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A vivid remembrance



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Richard Padova of Andover shows off some of his President John F. Kennedy political keepsakes and memorabilia. He will be placing his Kennedy items on display this weekend at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill.

Kennedy's death still felt 50 years later

By JUDY WAKEFIELD JWAKEFIELD@ANDOVERTOWNSMAN.COM

Fifty years later, the day remains unforgettable for most everyone. Friday, Nov. 22, 1963: The day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

Just like Sept. 11, people remember exactly where they were that tragic day.

Richard Padova of Andover, a professor in the Global Studies Department at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill, was just a toddler.

But the longtime political junkie who has lectured on numerous campaigns over the years has spent his lifetime assembling an impressive collection of Kennedy memorabilia and keepsakes from the era.

He will share his treasure trove



Some of the items in the President John F. Kennedy political collection assembled by Richard Padova of Andover.

This weekend as part of NECC's "A Kennedy Weekend of Remembrance: The Story of JFK." The free event, which is open to the public, will commemorate the life and legacy of President Kennedy. "I just wanted to do this in honor of the president," said Padova, who

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Tax bills set to climb

New split rate will mean hikes across town

By DUSTIN LUCA DLUCA@ANDOVERTOWNSMAN.COM

Don't get too comfortable with your property tax bill — it's about to go up.

For residents, that means they could be shelling out between \$354 and \$365 — or 4.4 to 4.6 percent — more in property taxes next year.

The Board of Selectmen is expected to set the town's 2014 tax rate for residential and commercial/industrial property at its next regular meeting, scheduled for Monday, Dec. 2.

Traditionally, the town has taxed commercial property at a higher rate than residential property. Next

year will likely be no different. However, taxes are still increasing across the board for everyone.

Chief Assessor Dave Bilard presented several options at Monday night's

Board of Selectmen's meeting during the first reading of the tax classification vote.

Under tax classification, cities and towns are allowed to shift more of the property tax burden to commercial/industrial property owners by charging them at a higher rate than residential property owners. Under the

so-called tax classification shift, commercial property

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Long-awaited green light for youth center

Check passing clears way for Dec. 1 project start

By BILL KIRK BKIRK@ANDOVERTOWNSMAN.COM

The Andover Youth Foundation presented the Board of Selectmen with an oversized check for almost \$2 million Monday night, which should allow construction on the teen center to begin next month.

Diane Costagliola, chairwoman of the Youth Foundation, thanked selectmen and

other town officials for their support in pushing the project forward.

"Thank you for your help and assistance," she said. "I'd like to thank all the people who came before us and many others whose hearts have been in this, but most importantly Bill Fahey."

Fahey, who was on hand Monday night for the ceremonial event, said the teen

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Town hits back on tainted sludge, water charges

New report asserts 'no significant risk to human health'

By BILL KIRK BKIRK@ANDOVERTOWNSMAN.COM

Local officials, backed by an engineering report, are hitting back at property owner James Berberian's allegations that the town failed to clean up his Bancroft Road property and may also have contaminated the water supply.

Town attorney Tom Urbelis

spoke at last week's Board of Selectmen's meeting, quoting extensively from a report by engineering firm CDM-Smith, which states that contrary to what Berberian has said, there is no risk to human health on his property.

"An imminent hazard does not exist at the 2-4 Bancroft Road site," says the report, which was filed with the Department of Environmental Protection after a similar report by the town's consulting engineers was rejected

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Smooth as ice: Park rink skates through approval

By BILL KIRK BKIRK@ANDOVERTOWNSMAN.COM

Whether it will be like a scene from a Currier and Ives painting, or a leaf-filled duck pond, remains to be seen.

But the Department of Community Services has won the go-ahead to build an ice rink in one corner of The Park.

The 40-by-60-foot rink will be available for anyone who wants to get out for a mid-winter, freestyle skate. Because it will be constructed

The 40-by-60-foot rink will be available for anyone who wants to get out for a mid-winter, freestyle skate.

much like a backyard rink, it won't have high side walls and thus is not designed for organized hockey games.

The idea, which won the approval of the Board of Selectmen Monday night, has received mostly positive reviews from town officials. Even neighbors of The Park at Chestnut and Bartlett streets appear to be in favor of it.

"As a neighbor of The Park, I like to see it actively used and enjoyed by all generations," Nancy Jeton of 57 Chestnut St. said in an email to Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski.

After a brief public hearing, selectmen voted 5-0 in favor of allowing DCS volunteers to work with the town's Plant and Facilities Department to build the temporary rink.

Former Selectman Ted Teichner, working with local resident Bob Chaves, decided to pursue the rink after speaking with High Street resident Mary Beth Nason, who came up with

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Happy Trails



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

The outside of Salvatore's Restaurant on Park Street is lit up one night last week in this time-release photo.

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TAX RATE: Homeowners here will continue paying highest taxes in Valley

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owners can be charged up to 50 percent more on their tax rates than residential property owners, which would be expressed as a 150 shift.

The idea behind the tax classification law is to give homeowners a break at the expense of business owners, who are considered by some to be better able to afford higher bills.

Under one scenario proposed by Billard, using a tax shift of 147, residential taxes would see a 4.6 percent jump of around \$365 — from \$7,967 last year to \$8,332 for the average single-family home, valued at \$549,622.

6.3 percent, from \$84,565 last year to \$89,862, for the average \$3.5 million industrial property.

In the case of a 147 shift, the residential property tax rate would be \$15.16 per \$1,000 of assessed value while the commercial-industrial rate would be \$25.34 per \$1,000.

Under a slightly different plan, using a shift of 148, taxpayers town-wide would see more level increases across the board, according to Billard.

For residents, the average bill would jump 4.4 percent, from \$7,967 to \$8,321 — or about \$354. Commercial taxpayers would pay 4.3 percent more year to year, on average running from \$48,291 to \$50,349. Meanwhile, industrial taxpayers would pay 6.6

percent more, from \$84,565 to \$90,181 on average.

