Composite Way, Lowell, MA 01851-5150. For online condolences, please visit our website at www.cataudellafh.com.

Jean N. White, 88



ANDOVER — Jean N. (MacLeish) White, 88, of Andover, passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010.

The daughter of Scottish immigrants, Norman and Jean (Nicoll) MacLeish, Jean was born in Andover and was a life long resident of the town. She attended Andover schools and graduated from Pynchard High School in 1940. She was a member of Christ Church, Andover since 1950.

Jean was a patriot and in 1943 joined the Women's Army Corps, serving during World War II as a chaplain's assistant at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. She was discharged in 1946 having attained the rank of Technical Sergeant. She returned to Andover after the war and attended McIntosh Business School. In 1950, she married James White of Quincy, MA. Jean was employed by the Andover school system as a cafeteria worker and then moved to Andover High School in 1968 as an administrative assistant, where she worked until her retirement in 1984.

A loving wife, mother, and grandmother, Jean had many hobbies and interests. She attended sewing school and enjoyed making her own clothes and clothes for others. She made latch hook rugs for her home and generally enjoyed decorating and maintaining her home. She enjoyed traveling with her husband and made several trips to favorite destinations Scotland and Florida. In her later years, she became an award winning creator of Japanese

Bunka embroidery. She created over 50 personalized framed bunka pictures in her lifetime presenting them to family and friends as gifts on special occasions. Most of all, Jean enjoyed being with her family whether it be for Memorial Day parades and cookouts, Thanksgiving dinners, or Christmas celebrations. She was also a great mom and grandmother supporting her children and grandchildren taking an interest in whatever they did, whether it be attending their athletic events or handing out cash rewards for good report cards.

Jean is survived by her husband of 60 years, James White of Andover; daughter, Kathy White of Andover; son, Scott White and his wife Barbara of Windham, N.H.; and grandchildren, Christopher, Brian, and Kerry White, all of Windham. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Shirly MacLeish of Andover, cousin, Eleanor Menard and husband Robert of Sandown, N.H.; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews. Her brother, Russell MacLeish and infant sister, Norma predeceased her.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral service was Tuesday, Nov. 16 in the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. Interment with military honors will follow in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover. Calling hours were Monday from in the funeral home. For those who wish, Jean may be remembered through donations to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701; or The Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011; or to The USO at USO.org. To sign the family guestbook, visit www.confetfuneralhomes.com.

Let's talk turkey!

Thanksgiving is just a few days away. Many families plan a celebration dinner featuring a beautiful baked turkey or a juicy ham.

The first family of the United States will also enjoy a Thanksgiving feast. Their menu will probably include a turkey and a ham. However, it won't include the turkey presented to them by the National Turkey Federation.

This year, the Presidential Turkey was raised by Foster Farms in California. In July, the Federation visited the farm and checked out 25 newly-hatched birds. Only two of the 25 turkeys will be selected to visit the White House.

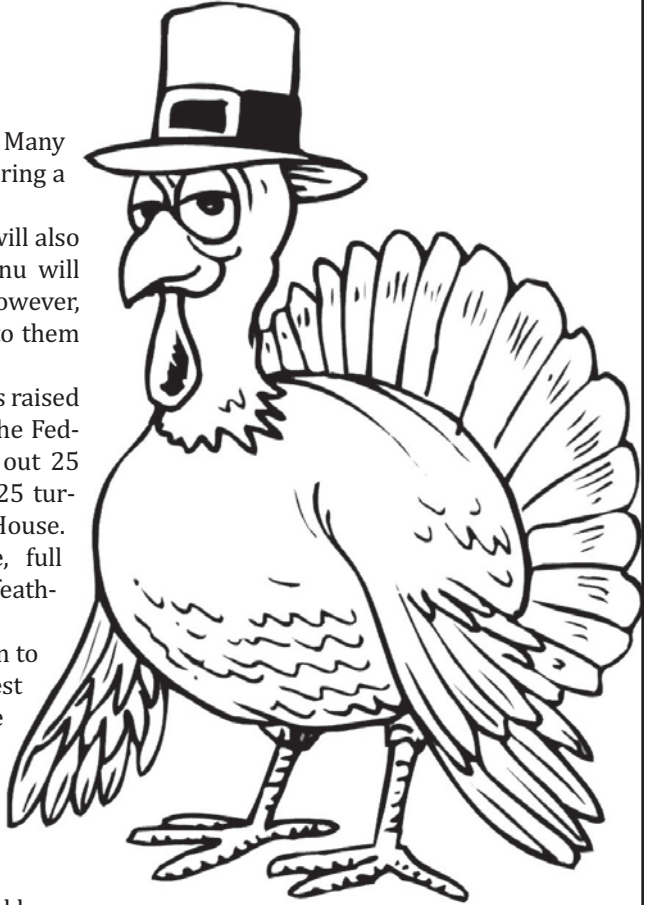
Experts select turkeys with white, full feathers, and a nice-looking set of tail feathers.

On the big day, both turkeys are taken to the White House. The one with the nicest feathers that day is picked to star in the presentation.

The birds must learn to be in a travel crate for their flight to Washington, D.C. United Airlines flies the birds on Turkey One.

The selected turkey must be calm and know its manners. Reporters and photographers attend the presentation. The turkey can't be camera-shy or too wild when it's placed on a table next to the president.

"Hopefully, it will behave on national TV,"



said Ira Brister.

Brister oversees all of the Foster Farms' live turkeys. Brister and Yubert Envia, chairman of the National Turkey Federation, will present the turkey to President Obama this year.

At the Foster Farms, the official seal of the Presidential Turkey hangs on the front of the barn. The seal features a turkey mimicking the eagle in the official president's seal. Above the seal, the barn is decorated with red, white and blue bunting.

Last year President Obama pardoned Courage, a 45-pound tom from North Carolina. During the presentation he said Malia and Sasha had intervened because he was "planning to eat this sucker."

After the pardon, both of the turkeys fly to Disneyland for the Thanksgiving Day parade. Later, they will retire to the park's Frontierland.

The Kid noticed there is no pig delivered to The White House. Guess the ham just comes from an unknown porker.

Word Search

Find these words: Apples, Bread, Corn, Cranberries, Dressing, Gravy, Green Beans, Potatoes, Pumpkin Pie, Salad, Turkey

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Newspaper in Education activity
Make a list of things you are thankful for. Then try to find some of the words in the newspaper. Count how many times the word Thanksgiving is used in the paper. Which page had the highest count?

Opinion

Any ideas to save welcome

Andover's Finance Committee has long been one of its most respected boards. More often than not at Town Meeting over the years, the advice of the Finance Committee is followed by voters.

So the effort of a few residents to start "Andover Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility" can only be taken as yet another sign that more and more residents are reaching a breaking point when it comes to government spending. Some are forming a committee to start comparing Andover's spending to spending in similar communities. According to founding member Tom Garesché, "ACFR's primary function will be to educate the townspeople about tax and spending concerns as they relate to essential town services. Our initial approach will be to collect data on Andover and compare it to other towns in the Commonwealth similar to ours. We will compare our average real estate tax bills and town services with these other communities and attempt to answer the question, 'Are we doing better or worse than those towns?'"

The effort of private citizens to find ways to save money is always welcome. We hope the group is able to suggest better ways for Andover to do things, and that it pushes town officials to offer more ideas of their own.

Proposed ban on drinks delusional

We're guessing that most people have heard of a rum and coke. We assume people can figure out its complex formula and make one if they want an alcoholic drink with caffeine in it.

So the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission's idea to ban the importation, manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages that contain caffeine or other herbal or chemical stimulants seems delusional. People choosing these drinks are not unaware of what they contain, and don't need a nanny state to protect them. The state's effort is also giving the makers of such drinks tremendous free publicity.

The ABCC also is misguided to think that banning these drinks is going to solve an alleged public safety emergency. Prohibition didn't work, and this plan wouldn't either. The ABCC ought to know that if there is a problem here, it is not with the drink on the shelves. It is with the drinkers.

WEB QUESTION

Do you agree with the changed terms of Buzz Stapczynski's new contract?

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you agree with the changed terms of Buzz Stapczynski's new contract?

- Yes, because Buzz deserves a raise.
- Yes, because it mirrors private contracts and controls costs.

- Yes, but for other reasons.
- No, because I don't agree with his management direction.
- No, the economy is too tight to be giving any raise.
- No, for other reasons.