The board also looked at using a 146 percentage, which would give residents and industry near-equal tax bill increases of 5 and 5.2 percent respectively. Commercial taxpayers would see a 2.8 percent jump in the bill under that shift.

No matter what happens, Andover homeowners will continue

paying the highest taxes in the Merrimack Valley.

In Methuen, the average annual tax bill for single-family homeowners is about \$3,666 — less than half of what Andover pays. Haverhill homeowners are set to pay about \$3,951 a year in property taxes. In North Andover, homeowners pay about \$5,830 a year.

Joe Bevilacqua, president of the Merrimack

Valley Chamber of Commerce, urged Andover selectmen to consider lowering the tax burden for the local business community.

“Drive through any community, you’ll see abandoned storefronts, abandoned industrial buildings. It’s a sign of the times,” Bevilacqua said. “But setting the tax rate is where you can make a positive impact.”

Meanwhile, several residents who are regular attendees at selectmen’s meetings argued in favor of adopting the 148 shift, making sure the growing tax burden is felt equally throughout town.

“Commercial depends on the residents for their businesses. Residents shop downtown,” Cyr Circle resident Mary Carbone said. “Without the residents, there would

be no business. People make business act.”

While saying he too supported the 148 shift, Whittier Street resident John Pasquale said he wasn’t concerned what was going on in the commercial and industrial sector when it’s a residential tax bill that comes in the mail.

“When I get my tax bill in front of me and I’m going down to pay in advance, I’m not interested in what commercial is doing or what industrial is doing,” he said. “They’re not next to me. I’m interested in what my wallet is doing.”

Not all communities use a split rate. Newburyport and Amesbury, for example, charge business and residential property owners at the same tax rate.

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Whittier Street resident John Pasquale

REPORT: ‘Material in the wetland is not the responsibility of the town’

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last year.

“A condition of no significant risk to human health exists” at the site, the report says.

Urbelis cited the report in response to allegations by Berberian that in November 2010 when town workers dumped toxic sludge onto his property, they failed to clean it up adequately.

Berberian claims that after the dumping of the silt that collects on the bottom of water tanks, there was a large area of wetland on his property that was contaminated.

He said the town sent a vacuum truck to clean up the sludge, but only a portion of the material was removed.

The rest, he said, remains on the site and is actually migrating downstream onto property owned by Phillips Andover Academy.

But the 90-page report released Nov. 7 by CDM-Smith asserts that the contaminated material has been removed and that whatever

contamination is left in the wetland is from other sources.

“Based on the remedial activities conducted in the wetland, all sources of metals associated with the sediment released from the Bancroft Road water tank have been eliminated or controlled” in accordance with state law,” the report says.

Instead, the toxic material remaining in the wetland, which contains traces of lead and arsenic, among other substances, is from adjacent roadways and runoff from an old apple orchard, it says.

“There is a separate condition in the wetland unrelated to the release of sediment from the drinking water tank,” according to the town’s report.

The Nov. 7 report quotes a 2012 CDM-Smith report stating that “overall, the report concluded that ... the tank bottom sediment was not a source of the elevated metal concentrations in the wetland. The report further concluded that ... sources of the elevated metals in the

wetland were consistent with sources associated with vehicle traffic along South Main Street and former orchards in the drainage area of the wetland.”

Urbelis said that not only does the CDM-Smith report show that the material in the wetland is not the responsibility of the town, it indicated that the material still left on the site is not hazardous to people who may be walking by.

“Two imminent hazard evaluations were completed for the wetland on behalf of the town,” the report says. “Mass DEP reviewed these evaluations and concurred with the conclusion that an imminent hazard condition is not present for likely human receptors at the wetland.”

The report further says, “For a resident in contact

“An imminent hazard does not exist at the 2-4 Bancroft Road site.”

From the report by engineering firm CDM-Smith

water plant that while he “can’t stop what people are saying, if he (Berberian) is saying that the water in the distribution system is unsafe, I’m saying it’s untrue.”

Morris Gray, the superintendent in charge of the water distribution system, said that while material does settle at the bottom of the town’s water storage tanks, it doesn’t get into the water supply.

“The outlet for the tank is higher than the floor,” he said. “The muck precipitates out and settles at the bottom. We tested for arsenic recently. None has been detected every time.”

When the Bancroft tank was cleaned in November 2010, which is what led to Berberian’s lawsuit, it was the first time it had been cleaned since it was built in 1974.

Gray said that since Berberian sued, the town has stopped cleaning out the water supply tanks.

“It was a conscious decision to stop until this gets ironed out,” he said. In

addition to Bancroft, the town has water holding tanks at several other locations throughout town, including Prospect Hill, Wood Hill and at the water treatment plant itself.

Alan Carifio, the town’s chief chemist and water lab director, said tests are done at the plant every day and frequently in the distribution system.

“We have quarterly, monthly and daily testing, and testing every 15 minutes,” he said. “We are so heavily regulated it’s ridiculous.”

Urbelis said the water in the Bancroft tank was not tested while it was being cleaned.

“There was no need to take out samples when they were cleaning it,” he said. “They didn’t see any need to. They were cleaning out the goop on the bottom. They had never cleaned it out. They knew it should be cleaned. They didn’t know what was contained in it until a year later when Berberian did some tests and his (engineer) notified DEP.”

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AYF: Youth Center gets the go-ahead

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center has been a long time coming.

"I've been standing in this meeting room for the last 20 years now," he said. "We're excited to make this project a reality and build a building in the next year."

Tom Watkins, the town purchasing agent, said the contract has been sent to Dagle Electric Construction Corp. of Woburn, which won the low bid to build the center.

"We sent it off to them on Friday, we should get it back in the next day or two," Watkins said. "Then they are ready to get mobilized on-site. They are set to start Dec. 1."

The teen center is being paid for through a combination of public and privately raised funds, including about \$2.8 million from the Andover Youth Foundation and \$2.7 million from the town.

In addition to the \$1.9 million handed over by the Youth Foundation this week,

"We're excited to make this project a reality and build a building in the next year."

Bill Fahey, Andover Youth Services director, who has advocated for a youth center in Andover for 20 years

the group has already spent \$857,000 getting the site ready for the installation of the foundation and structure.

The project has taken so long to build because it has been through numerous funding and location changes. In particular, the entire project originally was to be built with private money at the site of West Middle School.

Over the years, the sources of funding shifted so that it is now a true "private-public partnership," selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli said.

"This is a project that was started before I got on the board," Vispoli said. "This really shows the commitment of Bill Fahey. It's a testament to him."

Vispoli said the facility, while will be called the Cormier Youth Center after lead

donor Ivan Cormier, will be available to everyone in the community, from young children to elderly citizens.

"The group (pushing for the teen center) stayed together and was given overwhelming support at Town Meeting, which shows the community really supports a facility like this," Vispoli said.

More recently, the teen center has faced a number of smaller hurdles, including a problem with the original low bidder, G&R Construction of Quincy, which had to pull out because of a clerical error.

Going with the second low bid required the town and Youth Foundation to alter their agreement to reduce the contingency coverage in place should something go wrong with construction from 10 to 5 percent.

Even with the reduced



BILL KIRK/Staff photo

Members of the Andover Youth Foundation presented the Board of Selectmen with a check for \$1.9 million Monday night. The payment paves the way for a contract to be signed with the project's contractor and work on the center to begin next month.

contingency, there was still not enough money available, so the Youth Foundation went back to some of its donors for more cash.

The Waldo Trust Foundation made a \$12,000 donation, and additional donations

have come in from the Rogers Foundation as well as other, private donors.

Costagliola said fundraising will continue so that the building will include all of the original bells and whistles, some of which have had to

be sacrificed along the way to allow the project to proceed.

A casino night is planned for Dec. 6 and proceeds from the Youth Foundation's annual Christmas tree lot will also go toward the teen center.

RINK: Selectmen vote 5-0 to allow DCS volunteers, town workers to build temporary rink in The Park

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the idea.

They enlisted the support of DCS Executive Director Mary Montbleau, who was enthusiastic about the idea as well.

"We had one at Rec Park (on High Street) and at the Ballardvale playground," she said. "It was very popular."

For one reason or another, those outdoor rinks have disappeared.

Montbleau said the new rink will be built with 8-inch-high lumber and some type of tarp, then filled with water from a nearby fire hydrant. It will be maintained by a corps of volunteer snow shovelers, who can sign up on the DCS Facebook page, she said.

"We would like to start a list of people who'd be interested in helping," she said. "Once it's built, if we have a team of shovelers we could email, that would be helpful."

Mike Roli of 2 College Circle told selectmen that while he is against putting a playground at The Park, he is in favor of the rink.

"I see this as a Currier and Ives moment," he said. "It could be done tastefully. People can utilize it at night. I have a neighbor whose front lawn is a rink for his son. I think this is a good proposal." The Planning Board is currently mulling a master plan for The Park, which includes various proposals, including construction of a playground. A number of people have come out in opposition to such a play area.

John Pasquale of Whittier Street said he was concerned that allowing the rink could open a can of worms that would force the town to allow other uses, including a playground.

"This could be an end-around opening a Pandora's

box," he said. "You put a skatol rink over there, but you can't put a playground?"

Stapczynski said he spoke with Assistant Town Planner Lisa Schwarz about whether the rink would somehow violate the proposed master plan at The Park and she reported it was "not in conflict with what they are doing." Plus, he said, a rink is temporary while a playground would be permanent.

Teichert said after the meeting that he and other volunteers would have to figure out the best way to maintain the quality of the ice, including shoveling and resurfacing with water in case the ice gets too rough.

Plus, he said, everyone is praying for a cold winter. Pasquale agreed.

"You've got to pray for the weather, otherwise all you've got is a duck pond there," he said.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were recently issued by the town, according to the Andover Building Department. The list includes permit recipients and addresses, job descriptions and value of planned improvements:

Moeller Family Trust/Robert and Maria Moeller, 4 Locke St., multifamily, repair/replace deck, \$4,855

Shree Neal and Jodi M. Ramsamy Trust, 7 Blueberry Circle, single family, kitchen remodel, \$13,750

James W. and Joan H. Duff, 12 Greybirch Road, single family, repair/replace siding, \$28,200

Kevin and Beth Smithson, 9 Smithshire Estates, single family, finish basement, \$35,000

Douglas A. and Monica P. Galacher, 54 Chestnut St., single family, strip and re-roof, \$7,900

Peter C. and Allison E. Kane, 6 Karlton Circle, single family, foundation for second-floor addition with alterations, \$193,135

Pamela Bukowski, 3 Middle St., single family, replace deck, \$5,000

George K. and Jo A. Thorlin, 115 Summer St., single family, strip and re-roof barn, \$4,850

John M. and Barbara R. Lenihan, 26 Argilla Road, single family, renovate bathroom, \$8,600

Robert J. and Carol A. French, 5 Regis Road, single family, first floor renovation, master bathroom, \$41,900

Carolina Properties LLC, 43 High Plain Road, single family, room over garage, \$9,000

Nick V. and Diane E. Mimos, 10 Haskell Road, single family, bathroom remodel, \$11,000

Minh D. Le and Thy T. Nguyen,

31 Ballardvale Road, single family, dormers over garage, \$4,000

Christopher and Sarah L. Rose, 21 High St., single family, repair window sills and roof, \$6,850

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Obituaries

Antoinette M. Doran, 87

March 10, 1926 — November 5, 2013

ANDOVER, MA — Antoinette M. (Scarengella) Doran, 87, of Andover, died Tuesday, November 5, 2013, at the Lawrence General Hospital surrounded by her loving family.