THURSDAY FILE

"A good heart is better than all the heads in the world."
— Robert Bulwer-Lytton

"What can be added to the happiness of a man who is in health, out of debt, and has a clear conscience?"
— Adam Smith

"Continuous effort — not strength or intelligence — is the key to unlocking our potential."
— Winston Churchill

"Never let an inventor run a company. You can never get him to stop tinkering and bring something to market."
— E.F. Schumacher

"Too many leaders act as if the sheep ... their people ... are there for the benefit of the

shepherd, not that the shepherd has responsibility for the sheep."
— Ken Blanchard

"We all know it's brutal up there at the front, especially those of us at the rear."
— Arthur Frank Burns

"The price of everything rises and falls from time to time and place to place; and with every such change the purchasing power of money changes so far as that thing goes."
— Alfred Marshall

"Old friends are best."
— John Selden

"I can only go one way. I've not got a reverse gear."
— Tony Blair

FLAGS ON THE FIELD



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover High School freshman Jazzare Mays of the Andover Golden Warriors Marching Band and Color Guard performs during half-time at a recent football game.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS POLICY

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

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Massachusetts Wildlife conducts and monitors much of the research and maintains the opinion that hunting works wherever it is not publicly restricted.

For this pilot program each of the hunters holds a Massachusetts hunting license that allows the taking of two antlered deer. In addition to this the state issues a controlled number of antlerless tags each allowing the taking of 1 antlerless deer.

Each of our present (21) hunters has had to pass an archery proficiency test and as of this writing we have not had an applicant who did not pass. Each has been issued a photo ID to be worn while hunting, a placard to be placed in the window of their car, identification tags to be placed on a maximum of two tree stands and a Wood Hill property map indicating allowed parking areas, access points and property setback boundaries.

The pilot program was approved for town residents only. The small portion of conservation land at the corner of High Plain Road and Interstate 93 was withdrawn. The School Committee requested the boundary be moved out to the brook and be posted and that no hunters access or exit the area across school property. The Fish Brook Wetlands map will be finalized when the Selectmen and Conservation Commission meet and review the School Committee advisory statement and vote a decision.

CRAIG LIVERSIDGE, HUNTER
79 Sunset Rock Road

Process biased in favor of bow hunting

Editor, Townsman:

We would like to express our disappointment in the process with how the town allowed deer bow hunting in Andover. The town has not allowed hunting on conservation land in Andover for reasons of safety and enjoyment of the land by the most people. Residents are legitimately concerned with Lyme disease and deforestation; however, sport hunting was the only option explored by the various town committees to address these concerns. We would also like to note that it is not in the Conservation Commission's jurisdiction to address control of Lyme disease, nor does the School Committee have authority to address issues beyond the scope of school property during school hours. Residents are being given

a false sense of security if they think bow hunting will make the town safer from Lyme disease. Regardless with how safe we are told hunting is, we no longer feel comfortable being on those properties during hunting season.

The presentation by the conservation director (including photographs of smiling children next to deer carcasses) was lengthy and biased in favor of hunting. Opponents who attended were not given adequate time to suggest alternative solutions. In addition, there had been no study on the feasibility of whether bow hunting would address these problems, or merely create new problems.

As a last resort, culling of herds by sharpshooters has been implemented by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and effectively used in national parks. It is quick, humane and accurate, and the resultant meat is donated to families in need. Bow and arrow hunting can subject the animals to a long and painful death. It was noted at the Conservation Committee meeting that hunters often "leave the deer for a few hours or overnight" and then come back for it. That is not humane.

After this pilot program, we hope that the town seriously considers other alternatives that are safer, more effective and humane before adopting sport hunting as the only acceptable solution to Lyme disease and deforestation.

CAROL AND ED VAN DOREN
63 High St.

Soccer-field plan should make Osgood Street safer

Editor, Townsman:

I have a comment on the proposed soccer field at Blanchard Street.

The big safety issue with traffic and the parking lot is not going to be the entrance. It is going to be the hair-pin turn on Osgood Street, where many accidents happen each and every year. If there is going to be a draw for teenagers/children at the new soccer field, the traffic on Osgood Street will probably double, which should mean double the accidents per year. I also shudder to think what will happen at the hair-pin turn when some youth on his bicycle comes head-to-head with a speeding truck. There is no sidewalk in that region of Osgood Street.

I think any proposal for developing the soccer field would have to address the Osgood street safety issue either by straightening out the hair-pin turn, or adding a sidewalk. Funds for either or both should be appropriated along with the purchase authorization for the field itself.

RICH MICHALIK
7 Hearthstone Place

New state senator pledges 'listening forums'

Editor, Townsman:

I would like to thank the voters of Andover for electing me to the state senate. I am honored to be representing Andover, Dracut, Lawrence and Tewksbury and I pledge to be accessible and accountable to all people

I represent, whether they supported my candidacy or not.

As I did throughout my campaign, I want to continue to talk to people and hear their concerns. I pledge to host annual community listening forums when you will do the talking and I will do the listening. I will hold regular office hours and continue to be a source of help and support to my constituents. I want to hear your ideas of how to help our towns and cities reach their full potential.

BARRY FINEGOLD
Stirling Street

Neighbor says Bancroft School replacement well thought out

Editor, Townsman:

The town of Andover is preparing to vote the funding for the proposed Bancroft Elementary School at the Dec. 6 Special Town Meeting. This is an exceedingly worthwhile project that deserves all of our support.

Our family lives in the old "Cheever" house at 9 Bancroft Road where we have been for 34 years. Our house is right next door to the school and we are the principal abutter to the school property. It is a wonderful and lively place to live with lots of school and town activities happening all year long. Our children all attended Bancroft and we have been active neighbors.

We're not going to review all the facts and rationale about the project. It has been well covered in the Townsman over the months, and last week's letter from the League of Women Voters spelled out many of the benefits once again. In summary, the proposed school incorporates the latest thinking in terms of educational functionality, energy conservation, financial management, land usage, and, importantly, traffic management and life-safety issues. In particular, the creation of a second access to the school will greatly relieve the congestion on Bancroft Road — which can be quite considerable at certain times of the day — and also provide convenience to parents, school buses, delivery trucks and emergency vehicles.

The School Building Committee, chaired by Mark Johnson, has been hard at work on this project for several years, and they have done a superb job. This committee (mostly volunteers), in conjunction with our exceptional town professionals and staff who have helped managed the project throughout, has labored to make sure that all voices were heard, that sound analyses be undertaken at every step, and that the needs of the town, the School Department and the townspeople are all represented.

Our goal is to make Andover the best town in America in which to live and raise our families. Growth is part of that formula, and to attract interesting and spirited and motivated people we have to constantly invest in the town's infrastructure, looking at each project very carefully. That "homework" has been done for the new Bancroft School, and we encourage you to join us in bringing it to fruition.

TIM AND LUCY VAILL
9 Bancroft Road

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Turkey day race attracts running stars

A pair of running legends – Joan Benoit Samuelson and Bill Rodgers – again will join an expected record field of 10,000 participants in the upcoming Feaster Five Thanksgiving Day Road Race in Andover, race organizers announced Monday.

Online registration, at feasterfive.com, will continue until 5 p.m. this Saturday, Nov. 20, or until the field reaches 10,000 runners and walkers in the 5-mile and 5K races combined. Each finisher will receive a traditional apple pie.

Race organizers have expanded the family division this year, awarding additional prizes to family teams of 10 or more celebrating Thanksgiving by running together.

What a score!

Andover's stunning football score last week – an 88-82 win after eight overtimes – had the coach's phone ringing all weekend.

"We have been all over the news," head coach Ernest "EJ" Perry wrote in an e-mail.

Taking a page from the Patriots head coach Bill Belichick's playbook, Perry made the Lowell game sound so yesterday.

"Dempsey still plays, but we have sort of gone with Coke and with sufficient reasoning," he wrote about his quarterback. "We are going to need everyone on Thanksgiving (against rival Central Catholic)."

— Judy Wakefield

Town to name new DPW interim director

The town is expected to name a candidate on Nov. 22 who will act as interim director of the Department of Public Works. The interim director wouldn't start until January 2011, Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski said.

The newly selected acting

It's no reindeer but it'll do



Jordan Nichols poses with Santa and a horse named Brandt during Ironstone Farm's Nov. 7 Breakfast with Santa. Many families use the photos from this annual event for their Christmas cards.

Jumping right in



Six-month-old Emily Landers, daughter of Karen and Eric Landers of Andover, enjoys what her mom said was her "first jump in the leaves."

Consultant Nancy Chabot. To find out more about the film, visit racetonowhere.com.

Senior center holiday fair Dec. 3

'Tis the season for holiday fairs, and the Andover Senior Center will host its own on Friday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fair will feature quilted and knitted items, antique costume jewelry, local garden club arrangements as well as plants, crafts, baked goodies and more. The senior center is behind Town Offices, at 30 Whittier Court, Andover. The center is on the bottom floor of the School Administration Building. For more information, call Karen Payne-Taylor at 978-623-8321.

Chief addresses school safety issues

Police Chief Brian Pattullo hosted a school safety awareness event Tuesday at Winchester High School.

He emceed the event as he chairs the Northeast Homeland Security Regional Advisory Council which sponsored the event.

director would oversee what may become another new position at the town's water treatment plant: the environmental compliance coordinator.

According to a document submitted by acting DPW Director Steve Bucuzzo, the position will come as a result of the town combining its Water Resources Compliance Specialist and Environmental Analyst positions, two positions that recently opened up.

At the same meeting where he announced the naming of the new interim DPW director, Stapeczynski said combining these two positions could save a considerable amount of money.

—Dustin Luca

Feds send \$500,000 for education

Andover is set to receive over \$500,000 in funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, a \$53.6 billion federal appropriation that is putting nearly \$1.3 billion to Massachusetts towns.

As of last week, School Committee Chairman Dennis Fergie

said the money is a one-time appropriation that will not come to the town again in the future.

The town hasn't discussed how the money for the Andover public school system will be used, but Fergie said upcoming discussions will determine a use that is appropriate and of the greatest benefit for the town.

One-night showing of documentary on schools

Andover School of Montessori and Parent to Parent have teamed to sponsor a screening of the documentary on American schools called "Race to Nowhere" at 7 p.m. on Dec. 2 at the Collins Center, Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road.

The movie on education was created by a mother turned filmmaker. "Race to Nowhere points to the silent epidemic in our schools: cheating has become commonplace; students are disengaged; stress-related illness and depression are rampant; and many young people arrive at college and the workplace unprepared and uninspired," according to a release from Development

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Veterans, friends and families gather at Ballardvale Green Thursday, Nov. 11, for a special ceremony in which the town gave a copy of "Heroes Among Us: Book 2" to the Andover residents and World War II veterans featured in the book. John Lewis hands Navy veteran Leo R. Macklin, right, a copy, while a bit of Macklin's story is shared with the crowd.

Vietnam veterans like Doherty will never forget

Bill Dalton



In 1968, John Doherty was back in Andover after serving in Vietnam. He was on crutches resulting from two separate combat wounds to one of his knees. Accompanied by his parents, he went to the polls to vote. On the ballot was a local referendum saying that the people of Andover opposed the war in Vietnam. A woman outside the polling place carried a sign saying, "Bring the Baby-Killers Back from Vietnam." John saw the sign and began arguing with the woman. The woman told John he shouldn't take it personally. He responded, "How can't I take it personally, I just came from there!"

He could have added that two of his buddies were killed there. He could have added that he'd been wounded three times there. He could have explained the torturous pain he went through because morphine had run out when shrapnel was removed from his knee. Instead, John listened to Police Officer Roy Russell's quiet advice to pay no more attention to the woman.

The Doherty family have lived in Andover for over a century and a half and have been a positive force in the town's business and politics. His parents, John and Margaret (Coffey), both passed away in the 1980s. His brother, Paul, is a retired foreign service officer living in Virginia, and his sister, Ann, is a psychiatric social worker in New Jersey.

John graduated from Phillips Andover in 1959 and went to Harvard. He was a Greek and Latin scholar and graduated cum laude in 1963. While at Harvard, he joined ROTC. After Harvard, he received his masters degree in linguistics and was then commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. After receiving the maximum score in the Army Language Aptitude Test, the Army decided he should be assigned to intelligence. Several months after asking to go to Vietnam, his wish was granted. After serving his tour of duty, he signed up for another. He repeatedly asked for combat duty and was involved in a lot of it, winning the Bronze Star, three Purple Hearts, the Vietnamese Medal of Honor, two Vietnamese Crosses for Gallantry, and Two Vietnam Wound Medals (received while an advisor to the Vietnamese Army).

Near the very end of his second tour of duty, on Jan. 31, 1968, Captain Doherty was awakened in the Army compound in Hue. There were blasts all around him; he was at the center point of the Tet Offensive and was in intensive fighting for two weeks before wounds to his knee led to his evacuation under fire. He returned home seven days after he was supposed to be a civilian.

The American media reported the Tet Offensive as a loss to American and South Vietnamese forces. It was a biased media that had been hammering away at America's involvement in Vietnam for months. Objective analysis proved that the Tet Offensive had been thwarted. General Vo Nguyen Giap, commanding general of the North Vietnam Army, later said Tet Offensive had been a defeat for North Vietnam. The one-sided reporting and lack of public support for the war effort led to America's withdrawal and subsequent loss of South Vietnam. The tipping point had been the reported success of the Tet Offensive. I asked John about Tet, and he emphatically stated he'd seen with his own eyes the beating the enemy took.

What happened back then bothers him. John was spit on while in uniform at the Oakland, Calif. airport, an all-too-routine event in those days. Our uniformed servicemen and women were harassed and shunned. Even a few years later, when John was at Boston College Law School, there were ill feelings. John said that to mention to a girl that you had been to Vietnam was a sure way not to get a date.

John says he once believed that, as time passed, Vietnam would fade in his rear view mirror, but the opposite has happened. That is true of a lot of Vietnam vets, maybe more than veterans of other wars. He thinks it might have something to do with the way the returning servicemen were treated, the lies that were told to Congress by those opposed to the war, the support given to the enemy by prominent Americans and, in his own case, the combat deaths of two friends there.

John was a prosecutor for 14 years after law school, the last four years in the U.S. Attorney's office. John then went into private practice until he became Andover's Veterans Service Officer in

Please see DALTON, Page 12

Liberators honored on Veterans Day

By NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

On Veterans Day, Andover honored 20 World War II veterans who had served in the European theater by presenting them or their families with a book about their service. Each was given a copy of Heroes Among Us: Book 2 at a noontime ceremony on Ballardvale Green.

"If I was to classify one name for this group of people, it would be 'the Liberators'" said Bob Domingue, who listed some of the prison camps the men liberated. "And there was also one who 'liberated' a German brewery. You can imagine the party that day."

That man was Andre Croteau, who was awarded five Bronze Battle

Stars and a Certificate of Merit for his service in Europe during World War II. Croteau and Oscar Rosenberg died earlier this year, after being interviewed for the book, and family members accepted the book on their behalf.

The other 18 World War II veterans whose stories are told in the book are Leslie Bartow, Eric Brainerd, Herbert Conroy, Benjamin Dargoonian, Alfred Dusey, Chester Harnden, Burton Jenkins, Warren Kearns, Leo Macklin, Anthony Marchese, Richard Moody, Robert Murgia, Joseph Sangermano, Warren Stevens, Frank Symosek, Alphonse Tatarunis and Harvey Tucker.

Domingue shared a bit of each man's story on Veterans Day, but

more can be found in the book, which is available from the Veterans Services Office in Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St.

While the noontime ceremony focused on the 20 World War II veterans featured in Heroes Among Us: Book 2, it also honored two Andover men who had recently returned from the Global War on Terror: Marine Patrick Robb, back from his fourth tour; and Iain Hamilton, who was not present but has returned from a year as a pilot in Afghanistan.

Veterans also recognized the 235th birthday of the Marines, which had passed Nov. 10, with a bagpipe version of Happy Birthday, and through the Andover High School band playing the Marine Corps Hymn.



World War II veteran Alfred E. Dusey stands while being honored.



Andover High School student Sam Masters, 16, plays Taps to end the noontime ceremonies at Ballardvale Green.



Warren J. Kearns stands while being honored at Ballardvale Green. His story is told in "Heroes Among Us: Book 2."



Andover policeman and veteran Jeff Arleque shakes the hand of World War II veteran and good friend Al Koch, during a luncheon for veterans at the Masonic Temple in Andover following Veterans Day ceremonies last Thursday.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

Compiled by Susan McKelliget

100 Years Ago - Nov. 18, 1910

Many townspeople who ordinarily are not interested in astronomy and the various heavenly bodies, were attracted by the unusual beauty of the eclipse of the moon on Wednesday evening.