Originally from Hicksville, NY, Antoinette moved to Andover in 1988 with her daughter, Patricia, and her family to help care for her son, Eugene J. Doran, Jr. and his 3 children after a tragic accident left him paralyzed in 1986.

Predeceased by her husband, Eugene J. Doran, Sr. In 1969, Antoinette devoted herself to her children, Eugene J. Doran, Jr. of Andover, Douglas O. Doran (deceased) and Patricia A. Pisano of North Andover.

Antoinette was a cherished and loved Grandmother to 13 grandchildren and 10 great-

grandchildren. She will be terribly missed yet fondly remembered by all that were lucky enough to know her.

ARRANGEMENTS: Antoinette was privately laid to rest with her late husband in Long Island, New York on Friday, November 8th.

A Memorial Service is to be held at St. Augustine's Church in Andover at a future date.

Her family would like to thank those that have sent their prayers and condolences during this difficult time. To sign the family guest book, please visit www.confefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were entrusted to the Conte Funeral Home, North Andover.



Barbara L. Weeks, 86 Years

March 21, 1927 — November 15, 2013

ANDOVER — Barbara L. Weeks, 86, a resident of Andover, and beloved wife of the late Richard H. Weeks, died on Friday, November 15, 2013, following a long illness.

Born in Lowell on March 21, 1927, she was the beloved daughter of the Late Dorothy Emerson. Barbara grew up in Lawrence and was a graduate of the Lawrence High School, and had attended the MacIntosh Business School. Mrs. Weeks was a retired tax clerk from the IRS, and had also been employed as a waitress at the former Ford's Coffee Shop in Andover and Valley's Steakhouse. Barbara was very friendly and often requested by customers.

She was a member of the First Calvary Baptist Church in North Andover, and an active member at the Andover Senior Center, prior to her illness.

Barbara very much enjoyed spending time at the beach and was known for taking road trips and finding fun along the way, whether it was with her family or friends. She also liked spending time at Foxwoods. Barbara could be best described as a "spitfire." Her love for her grandchildren was unconditional and never wavered. The good times will be forever remembered by all who knew her.

Barbara is survived by her three loving children, Dorothy H. and her husband, Charles Towne III of Methuen, Carolyn R. and her husband, Ran-



dall Purser of Tewksbury, and Phillip J. and his wife, Jean E. Weeks of Andover; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Janet Knight of Chelmsford, and Joan Bradshaw of San Antonio, Texas.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral service for Barbara was held at the First Calvary Baptist Church, 586 Massachusetts Avenue, North Andover, on Wednesday, November 20, at 11 a.m. Visiting hours were held on Tuesday, November 19, in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main Street, Andover from 6 to 8 p.m. Relatives and friends were cordially invited. Interment will be held in the Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover. For additional information, please visit www.burkemagliozi.com.

Donations in Barbara's memory, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Berkeley Retirement Home and Nursing Center, 150 Berkeley Street, Lawrence, MA 01841.

Irving Malis, 88

December 8, 1924 — November 17, 2013



STUART, FL — Irving Malis, 88, of Stuart, Fla., died on November 17, at Treasure Coast Hospice. Born December 8, 1924, and raised in Lawrence, Mass., he was the son of Kolman and Susan (Katz) Malis. He attended Lawrence Public Schools, graduating with distinction from Lawrence High School in 1941. Upon graduation, he attended Boston University, where he studied business, and was a member of Phi Epsilon Pi fraternity and ROTC.

As the war effort intensified, he left school in the spring of 1943 to enlist in the Army. It was while undergoing specialized training at Army Engineering School at Fordham University that he met his future wife, Nora (Weinrich) of New York City, on a blind date. He was subsequently shipped overseas, serving as a Corporal in the 415th Regiment, where his unit saw some of the heaviest fighting in Europe. He was severely wounded during the Battle of Hurtgen Forest in Belgium, one of the longest and deadliest battles of the war. A shell exploded, sending him and another soldier into a foxhole for cover. The fellow soldier was killed, and Irving was seriously injured, earning him the Purple Heart. He recovered, but carried remaining shrapnel in his shoulder and back for the rest of his life.

Following his return from active duty, he and Nora married and moved back to Lawrence, where he took over the management of the family retail business, Duke's Men's Shop. Begun by his father in the 1930s, Duke's, "The Store for Dad and Lad," was a fixture on Lawrence's Essex Street for over 50 years. Multiple generations of Merrimack Valley residents shopped there, and for many boys of the era, it was the ritual destination for a purchase of a first suit, or back-to-school clothing. In 1967, Irving moved to Andover, Mass., where he maintained a home for 40 years, traveling back and forth to Florida during winter, before moving there permanently in 2007.

Irving, or "Duke," as he was called, was widely known in the community. A longtime member of Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover, he was past president of both the Jewish Community Center of Lawrence, and the B'nai

Brith, chairman of the Board of Temple Tifereth Israel, Lawrence, and a member of Temple Emanuel of Andover, where he served on numerous committees. Following his move to Florida, he volunteered extensively in Stuart at Treasure Coast Hospice House and Books for the Blind. Over the years, he was actively engaged in numerous civic, political and social causes. He was a great believer in the importance of education and academic achievement, taking immense pride in the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren.

Despite his notable service record, for most of his life he was never particularly active in veterans' events, feeling that it unnecessarily glorified war. A year before his death, however, he had the opportunity to take part in an Honor Flight to the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. He later said it was one of the most moving events of his life.

Together with his wife, he traveled extensively and was an ardent lover of music and theatre. They enjoyed a broad circle of friends and an extraordinarily rich social life. His children often joked that whenever the couple arrived at a destination, "the party would start!" He was an avid bridge player, but his biggest passions were reserved for golf, the Red Sox, Chinese food, and his family.