Punchard's football team will meet the eleven from Exeter High school on Thanksgiving morning on the old P.A. campus at ten o'clock. An interesting game is expected. Admission - 25 cents.

The barn dance in Bradlee hall on Saturday evening is arousing considerable interest and

attention. Many novel and striking costumes will be seen at the dance. By attending the affair, you will be helping along a good cause.

James E. Daley of Bartlet street had his fingers badly crushed at his work yesterday in the factory of the Tyer Rubber Co. His hand was caught in one of the machines and the fingers jammed before he could extricate them.

75 Years Ago - Nov. 15, 1935

The local E.R.A., which has been passing away gradually since last August, will come to

an end this weekend, and on Monday the new W.P.A. system will start here. The change will mean primarily that local department heads will direct their own jobs and that the workers will be selected by the United States Employment Service, local men being preferred.

Town Treasurer Thaxter Eaton this week sold the first property taken over by the town for non-payment of taxes and not redeemed by the owner within two years. George Cairns Jr., of Corbett street, was the purchaser of the property, a lot of about 8,000 square feet of land with one building and

cellar, on Topping road. The former property owed five years' taxes on it.

Two streets have been completed in the Johnson acres, now being developed by the Frederick E. Cheever real estate agency, off Elm street. Johnson road and Cedar road are complete, with gas, sewer, and water mains laid. There will be other roads through the woods. Mr. Cheever is building a model American home with air-conditioning on Cedar road. It will be open for public inspection when completed.

50 Years Ago - Nov. 17, 1960

Automobile owners probably will be paying their 1960 excise taxes way into 1961, at the rate they are being received by the state. Tax collector James Christie is even now working on a batch of bills which may bring the total up to just over 50 percent of those to be mailed eventually.

All parents in the community have been urged to instruct their children in the best methods to protect themselves from molesters. Police Chief David L. Nicoll, in a letter sent home with all school children, asks the parents

to discuss the subject with the youngsters, and give them instructions that may help to prevent future molestation cases. The police department has handled six of these cases since August - more than would be normally encountered in a similar period.

The square immediately in front of the town hall will be the site of a 30-foot Christmas tree this season. At the suggestion of the Board of Trade, the selectmen have agreed to put a manhole in the four-car parking area, into which a tree can be placed. The Board promised to meet all expenses of the annual Christmas observance, if the town will put in the receptacle.

■ IN THE MILITARY

Gonzalez graduates from combat training

Army Reserve Pfc. Jose A. Gonzalez has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

He is a 2005 graduate of the Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School in Andover.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and

field training exercises.

Monaco graduates Army basic infantry training

Army Reserve Spec. Michael R. Monaco has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

He is the son of Carol Monaco and Vincent Monaco of Andover.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry

crewman.

Monaco graduated in 2006 from Phillips Academy high school.

Alves graduates Army specialist training

Army National Guard Pfc. David R. Alves has graduated from the Fire Support Specialist Advanced Individual Training course at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

Alves is the son of David J. Alves of McKenney Circle, Andover, and Margie M. Alves of Canterbury Lane, Londonderry, N.H.

The field artillery specialists serve in intelligence activities including target processing in field artillery, cannon battalions, division artillery, artillery and maneuver brigade and headquarters and fire support elements. The course is designed to train students to

establish, maintain, and operate radio and wire communications and speech security equipment, including encoding and decoding messages. They also must prepare and maintain daily staff journals, fire support situation maps, charts and other fire support and target processing procedures, records, and documents. In addition, students assist in initiating requests for field artillery, mortar, naval gunfire, and aerial delivered munitions, and emplace, maintain, and assist in the operation of laser range finders, target designation, and night-observation devices.

The private graduated in 2005 from Essex Agricultural and Technical High School, and received an associate degree in 2007 from North Shore Community College, both of Danvers.

■ TOWNSPEOPLE

Rotary's newest member: Chuck Humphrey

At a recent breakfast meeting, club president Howard Perkins welcomed **Chuck Humphrey** as Andover Rotary's newest member.

A senior attorney with The Najjar Employment Law Group, P.C., Humphrey adds his more than 30 years experience in the pension and benefits areas to the Andover-based firm. He has extensive experience in qualified retirement, executive compensation, and health and welfare benefit plans, according to the club. He is a member of various committees that liaison with the IRS and U.S. Department of Labor on these and other issues.

Humphrey resides in Andover with his wife Marcia. They have two daughters, Rachel and Mollie.

He is an avid tennis player and has recently revived his interest in the Japanese martial art of Aikido. He graduated from the University of Michigan and the University of Buffalo School of Law.

Frishman speaks at clock museum

Fine art images, with a clock somewhere in the picture, was the subject of this year's Robinson Lecture by **Bob Frishman** at the Willard House and Clock Museum on Sunday, Nov. 14.

Frishman, a Poor Street resident and owner of Bell-Time Clocks in Andover, is an antique clock collector, restorer, dealer and scholar. During the past several years, he has collected digital images of more than 300 paintings and photographs in this special category. His presentation covered artists

from the 15th century to ones alive today, and included such famous and iconic names as Titian, Canaletto, Copley, David, Degas, Hopper, Rembrandt and, of course, Salvador Dali.

The Willard House Museum, which opened in 1971, is at 11 Willard St., North Grafton. It displays an impressive collection of clocks made by members of the famous clockmaking family. The annual lecture honors Dr. Roger Robinson and his late wife, Imogene, the couple who founded and nurtured the museum in the Willard's rural homestead.

Andover residents ran against cancer

Kenneth Aulbach and **Deborah Sloan** of Andover ran in the 10th annual B.A.A. Half Marathon this fall, presented by Dana-Farber Cancer

Institute and the Jimmy Fund, as members of the official Dana-Farber team.

Each Dana-Farber team member committed to raise at least \$500 for cancer care and research at world-renowned Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The 2010 team fundraising goal is \$450,000.

"The B.A.A. Half Marathon enables Dana-Farber runners to challenge themselves while making a positive difference in the lives of adult and pediatric cancer patients worldwide," says 1976 Boston Marathon winner Jack Fultz, training advisor to Dana-Farber's Marathon and Running Programs.

The 13.1-mile rolling course is an out-and-back loop that runs along the Emerald Necklace park system. It will begin and end in White Stadium in Boston's Franklin Park. The event attracts a field of 6,000 runners, including world-class athletes.

To support an Andover resident running in the BAA Half Marathon, go to RunDanaFarber.org/BAAHalf.

■ SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Registration began Nov. 15 for all BoomerVenture and Senior Center winter classes, which start on Nov. 29. Course offerings include: low impact aerobics, strength training, gentle & intermediate yoga, seated exercise Sit and Get Fit, tap dancing and Zumba. We will also register for singing, acting, tambourines, mixed media art instruction and woodcarving this week. Call to check available space.

Andover Senior Center, 30 Whittier Court, offers a variety of events. Pre-registration required for all below, which are open to entire community, pending space. Call for information at 978-623-8321. Upcoming events include:

Holiday Fair: Friday, Dec. 3, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilts, knitted sweaters and hats/scarves, plants, baked goods, crafts, gifts and much more. New this year, fresh arrangements by our local garden clubs and hooked items from our newly formed hookers. This annual event provides funds for programs.

Reagle Players: "It's Christmas Time," Dec. 5, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., cost is \$58 and it includes admission and transportation. See this

show that rivals any you'll see in New York. Must pay before Nov. 22 to assure availability.

Outdoor Hiking Adventures for Men and Women: Call for specific details.

Men's Breakfast: Friday, Nov. 19, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.; cost is \$4. The subject is The Golden Knights, the US Army Parachute Team that performed in Andover in 1993. The event is presented by Dan Tremblay, filmmaker, producer and town of Andover employee. Mike Burke, veterans agent, and Tremblay will be on hand to answer questions.

Bancroft School Construction Informational Forum: Monday, Nov. 22 at 10:30 a.m. in the School Committee Room, third floor, 30 Whittier Court. The members of the School Building Committee will be at the senior center to inform seniors and members of the community about plans for the new Bancroft School. Come with any questions you may want addressed before Special Town Meeting.

Card Making Workshop: Monday, Nov. 29 at 1:30 p.m.; \$2, all materials included. Learn rubberstamping to make cards, gift tags and holiday paper. Take home your art work.

DALTON: Vietnam experience

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1997. He retired from that job in 2007. He and his wife, Denise, were married in 1984 and they have a 21-year-old daughter in college. He has had three cancers that he fought successfully, all attributed by Veteran Administration's doctors to exposure to Agent Orange. He's healthy today.