His sister, Marian Genensky of Santa Monica, Calif., predeceased him. He leaves his wife of 67 years, Nora; his son, Andrew Malis and daughter-in-law, Leslie Seaton Malis of Andover; and son, Stuart and daughter-in-law, Judee Malis of Lexington, Mass. He was the cherished grandfather of Jonathan Malis of Washington, D.C., and Steven Malis of Lexington. He also leaves nieces Marsha and Judy Genensky of California.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service was held on Monday, November 18, at Forest Hills Palm City Chapel, Palm City, Fla. Condolence calls may be made on Sunday, November 24, from 2 to 5 p.m., at the home of Andrew and Leslie Malis in Andover, with a Shiva Minyan at 3 p.m. Contributions in Irving's memory may be made to Treasure Coast Hospice, 1201 SE Indian Street, Stuart, FL 34997, or the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover, MA 01810.

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TOWN BRIEFS

Zumba dance party to benefit Ritzer fund

Trim off the extra indulgences next week at a special Zumba fundraiser to benefit the Colleen Ritzer Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of the Andover teacher who lost her life last month.

The 90-minute class will be held on Friday, Nov. 29, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Hall, 57 Peters St., North Andover.

It will be taught by Amy Fournier.

The cost is \$10 before Nov. 23, \$12 pre-pay by PayPal and \$15 after Nov. 23 and for walk-ins.

All proceeds from the event will go directly to the scholarship fund established in Ritzer's memory to carry on her love of teaching.

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Free women's self-defense workshop on tap

A free women's self-defense workshop will be held Tuesday, Nov. 25, from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. at Yang's Fitness Center, 5 Dundee Park, Andover.

Women are most at risk for rape, car jacking, purse snatching, stalking, threats, domestic violence and crimes against children in their

protections. But organizers of the workshop say the best way to fight crime is to prevent it. The workshop is built on the premise that women have the power to make decisions that can profoundly affect the outcome of crimes.

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Townspeople

AHS grad honored at veterans luncheon

An Andover High School graduate was among the veterans recognized by Northern Essex Community College at a Veterans Appreciation Day luncheon last week.

Phil Starks, a 1985 graduate of AHS who went on to graduate from NECC, was one of three guest speakers at the event.

Starks, who now lives in North Andover, enrolled in NECC's liberal arts program after serving a number of years in the military.

His Northern Essex studies were interrupted by a call to duty in the Gulf War. While stationed in the Middle East, Starks learned he was accepted to Harvard. He went on to earn a Ph.D.

from Cornell University in New York and is now teaching as an associate professor at Tufts University in Medford and doing research in the field of behavioral ecology.

Starks said the military taught him "how to be a better organized person" and Northern Essex "provided an educational foundation."

"Harvard and Cornell would not have happened without first the service and then Northern Essex," he said.

Fifty NECC students, faculty and staff attended the luncheon on the Haverhill campus. It was sponsored by the Student Engagement and Veterans' Services clubs.



Former Andover residents Phil Starks, right, with student Justin Merced, a veteran of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, at last week's Veterans Appreciation Day luncheon at Northern Essex Community College.

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SHOWING THEIR SPIRIT



PHOTO BY FRANK J. LEONE JR./ Special to The Andover Townsman

Patrick Leyne and Lauren Hajjar, both of Andover, play a round of blackjack with dealer Kim Flynn of Hampstead, N.H., at last weekend's 11th annual Spirit of Giving Speakeasy Gala.

Ironstone Farm in Andover transported guests to the Roaring '20s for its 2013 Spirit of Giving Gala last Saturday, Nov. 16, at Andover Country Club. Proceeds from the event went to support the nonprofit Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm, which has provided therapy using horses to individuals with disabilities for more than 30 years. Tom and Patti Mullen of Andover served as co-chairmen of the event.



COURTESY PHOTO

Bob Decelle and Steve Cooper donated their time and skills over the last several months to replace a section of the deteriorating boardwalk at Mary French Reservation.

On solid footing at Mary Baker Reservation

Bob Decelle and Steve Cooper, volunteers with Andover Trails Committee and Andover Conservation, have been busy working since April to rebuild 350 feet of the 1,000-foot boardwalk at Mary French Reservation.

The Andover Trails Committee donated the majority of the \$6,000 cost for materials needed to replace the boardwalk's old, narrow planks that had rotted.

This fall, a new 30-inch-wide walkway elevated above the swamp was successfully completed. The boardwalk at Mary French Reservation is part of the 200-mile Bay Circuit Trail. It can be accessed from Korinthian Drive off Gray Road or from Salem Street opposite the Skug River Trail.

TOWNSPETS OF THE WEEK: TINTO AND HARLOW



Tinto and Harlow are Susan Stott's grand-dogs. Tinto, a black Labrador retriever who is almost 14, belonged to Stott's oldest daughter, who relocated to Portland, Ore., five years ago. He now lives with Stott on Pasho Street. His pal Harlow is a 1-year-old yellow Labrador retriever who is part of her younger daughter's family. They live in the house Stott raised her children in on Robandy Road. Tinto likes to sleep and Harlow likes to play, but that doesn't stop Tinto from being the alpha dog. He manages to fill his mouth with all of Harlow's toys until he has

had enough and lies down to take a nap. Sometimes Harlow joins him, as she did when this photo was captured while the two were on vacation together in Maine this summer. Tinto can often be seen first thing in the morning walking with Stott through The Park on their way for their daily coffee.

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Eileen will provide the Merrimack Valley region with a unique blend of professional expertise, local decision-making, and leading-edge business banking solutions. She looks forward to assisting you with your financial needs.

In announcing this appointment, CEO, Jack Clancy stated, "Eileen's knowledge and experience will be a tremendous asset to the bank in the years ahead as we further expand our footprint in the Merrimack Valley."