John's experience in active duty and as a veteran is exceptional; yet all our veterans gave up something, sometimes far too much, to serve their country. For Vietnam vets, their reward for service was abuse. Yet, the behavior of those most responsible for the abuse was without consequences, even though some broke the law (spitting on someone is an assault, aiding

and abetting the enemy is a felony). They have never been fully called to task by the media and American public, except through generalities like, "The country owes the Vietnam veterans an apology."

It's too late for legal action, but it's not too late to remember the abusive and sometimes illegal behavior. We owe it to those veterans to remember, because they will never forget.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman and enjoys receiving your e-mails at billdalton@andovertownie.com. He says he drew extensively from a 2005 piece on Doherty's combat experience written by Charles Ormsby for this column.

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Business

Salute from veterans



Andover Veteran Services awarded Raytheon workers with a framed certificate for their volunteer work in running an annual luncheon at Old Town Hall for town veterans. Rachael Bagenstose, contracts manager, and Kevin Hennebray, senior manager of contracts, accept the honor. Outgoing Sen. Susan Tucker and Townsman editor Neil Fater also received recognition for their work for veterans.

■ BUSINESS BRIEFS

Enterprise Bank rated a best workplace

Established in January 1989, Enterprise Bank, a community-centric commercial bank headquartered in Lowell and with a branch in Andover, has announced that it was recognized as one of the "50 Best: Small and Medium Companies to Work for in America," by The Great Place to Work Institute Inc. and Entrepreneur.com.

Marland, its employees giving pies, turkeys

Marland Place has the holiday spirit already. The Stevens Street assisted living business gave away 25 pies this week to neighbors, friends and doctors

who regularly visit.

A pie give-away sounds so Feaster Five-ish as Andover's premiere road race held on Thanksgiving morning guarantees a free pie for each participant. But it's not connected.

"We just want to say thanks to our neighbors and friends," said Tracey Meech of Marland Place.

Meanwhile, each Marland Place employee gets a free turkey at Thanksgiving. Meech said there are about 80 employees. Many of them donate their free turkeys to local shelters.

Meech said she always calls Linda Zimmerman of Andover, who runs Neighbors in Need.

"I'll be delivering several turkeys," Meech said.

— Judy Wakefield

Beer for veterans

On Veterans Day, some in town were raising not just a glass in honor of those who have served in the U.S. military, but money for veterans' charities through the beer they chose.

Andover Liquors, Driscoll's Package Store, and Shawsheen

Village Liquors in Andover are now selling 50 Back American Lager. For every purchase of the beer, 50 Back says it will donate 50 percent of the proceeds to charities committed to supporting veterans and active duty service members and their families.

Created by Massachusetts residents Paige Haley and Kimberly Rogers, 50 Back is an American-style lager. Newcomers to the beer industry, Haley and Rogers came up with the idea of 50 Back after searching for a way to give

back. 50 Back is supporting five veteran support organizations, including the USO, Homes for Our Troops, the Ahern Family Charitable Foundation, the Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund, and America's VetDogs, according to a release.

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Education

Educators say class size surge is 'concerning'

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

At this time last year, there were no over-enrolled classes at Andover High School. This year, there are 46.

As the school community searches for ways it can save money in a difficult economy, staff at the school are saying that a recent spike in class sizes is a concern for both teachers and students.

"In the past, our concern was classrooms that were over 26," Donna Pappalardo, mathematics program advisor at the high school, said. "Going from 0 percent of classes at 29 to 7 percent is a huge difference."

Recently-released data regarding class sizes at the high school breaks down what areas of study are most affected by class-size increases. Only 12 of the 46 classes with more than 29 students are in core subjects such

as math (7), science (2) and world language (3). The data shows that electives like health, physical education and marketing are taking a lot more students than they used to.

Students may not be able to get into the elective courses they want, according to Aixa de Kelley, guidance program advisor.

"It does limit options for what students can take, in terms of academic electives and non-academic electives," she said.

When students sign up for electives, they prioritize three specific selections in the order they want to take them, according to de Kelley. Sometimes, as graduation day looms and requirements go unfilled, the courses students receive may not even be from their top-three list.

"We've really had to go to classes that weren't on the list to get them the credits they need," de Kelley said.

Some students are able to take

CLASSES ABOVE 29 STUDENTS, BY DEPARTMENT

| DEPARTMENT | CROWDED CLASSROOMS |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| English..... | 0 |
| Math..... | 7 |
| Science..... | 2 |
| Social Studies..... | 0 |
| World Language..... | 3 |
| Business and Applied Tech..... | 4 |
| Visual Arts..... | 0 |
| Performing Arts..... | 0 |
| Physical Education..... | 20 |
| Health..... | 10 |

Data does not reflect courses taught by two or more teachers.

additional steps in tailoring their education to fit their interests and future, something that de Kelley said makes the district stand out in the state.

Those students often take on independent study projects and

ENROLLMENTS AND SIZES BY DEPARTMENT

| DEPARTMENT | FTE | ENROLLMENTS | SECTIONS | AVE. SIZE |
|--------------|------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| English | 16.4 | 2,120 | 82 | 25.9 |
| Math | 18.8 | 2,374 | 94 | 25.3 |
| Science | 20.4 | 2,489 | 102 | 24.4 |
| Soc. Studies | 16.8 | 2,204 | 84 | 26.2 |
| World Lang. | 13.4 | 1,695 | 68 | 24.9 |

| DEPARTMENT | FTE | ENROLLMENTS | SECTIONS | AVE. SIZE |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| Health | 4.1 | 1,102 | 41 | 26.9 |
| Phys. Ed. | 6.0 | 1,609 | 60 | 26.8 |
| Visual Arts | 5.0 | 1,339 | 59 | 22.7 |
| Perf. Arts | 1.4 | 362 | 17 | 21.3 |
| Business* | 1.2 | 320 | 14 | 22.9 |
| TOTAL | 103.5 | 15,614 | 621 | 25.1 |

* FTE = Full-time equivalent staff

* Business = Business and Applied Technology Department

participate in advanced placement programs when normal class schedules don't fit.

Initiatives like these hit teachers hard when they're already

hurting by the tag-team of increased enrollment and lost positions, according to Pappalardo. The high school staff has decreased by 8.8 full-time

teaching positions in the last two years.

"That is an area that has been on the backs of the teachers," Pappalardo said. "The teachers do that on their own time."

"The teachers that I observe in their prep time never have any free time," Pappalardo said. "They are always planning, correcting, collaborating, developing assessments... I don't see any teachers having any free time. Or lunch."

Still, some teachers do volunteer to take on independent studies and increased class sizes. One high school teacher who teaches large classes declined to comment on the record, citing union regulation concerns.

But many teachers who teach over 29 students don't do so voluntarily.

"We don't get to ask teachers," Pappalardo said. "We just have to

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To spank or not to spank, a three-act play

Ken Seifert



Prologue

The above question has been argued by philosophers, parents and talking heads for too many years to tally. Hundreds of years from now it will still not be resolved. We are the product of our genes, home schooling and environment.

As a retired superintendent, I can now answer the question of spanking without losing my job. I came from the Ed Seifert School of Progressive Discipline.

Ed, my father, did not graduate from high school, was a blue collar worker for Henry Ford, and was the greatest man who ever lived. His progressive system started with words, a warning, the massaging of the epidermis, and then "I've tried." This was a summary thesis on the wisdom of his attempts. Either you ultimately grasped the message or you didn't. He recognized discipline is complete when the person accepts responsibility and has internal controls. It is not an external process of words and/or physical exertion from one person to the next.

Parents try, sometimes they succeed.

Act I

My brother Eddie, older by 15 months, and I were the first two of seven unique independent city kids. In our early years we had the usual sibling rivalry that resulted in primitive animal behavior. We fought a lot.

In an attempt to develop us

into civilized human beings, Dad would tell us to be nice boys. Next, he would put us in the hot seats, facing each other about a yard apart. We had to last 30 minutes with no arguing. If you argued, the clock was reset and the confinement started anew. The next step was a warning that a physical remedy would be pursued. Like clockwork, the warden was true to his word. He always did what he said. Personal behavior produces consequences, good and bad. You might call him a benevolent dictator, fair but unyielding in his search for virtue clarification.

Act II

Dad's Unwritten Book of Family Law: Chapter 1, paragraph 3: Mother hath a difficult job. Thou shalt not upset your mother. If you do, you will always be given advanced notice before step three in the process is delivered.

At about age 14, I'd began to talk to my mother like she was one of the gang of hoodlums with whom I roamed the neighborhood.

My father called me into the dining room and gave me a prediction. He told me, in about one week, if you don't change your approach, I will probably take you to the cellar. As the warden of the Seifert Prison, I must dole out physical punishment.

I said, "Yes, Dad" and went to the Boys Club.

One week later, just before supper he took me to the cellar for the epidermal massage. He did not rely upon external tools such as a paddle or belt, but utilized the personal touch, the palm of his hand. This macho teenager was placed over his father's knees and the carrying out of the

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Community members bring books to life



Courtesy photo

Members of the Andover community are reading to students in Andover's elementary schools this week as part of the League of Women Voters' Community Readalong. Above, Beth Kerrigan, youth services librarian at Memorial Hall Library, reads to Kate Gerry's second grade classroom at Shawsheen School.

Face time for student art

Andover High School is showing a student art exhibit on the second floor of the 30 Whittier Court, near the Park and behind Town Offices, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each weekday during November. The students involved include members of Delores Dunning's ceramics class.

The students are Jocelyn Stevens, Marielle Gallant, Connor Pauley (photo of his work), Kenneth Hill, Alex Lee, Faith Macdonald, Jacob Phan, Lucia Nuevo Alonso Vega, Abigail Taylor and Abby Taylor.



A sculpture created by Andover High junior Connor Pauley is one of several works on display near the School Committee room of the School Administration Building.

ACE celebrates first five years

The Andover Coalition for Education, a non-profit volunteer group benefitting the Andover Public Schools, celebrated its first five years on Friday, Nov. 5 with more than 90 board members, supporters and newcomers to ACE.

A slideshow highlighted new educational projects ACE has helped pay for, such as the schools' grants coordinator, engineering programs in the elementary and middle schools, and the new language lab at Andover High School. The crowd also heard about ideas being considered for future support.

"After dinner and dessert we had the debut of our new ACE video produced by Libby Ekman, a senior at Andover High School. This fun and informative video tells the story of

ACE and expresses appreciation for the impact of our programs in all our schools," according to Tina Girdwood, ACE Board president. "There was lots of energy in the room, enough to propel us into the next five years."

Windmills, apartment models and other engineering projects from students at West Elementary and Doherty Middle schools served as table decorations to highlight the creativity and problem-solving capabilities of town students, according to Girdwood. Co-Chairwomen Claire Stahley and Susan Hughes and the ACE Party Committee helped organize the evening, held at Sal's in Lawrence.

Wood Hill Middle music teacher Marc Mercer provided the music.

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(increase enrollment).
When asked how class sizes could be reduced, de Kelley and Pappalardo both said the town must increase the school's budget, and/or hire more teachers.
"I have 100 more students taking math this year than last year," Pappalardo said, adding that seven of the department's 94 sections are overbooked. "I have heard nothing to indicate

that additional money will be available."
De Kelley raised similar concerns.
"What makes Andover High School special is what we offer academically. Students are given the opportunity to pursue what they are interested in," she said. "If we continue to have cuts, I am afraid that students will not be able to have that opportunity."

For feedback on this story, or for other story-related inquiries, please email dluca@andover-townsmen.com.

SEIFERT

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sentence began.
As a Seifert, I was determined not to show my embarrassment. He knew my mindset and the only way this session would end was to provide him satisfaction. Because of the increasing sting to my behind, he caused me to cry out and end such torture. He raised me from his knees and walked up the stairs without a word. At first I silently called him some of the typical names one would give to a bully, but then came an unforgettable moment. As he took his place at the head of the supper table, with the rest of the family, I reviewed the case. I knew I was testing the patience of my mother. He gave me a second chance as well as a time limit. I found myself in the basement with a sore rear end because of my stupidity and poor behavior. I actually loved him more for what he had done and the way he did it. I deserved what happened to me. He never again had to resort to such action.

Act III
The years quickly passed. I was now married, superintendent of the Andover Public Schools, and headed to Buffalo, N.Y. to visit the family with Norma, and our first two children, Kevin and Kim. As we drove the Mass. Turnpike, Norma elbowed my ribs and inquired, was I aware of the commotion in the back seat? I told the dynamic duo to cool it. I continued the drive and began to think of the next year's school department budget. Norma again let me know my children were depriving her of experiencing the beauty of the Berkshire Mountains. What would my Dad do? I obtained K

and K's attention. I told them we were going to make many trips to Buffalo in the years ahead and was sure we all would want to enjoy them. If they didn't want to share in the beauty of the outside world I would stop the car and communicate non-verbally.

To avoid further punishment to my ribs, I decided to be a better listener. The problem continued. It soon became decision time. I pulled over, parked the car, and proceeded with the eldest. I bent Kevin southward and administered a couple of strokes of Seifert tough love. I put him back in the car and reached for Kim. She was cowering in the back seat pleading for leniency. I was much more delicate with her but had to administer equal justice. In future years, we made many trips. I never had to pull off the highway, at least not for Seifert Justice. Norma has reminded many times, what if there happened to be an Andover family driving by: "Why, that's the superintendent of our schools beating his children!"

Epilogue
If people ask me "what kind of father are or were you?" I always respond, "Only my children can answer that." As a son, I can answer the question of spanking. For me it is and was part of my self-discipline. On the rarest of occasions, my Dad chose to use that part of his process. Dad's progressive course worked for me. I knew he truly loved us. He did what he did because he wanted us to be decent citizens. I just hope my kids will say the same thing.
That's my side of the debate, what's yours?

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



Talia Shuman rehearses for Austin Preparatory School's production of "Little Shop of Horrors," which runs Nov. 19 and 20 at the school in Reading. COURTESY PHOTO

Andover's Shuman part of 'Little Shop'

While students at Andover High are gearing up for a production of "Rent," Andover resident Talia Shuman, a freshman at Austin Preparatory School, will be a doo-wop girl in her school's presentation of the comic musical "Little Shop of Horrors" on Friday, Nov. 19 and Saturday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. in Austin's Multi-Purpose Facility, 101 Willow St, Reading.
The show is free and open to the public. The school describes the effort as "family fun with seven grades of student performers and stage technicians."



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Andrea J. Schweitzer is a graduate of Rivers School. Schweitzer is the daughter of Allen and Janet Schweitzer.

Before classes began, each student took part in an orientation that included an introduction to Colby's rigorous academics, rich cultural life and community involvement opportunities as well as a three day outdoor excursion.

Colby's Class of 2014-the most diverse in the College's history-was selected from a pool nearly 10 times its ultimate size of 486. The students are residents of 33 states and represent 30 different countries, from Canada and China to the Democratic Republic of Congo, and, in a first for Colby, Cameroon. Twelve percent of the Class of 2014 has an international background and more than 24 percent identify with an African-American, Latin-American, Asian-American, or Native American heritage.

Hannah Vasconcellos Hastings daughter of Linda J. Vasconcellos and David Hastings of Andover, was named to the dean's list at Smith College for her academic achievement for the 2009-10 school year. The dean's list recognizes those students with grade-point averages of 3.333 or above.

Hastings graduated from Andover High School and is majoring in government and portuguese and brazilian studies at Smith. She also spreading message of outdoor resources

She is also an intern with the Student Conservation Association, is traveling to communities all over the northeast to spread the message of Michelle Obama's "Let's Move Outside"

campaign. She is one of more than 4,200 SCA members helping to protect and restore America's public lands this year.

Brittany Weeks of Andover a nursing student at Quinnipiac University was recently inducted into the Tau Rho Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International during a recent ceremony at Quinnipiac:

Membership is an honor conferred on baccalaureate and graduate nursing students who demonstrate excellence in their nursing programs and to nursing leaders demonstrating exceptional achievements in nursing. Sixty-one percent of active members hold master's or doctoral degrees.

Joseph Thibodeau of Andover class of 2014 was among more than 1,300 undergraduate students from 45 different states and 35 nations that began their first year at Tufts University in September.

Bowdoin College held its annual Sarah and James Bowdoin Day ceremony on Oct. 22, to honor **Rohit Sangal** and **Hannah Hoerner**, undergraduates students from Andover who distinguish themselves by excellence in scholarship.

Those students who are designated Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholars are in the top highest grade-point average, 20 percent of each class for the previous academic year. In addition, those scholars who earned a grade-point average of 4.0 are designated Sarah and James Bowdoin Book Award winners.