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JFK: Andover man will share his Kennedy treasure trove at free NECC event

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is organizing the remembrance on NECC's Haverhill campus.

Padova enlisted the services of fellow Andover resident Francis "Frank" O'Connor, who will lead a talk on his "foot-soldiering days" spent knocking on doors in New Hampshire rounding up support for Kennedy during his various bids for office.

"It was a love affair as people liked him (Kennedy) so much," O'Connor recalled. "They would invite me in, offer me tea ... I have never seen anything like it since then."

As a highlight of the weekend, Padova is opening his Kennedy collection that includes an invitation packet to a dinner that was to be held in Dallas, Texas, the evening Kennedy was assassinated and a memento that was given to mourners at JFK's funeral Mass.

The display, which will be set up in NECC's Hartleb Technology Center in Haverhill, will also spotlight campaign-related items from Kennedy's political runs for the House of Representatives, Senate and Oval Office.

Haverhill Mayor James Fiorentini, state Reps. Diana DiZoglio, D-Methuen, and Lenny Mirra, R-West

Newbury, and Governor's Councilor Eileen Duff will attend the opening ceremony on Friday, Nov. 22, at 10 a.m. in the Hartleb Technology Center.

At 1:30 p.m., the college's carillon will ring 46 times to mark each year of the president's life. A moment of silence will follow at 2 p.m. Padova said the times are significant as Kennedy was shot at 12:30 p.m. and died at 1 p.m. in Dallas — which is an hour behind eastern standard time.

On Saturday, Nov. 23, at 11:30 a.m., NECC history professors Andrew Morse and Ligia Domenech will lead a panel discussion titled "The

JFK Assassination: What Really Happened," moderated by NECC student Christopher Cox.

Throughout the weekend, visitors will also have an opportunity to write their recollections of JFK in a memory book, view a video of his life and enter a free drawing for a basket of presidential books.

The hours for "A Weekend of Remembrance: The Story of JFK" are Friday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 23, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 24, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Hartleb Center, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill.

In Andover, Kennedy

observers can also check out a JFK exhibit at the Addison Gallery of American Art at Phillips Academy.

"Flash Back — November 22, 1963" explores the lasting impact of a painful episode in American history at the same time that it exposes the power of the media through artwork that appropriates, manipulates and at times distorts documentary images.

Among the works in the exhibition is Andy Warhol's "Flash Back — November 22, 1963," a portfolio in the Addison's collection from which the exhibition borrows its name. It presents a fragmented narrative comprised of disjointed snapshots

spanning events from the Kennedy campaign to Lee Harvey Oswald's arrest.

Other paintings, prints, photographs, sculpture and video by artists Lutz Bacher, Wayne Gonzales, Marisol, Tina Mion, Edward Paschke, and T.R. Uthco and Ant Farm similarly underscore, according to the exhibit notes, the media's role in shaping what one sees and how one sees it while also challenging people's own collective memory of the calamitous series of events.

The exhibit runs through Jan. 12, at the Addison Gallery, 180 Main St. For more, visit www.andover.edu/museums/addison.



This September 1958 shot of then-U.S. Senate candidate John F. Kennedy was taken by contributing photographer Frank J. Leone Jr. and appeared on the front page of The Townsman. Leone captured Kennedy on the front steps of Memorial Auditorium on what is believed to be his first and only campaign stop in Andover.

Capturing a president in the making

THE TOWNSMAN'S contributing photographer Frank J. Leone Jr. had his camera in hand the one and only time President John F. Kennedy is believed to have paid a campaign visit to Andover.

It was September 1958, and Kennedy was running for reelection to his U.S. Senate seat.

He arrived in town on a campaign stop to give an address on the steps of Memorial Auditorium off Bartlet Street next to what is now the town offices.

Leone's photo, which appeared on the front page of that week's Townsman with a report on the occasion, was taken with a Crown Graphic press camera, 4x5 negative and flash from a #5 bulb. For camera buffs, Leone remembers it was

shot at 250th of a second at a setting of f/16.

In those days, Leone said, photographers had complete access to candidates.

"I was only a couple of feet from him," Leone said.

Leone said the principal of the middle school on Shawshen Road at the time had an oil reproduction of the photo done that hung in the hallway there.

Leone doesn't know what became of the painting, but he said it sparked a lot of local interest before Kennedy's assassination.

While Leone no longer has the negative from that 1958 photo, his shot is reproduced as a scan from that week's issue of The Townsman.

A brief, but indelible encounter



Andover Townsman columnist Bill Dalton was in the crowd the late-summer day in 1958 that John F. Kennedy climbed the steps of Memorial Auditorium to campaign for reelection to his U.S. Senate seat.

Dalton said he remembers seeing a group of people, perhaps a hundred or so, maybe more, standing on the little hill in front of the auditorium next to

The Park. He said they were listening to a speaker who was in front of the central doorway to the auditorium.

"I went closer to get a better view and recognized Sen. John F. Kennedy from seeing him on television. The crowd was thin enough that I was able to walk to the bottom of the steps to Sen. Kennedy's right," Dalton recalled.

"He was a deeply tanned, thin, handsome man, who had circles under his eyes as if he were tired, but he spoke with enthusiasm. He didn't speak like people in Andover, because he had an

accent that I didn't recognize at my age of 15, although it was familiar from hearing him on radio and television."

Dalton said he knew Kennedy was running for reelection to the Senate.

He had followed on the radio Kennedy's 1956 attempt to beat Estes Kefauver for the Democrat nomination for vice president.

"I had somewhere to go and didn't watch for more than a few minutes," Dalton said. "I might have stayed longer if I'd known his future."