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Sports

A GAME FOR THE AGES

No one will forget Andover's eight-overtime win over Lowell

By David Willis

LOWELL — The numbers are stunning.

— Eight overtimes.
— Eight touchdown runs for Andy Coke, five in overtime, along with seven two-point conversions.

— Six fourth-down conversions for touchdowns, three of which for Andover.

— 192 plays run overall, in a game that took 3:37 to play, 1:30 longer than an average high-school football game.

Oh, and then there's the score, **88-82** for Andover over Lowell on Friday.

"I think this might be the greatest high-school football game in the history of Andover, the MVC, Massachusetts or even the country," said Golden Warriors cocaptain Ned Deane.

No one in attendance could possibly disagree with Deane about the game that players and fans alike will tell their children and grandchildren.

"This is the greatest athletic event I have ever been associated with," said Andover coach E.J. Perry after the game, capturing the thoughts of everyone at Cawley Stadium.

The game was mentioned during NFL highlights on Comcast Sports Tonight (the TV station broadcasts Celtics games) and NESN (Red Sox station) along with nearly every local channel, and was featured on numerous national sports websites, including espn.com.



Andover's Andy Coke sails into the air and into the end zone for a touchdown. Coke rushed for eight touchdowns and seven two-point conversions to give Andover a stunning 88-82 victory over Lowell in eight overtimes.

"Just imagine if you have a game like this in an NFL playoff game? This shows me that these kids have heart for the game. Totally amazing," commented a fan on a message board about the game.

It was truly a game for the ages, as Coke burst in from 10 yards out in the eighth overtime to give Andover the victory over Lowell, and the chance to play Central Catholic for the MVC Large title and a playoff berth

on Thanksgiving. "I was about to cry," said Coke. "I was thinking, 'Am I in a dream right now?' After I scored on the last run, it felt like a dream. I had to touch myself to make sure it was real life."

It felt like a dream to those in attendance, watching the game that pushed for the longest game in the country this season, falling just short of the

12-overtime game for Jacksonville and Nacogdoches in East Texas on Oct. 29. But that game finished just 84-81.

"We played three football games," said Andover center/defensive tackle Connor Clancy, who could be seen sprawled out on the turf in tears of joy after Coke scored the game-winning touchdown. "It was just ridiculous. Everyone did an amazing job."

The game nearly did not even go into overtime. Lowell rushed to the line and scored a touchdown with no time remaining in regulation. The game-tying extra point then just barely made it over the crossbar, making it 28-28 at the end of four quarters.

From there, the two teams found themselves in a stalemate. Each team scored on its first seven possessions of overtime, which consists of four attempts from the 10-yard line. After missing their first 2-point conversion, each team converted their next six. By rule teams cannot kick in overtime.

But Andover did finally mount a defensive stand, with Jimmy Walsh tackling Josh McGlauffin just short of the end zone.

Coke then scored his eighth touchdown of the day to end the game.

"When I saw the open lane I just knew I had a touchdown," said Coke. "But I made sure to finish my run. I gave all my heart. We are confident in our offense, and from 10 yards we can put it in every time."

Running back Freddie Scribner also was key, rushing 17 times for 116 yards and three overtime touchdowns.

"We committed to running the

The scoreboard says it all at the close of Andover's all-time classic 88-82 win over Lowell on Friday.

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Andover 88, Lowell 82

Andover (7-3): 14 6 0 8 60 — 88
Lowell (4-6): 0 7 14 7 54 — 82

First Quarter
A — Andy Coke 7 run (Zavri kick), 8:57
A — Coke 4 run (Zavri kick), 1:18

Second Quarter
L — Anthony Courtois 1 run (Connor McHugh kick), 6:56
A — Freddie Scribner 18 run (kick failed), 4:19

Third Quarter
L — Josh McGlauffin 13 pass from R.J. Noel (McHugh kick), 8:07
L — Courtois 23 pass from Kyle Edwards (McHugh kick), 3:55

Fourth Quarter
A — Coke 1 run (Ned Deane pass from Coke), 10:00
L — McGlauffin 10 pass from Edwards (McHugh kick), 0:00

Overtime
A — Coke 1 run (run failed)
L — John Crowe 10 pass from Edwards (run failed)
L — Courtois 10 pass from Edwards (Edwards run)
A — Coke 1 run (Coke run)
A — Scribner 9 run (Coke run)
L — Josh Ouellette 10 pass from Edwards (McGlauffin pass from Edwards)
L — Courtois 1 run (Courtois pass from Edwards)
A — Coke 10 run (Coke run)
A — Scribner 10 run (Coke run)
L — McGlauffin 4 pass from Edwards (Ouellette pass from Edwards)
L — Courtois 2 run (McGlauffin pass from Edwards)
A — Scribner 10 run (Coke run)
A — Coke 1 run (Coke run)
L — McGlauffin 4 pass from Edwards (Ouellette pass from Edwards)
A — Coke 10 run (no point attempted)

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
RUSHING: A (54-285) — Andy Coke 36-165, Freddie Scribner 17-116, Michael McGovern 1-4, L (41-159) — R.J. Noel 6-50, Juan Rodriguez 9-31, Kyle Edwards 18-39, Anthony Courtois 7-11, Alex Kasiyev 1-3
PASSING: A — Coke 7-10-0, 51; Tom Dempsey 0-2-0; L — Edwards 20-26-0, 191; Noel 7-8-0, 82
RECEIVING: A — Brian Miller 2-29, Cam Farnham 1-7, Tyler Boudreau 1-7, Ben McQuaide 1-4, McGovern 2-4; L — Josh McGlauffin 12-89, Courtois 10-119, Josh Crowe 3-46, Josh Ouellette 2-19

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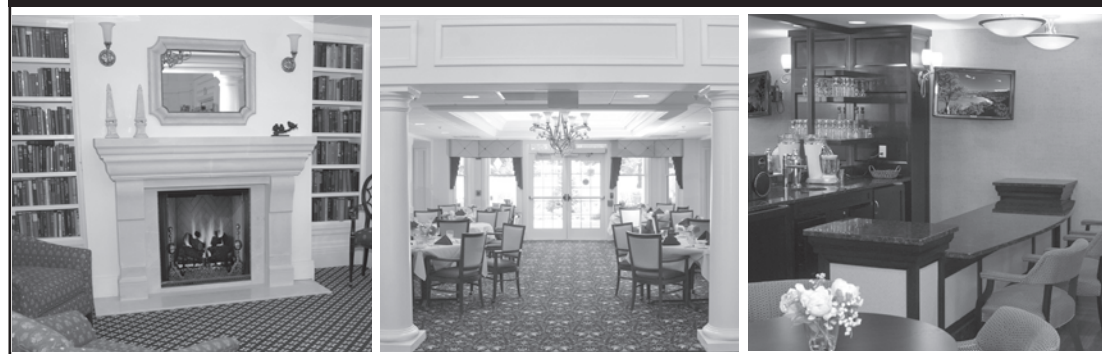
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Staying perfect

Warriors volleyball team stays perfect, takes North final

She is one of the top high jumpers in the country, but at the moment Moira Cronin is living a dream in another sport — volleyball.

"I can't believe what we are doing" said Cronin. "We are doing something that we love right now."

Cronin is just one of the stars that has led the top-seeded Andover volleyball team that won the Division 1 North title Saturday with a 25-19, 25-16, 25-17 victory over No. 2 Reading. It was Andover's first Division 1 North volleyball title since 2007.

The win kept the Golden Warriors perfect at 24-0, and was their 13th straight 3-0 sweep. It also earned them a berth in the Division 1 semifinal scheduled for Wednesday against South champion Barnstable, after *Townsmen* deadline.

"Ever since my freshman year we haven't made it this far," said cocaptain Ava Bakhtyari. "It's our year this year."

Bakhtyari paced the Golden Warriors, tallying a team-high eight kills and 11 digs, tying Annie Ye and Sarah Arvidson for team-best. Ye led the Warriors with 18 assists and two aces, while Cronin added 4½ kills for the winners.

"It's awesome (winning the North title)," said senior Elise Brogan. "We worked so hard and we really deserved this."

The red-hot Golden Warriors certainly impressed Reading coach Michelle Hopkinson.

"I keep looking for a hole in Andover," said Hopkinson. "But I can't find one. They are just an excellent all-around team."

Andover set up the trip to the North title game by dispatching arch rival No. 4 Central Catholic by routing the Raiders 25-13, 25-13, 25-16 last Thursday in the Division 1 North semifinals.