Reliving the tragic, defining moment of our lives

By Bob Dennis



Longtime Andover resident Bob Dennis was living in the South Shore town of Milton when Kennedy's assassination shook the country. Dennis, a retired investment manager, and his wife, who works at UMass Lowell, now split their time between Andover, where they have had a home since 1986, and their waterfront home in Kennebunkport, Maine.

Here are his recollections of Nov. 22, 1963:

President John F. Kennedy was loved and revered in our home. He was so young, so handsome, so charismatic, so eloquent, and he was one of us, a Bostonian. The president, with his glamorous first lady and their two little children, infused the White House with a style that we had not seen before and haven't seen since. Inspired by him, it seemed that a new era of youthful exuberance was at hand. Nevertheless, as Kennedy's third year in office was ending, he was facing a tough reelection fight in 1964 and so, a political fence-mending trip to Texas was planned.

As I left for school in Milton on the morning of Friday, Nov. 22, 1963, the weather was typical for late November, with temps in the 50s. The school day was uneventful until rumors began to spread in early afternoon that something terrible had happened to the president. Then, while in Miss Nelson's English class, our last class of the day, our principal announced the news over the loudspeaker, first that the president had been shot and then that he was dead.

Perhaps because I was so shocked and upset, I can't recall the mood or what was said on the school bus ride home. Upon arriving home, my mother (who had been watching the CBS soap opera "As the World Turns" when it was preempted by Walter Cronkite's now-famous "Special Bulletin")

and I watched the sad, historic afternoon unfold on the TV. A friend from up the street came over and, although I didn't really want to, we went outside and, with hardly any words being spoken, threw a football back and forth for a short time.

A while later, my father came home from work and as he placed the afternoon edition of The Boston Globe, with its terrible banner headline "KENNEDY SLAIN," on the kitchen table, I could see that he was crying. I'd never seen him cry before and I would not see him cry again for 46 years, when my mother, his wife of 62 years, passed away. We spent that evening and the following days as nearly all Americans did, huddled around our black-and-white TV watching one of the three national networks as they broadcast nonstop the sorrowful saga of our nation coping with the death of our young president who had been so full of life. Ironically, we had come to know Kennedy more intimately than any other president because of his affinity for television. It's been said that television came of age as a news vehicle during those awful days, as the unprecedented continuous coverage allowed the grieving nation to mourn together as one.

The sights and sounds of those historic days were branded into the consciousness of those of us who lived through them. We visualize Jacqueline's pink suit, soon to be

blood-stained; her bouquet of red roses upon arriving in Dallas on Friday and her somber black-veiled funeral outfit on Monday. We can still hear the sounds of the muffled drums and remember the sight of the horse without a rider as the mournful procession carried the president's casket from the White House to the Capitol Building, where

we watched an endless line of citizens file silently past the casket throughout the day and night. The indelible image of 3-year-old John Jr., standing by his grieving mother and his 6-year-old sister, Caroline, giving a final salute to his father's casket during the funeral ceremony still brings tears to our eyes.

Coverage of the president lying in state in the Capitol Rotunda was interrupted Sunday afternoon by another shocking event, the shooting of the alleged assassin on live TV, an event that added a final measure of tragedy to the unspeakable events of two days earlier as now we would never know with certainty exactly what happened on that dark, fateful day and, most importantly, why it happened.

In the Boston Globe that my father brought home that day, department stores that are no longer in business (Jordan Marsh, Filene's and others) were advertising men's shirts and slacks for less than \$5 and cashmere coats for \$59. You could see the epic Elizabeth Taylor-Richard Burton



Bob Dennis still has the copy of The Boston Globe that his father brought home the day President John F. Kennedy was shot.

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The following items were recorded in Andover police logs from Friday, Nov. 8 to Sunday, Nov. 17:

ARRESTS

Friday, Nov. 8 — At 10:22 a.m., Julie Allain, 36, of 79 Shawsheen Road, Lawrence, was arrested on High Street at 10:22 a.m. and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Saturday, Nov. 9 — At 1:02 p.m., Jason Fitch, 28, of 14 Beacon St., Lawrence, was arrested on River Road and charged on a warrant.

Sunday, Nov. 10 — At 12:36 a.m., Kenton Powell, 22, of 20713 Crystal Hill Circle, Germantown, Md., was arrested on Foxhill Road and charged with trespassing and disorderly conduct. This arrest was

conducted by Merrimack College police and processed by Andover police as a courtesy booking.

At 3:41 p.m., Senait Girma, 41, of 49 Cambridge St., Lowell, was arrested on Route 125 in the area of Gould Road and Route 28 and charged on two warrants.

Tuesday, Nov. 12 — At 3:29 a.m., James Hurst, 23, of 3 Eastwood Road, Windham, N.H., was arrested on Frontage Road and charged with operating under the influence of drugs and possession of a class A drug.

At 2:16 p.m., Joshua Seery, 37, of 72 River St., Haverhill, was arrested on River Road and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license, subsequent offense.

At 9:23 p.m., Amanda Gayman, 33, of 9 Canterbury St., Andover, was arrested on Poor

Street and charged with a red light violation and operating under the influence of liquor.

Wednesday, Nov. 13 — At 7:09 a.m., David Riley, 28, of River Place, Lowell, was arrested on Lowell Street and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and on a warrant.

At 3:24 p.m., Eric Moreno, 32, of 163 West St., Lawrence, was arrested on South Main Street and charged on a warrant.

Thursday, Nov. 14 — At 3:20 p.m., Ariadi Lopez, 28, of 501 Hampshire St., Lawrence, was arrested on Route 93 south in the area of Dascomb Road and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, driving a vehicle with a revoked registration and driving an uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.

Friday, Nov. 15 — At 12:34 p.m., Thiago Barbosa, 24, of

53 Ashland St., Malden, was arrested on Route 125 in the area of Route 28 and charged on a warrant.

At 3:12 p.m., a 16-year-old girl from Lawrence was arrested on River Road and charged with assault and battery and disturbing a school assembly.