We definitely remembered our goal was to make it 3-0,"



CARL RUSSO/Staff Photo

Andover's Moira Cronin spikes the ball for Andover in a convincing victory over Central Catholic in the Division 1 North semifinals. The Golden Warriors followed that by besting Reading in the Division 1 North final.

said Arvidson. "We didn't want to let down and let them get back in it because then you don't know what can happen."

Central only held two brief leads, early in the first two games, and didn't score more than two straight points until the third game.

Star setter Ye was once again a force, leading the way with 17 assists and 14 digs. Arvidson had six kills and eight digs and Cronin chipped in with four kills. Elise Brogan had 7½ blocks and Marcela Familiar-Bolanos had five aces.

"They were dynamite," said Central coach Gannon Paris. "I give them a lot of credit. You could see their depth ... they were hitting out of every

position. They didn't have any weaknesses."

Andover entered the Central game red-hot after blasting No. 8 Tewksbury 25-13, 25-2, 25-14 in the Division 1 North quarterfinals last Tuesday.

The Golden Warriors set the tone in the second set. After dropping the first point, Andover surged for 17 straight points, the first 15 off the serving of junior Brogan before she received a rest.

Cronin, at 6 feet 1 inch, starred at the net with 10 kills. Bakhtyari added seven kills and a pair of aces, Arvidson had a team-high seven digs, while Lauren Murtagh chipped in with 11 assists and Ye added nine assists.

'Unsung hero' divers help lead Andover into state swim meet

Warriors look for 11th state title in 12 years Sunday

By DAVID WILLIS
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With the pressure — and the danger — that divers face, Andover's Gabrielle Galat is thrilled to have three close friends to look to.

"Diving is scary," said Galat. "It is so nice to have people you care about there to cheer you on. It gives you confidence to take chances and try new dives, and cheers you up if you miss them. We have built off each other for a long time."

Galat is one of four divers that Golden Warriors coach Marilyn Fitzgerald called the "unsung heroes" of the Andover High swim team that will look to win its second straight Division 1 state title, and 11th in 12 years, on Sunday at noon at Harvard University.

"When you say you are part of the swimming and diving team everyone thinks you're a swimmer," said Galat. "When I say I'm a diver, they're a little surprised. It's kind of unknown, but the team loves us."

Galat, a senior quad-captain, is the elder member of the group that has sent four divers to Division 1 states. She is joined by sophomore star Deb Daly and juniors Jenny Coneeny and Courtney Stone.

"No other team in the state has four divers like them," said Fitzgerald. "You have to be able to do 11 dives, and most are good at some both not others. It is so hard, and we are the only team that qualified four divers (for states)."

The four dominated at North Sectionals over the weekend, taking second (Daly), fourth (Coneeny), ninth (Stone) and 10th (Galat). The next best was fellow state power Acton-Boxboro with three placers.

"We like the pressure," said Stone. "I like to know everyone is relying on us. It is a great sense of satisfaction that we can go out and help win a meet, a sectional or even a state title. It is tough to be able to do all

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Andover diver Courtney Stone

those dives."

Adding to the challenge is relying on a judge for their score. But the Golden Warriors face their toughest critics every day.

"We always critique each other's dives," said Galat. "We act as the judges for each other. We'll look to each other to see what the other thinks. We learn from each other. We have a really close relationship because we are always together."

While the divers do practice at the same time and location as their Golden Warrior teammates, then have formed a unique bond, often in the kiddie pool they sit in between dives.

"It is a totally different sport from swimming," said Daly. "We are off to the side. So we actually feel a little (like unsung heroes). But they appreciate us. We have a great chance to place four divers (in the top 12) again, and that would be huge."

The Andover divers cruised through the regular season, winning the event in all but one meet, while Daly won at the MVC meet.

"The expectations are to do what we have done all season at states," said Coneeny. "Deborah will be a high seed, and all four of us could place in the top 10."

The Golden Warriors will now look to live up to those expectations at states on Sunday.

"We have a long tradition of fantastic divers," said Fitzgerald. "We have a great diving coach (Becky Pierce) and everything those girls do they do together."

It is so hard with the 11 dives and judging very different. But these girls come through. You need contributors in every event to win a state title, and no one else has four divers like ours."

Records fall at Sectionals

The Andover swim team once again rewrote the record books — this time at North Sectionals on Saturday.

"That was one of the most amazing feats I have ever seen," said Fitzgerald.

Defending All-Scholastic Division 1 Swimmer of the Year Rachel Moore added to her legacy, setting a state record in the 50 freestyle in 23.37, well ahead of the record set in 2006 (23.49).

Maggie D'Innocenzo continued her emergence as a superstar, setting a state record in the 200 IM in 2:02.02, besting the mark set last season (2:03.13).

"I dropped four seconds off my previous best time," said D'Innocenzo. "It was mind-boggling. I was like, 'Is that clock wrong?' All I remember is that I didn't think the clock was right."

But the most amazing feat was in the relays.

Moore and D'Innocenzo teamed with Ashlee Korsberg and Monica Patterson to set the state record in the 400 freestyle relay in 3:27.71, shattering the old mark (3:31.10) set in 1997.

"That was amazing," said Fitzgerald. "I didn't know if that record would ever be broken. But that record was smashed. I posted that time before the season. That is a super talented group."

D'Innocenzo, Ashlee Korsberg, Moore and Emma Camman also set a state record in the 200 medley relay team (1:47.76), ahead of the mark set in 1997 (1:48.07).

Korsberg also won the 500 freestyle, the 200 freestyle relay (Nina Mazzarelli, Korsberg, Camman, Patterson) placed first, Moore won the 100 freestyle and D'Innocenzo took the 100 breaststroke.

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Andover defeated Walpole 2-1 in double overtime to earn a berth in Division I state field hockey finals. Here, Andover's, Kate Farnham, right, battles for the ball with Walpole's goalkeeper Katie Kelley on Tuesday night.

Andover field hockey wins, headed to state title game

When Meagan Keefe heard her name called, she was ready for action.

"I was excited to get in there," said Keefe, who scored nine goals during the regular season. "It was a corner. I tried to do everything to block the goalie and screen her and I tipped it in."

Despite seeing scant action in last night's Division 1 state semifinal against Walpole, Andover sophomore Keefe delivered when called upon.

Subbing in midway through the second overtime period, Keefe tipped senior Laura Dimitruk's shot past goalie Katie Kelley to give the Golden Warriors a 2-1 victory on Tuesday in the Division 1 North semifinal.

This marks Andover's first trip to the state title game in school history. It also kept the Golden Warriors perfect at 23-0. They will face Central champ Algonquin (16-2-4) Saturday at 10 a.m. at Worcester State College.

"That was the (substitution) of her life," Andover head coach Maureen Noone said. "A little sophomore who had gone in earlier in the game just to give someone a breather ended up in the middle of the play."

Jaelyn Torres scored the other Andover goal, off an assist from Anne Farnham.

The season was flashing before the Andover field hockey team's eyes. With just 2:30 left in the game, Molly Feit scored to give top-seeded Acton-Boxborough a lead over the No. 2 Golden Warriors.

But Andover wasn't about to walk away.

With 36 seconds remaining in regulation, Laura Dimitruk scored to tie the game and Jillian Manning followed with the game-winner in overtime as the Golden Warriors topped Acton-Boxborough 2-1 to earn the Division 1 North crown on Saturday.

The win snapped a 45-game winning streak for Acton-Boxborough.

Anne Farnham assisted on both goals, both on corners. Goalie Dina Hagigeorges also stood out with seven saves.

"Dina had a lot of scrambles in front of the net, but she held her ground beautifully," said Andover coach Maureen Noone. "She played really well in net for us. We went with Dina because she has more experience."

Andover also had to rally to advance to the North final, finding themselves trailing for just the second time during the season.

"I saw a couple kids start to play tentative," said Noone. "Maybe it was the rain making the ball bounce, but some girls looked nervous. But once we scored, everything started to come together."

The Golden Warriors struck back with a pair of goals three minutes apart by the Farnham sisters, took a two-goal lead into halftime and went on to down undefeated No. 3 Beverly in the Division 1 North semifinals last Tuesday.

"We didn't quit," said Noone. "We were down, but we made a couple adjustments, shuffled things a little and things started to click again."

Jaelyn Torres and Dimitruk each also scored a goal to put the game away for the winners.

Hagigeorges made the lead stand up, making nine saves. Her previous season-high was seven against Tewksbury, and never had to make more than three in any other game.

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