Sunday, Nov. 17 — At 1:01 p.m., police made two arrests on Route 93 south in the area of Dascomb Road and the city of Methuen. Arrested were Nicolas Pezzulo, 31, of 8 Marion Road, Salem, charged with carrying a dangerous weapon, failing to signal and operating a motor vehicle with a license suspended for operating under the influence, and Justin Kingston, 35, of 25 Sable Road, Salem, charged with carrying a dangerous weapon and two counts of possession of a class B drug, subsequent offense.

BREAKS

Monday, Nov. 11 — At 11:45 a.m., a house break was reported on Memorial Circle.

THEFTS

Saturday, Nov. 9 — At 3:42 p.m., a theft of “a large amount of money” was reported on Prospect Road during a move in progress. A moving company at the scene was held there pending police response.

INCIDENTS

Saturday, Nov. 9 — At 7:23 a.m., police were called to Harold Parker Road on a report of “a llama in the middle of the road.”

At 3:57 p.m., trespassing was reported at the skate park on Shawsheen Road.

Wednesday, Nov. 13 — At 7:49 p.m., a domestic incident was reported on River Road.

Thursday, Nov. 14 — At 8 a.m., a dog bite was reported on Carisbrooke Street.

Friday, Nov. 15 — At 7:52 p.m., trespassing was reported on the railroad tracks at Austin Avenue.

Sunday, Nov. 17 — At 12:47 a.m., police were called to High Plain Road to assist an ambulance with “a 22-year-old male whose eye fell out.”

At 9:35 p.m., a domestic incident was reported on Memorial Circle.

ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 13 — At 6:27 p.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported on Route 125 in the area of Gould and Wildwood Road.

Thursday, Nov. 14 — At 5:12 p.m., a two-car crash was reported on Shawsheen Road. Both cars were towed from the scene.

Proposed charter school's future hangs in the balance

State prepares to take public input on proposal

By DUSTIN LUCA
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The proposed STEAM Studio public charter high school grew heated this week, with both sides challenging each other's claims and distributing position statements and rebuttals to residents.

The heightened interest in the 450-student charter school proposal comes as officials from the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education were preparing to take public comment on the initiative Thursday, Nov. 22, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library on North Main Street.

On the heels of taking a formal stand against the charter school proposal, the School Committee on Monday afternoon distributed a position piece via email to parents across the district.

In the letter, the school officials placed STEAM Studio's impact “to Andover's

expenses” at \$1.9 million in the school's second year, on up to \$5 million in year seven and onward based on state funding lost from Andover High School students enrolling in the new school. The numbers assume 70 percent of STEAM Studio's students will come from Andover High, as outlined in the proposal.

Lead charter school proponent David Birnbach, who also sits on the School Committee, characterized the data in the position piece by his colleagues as not only untrue, but “irresponsible for the school district to be sending such misleading information to Andover parents.”

“If the proposed charter school is approved, 1.2 percent to 3.2 percent of town revenues will shift to the public charter school,” Birnbach said via email. “Andover's expenses will not increase \$1.9 million to \$5 million as the school district claims. And if town revenues continue to

grow at the prior 3 percent rate (every year), the charter school's impact on town and school budgets is minimal.”

The School Committee, meanwhile, says it doesn't believe “the programming (STEAM Studio) promises to offer students enhances or builds upon our offerings enough to justify the very large share of state funding it will divert from Andover's existing schools and programs, nor will it eliminate the need to address educational space issues at Andover High.”

Anyone who is unable to attend Thursday's state hearing for STEAM Studio or who would prefer not to speak in public can submit written comments through Jan. 3 to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, c/o Charter School Office, 75 Pleasant St., Malden 02148 or by email to charterschools@doe.mass.edu.

■ TOWN BRIEFS

Turkey brigade collecting for Thanksgiving

Yang's Fitness Center, Whole Foods Market Andover and the Andover Rotary Club are once again joining forces to provide Thanksgiving dinners to the Lazarus House in Lawrence and residents of the Andover Housing Authority. Since 2001, members of Yang's and Rotary have helped distribute more than 1,950 turkeys to local residents at the holiday.

This year's goal is to provide at least 100 complete Thanksgiving dinners to families supported by the Lazarus House and 60-plus turkeys to Andover Housing Authority residents.

“The number of needy families this year continues to be alarmingly high,” Yang's co-owner Diana Kiesel says in a release.

The public is invited to join the turkey brigade in various ways. Individuals can donate funds at Yang's, located at 5 Dundee Park in Andover, to support the purchase of frozen turkeys or drop off

nonperishable Thanksgiving fixings at Yang's. Anyone who contributes four or more items will receive a guest pass to Yang's. Contact Kiesel at 978-475-2020 or YangsAndover@aol.com with questions.

People can also donate at the registers at Whole Foods at 40 Railroad St. during the month of November. Whole Foods will also be collecting gently used coats at the store on Friday, Nov. 15, to benefit the Lazarus House.

Lastly, volunteers are needed to sort, combine and deliver meals to the families of Lazarus House. Contact Dino Sarantos at DSarantos@verizon.net to lend a hand.

For more information about the turkey brigade efforts, visit www.YangsFitness.com, www.RotaryAndover.org or www.wholefoods.com/events?store=6467.

Holiday cookie fundraiser at Baptist Church

Friendly Circle Ministry presents a holiday cookie and mini-yard sale on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St., Andover.

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Boston King Cafe set to return

By DUSTIN LUCA
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The King is back — Boston King, that is.

The Board of Health voted 2-0 to rescind its October license suspension for Boston King Cafe after acknowledging a change of course by the North Main Street restaurant. The vote clears the way for the restaurant to reopen as soon as this weekend.

The restaurant's license was suspended last month following a multiple-page, highly negative health inspection.

Since then, a new full-time chef has been hired. George Zaharopoulos, a 25-year industry veteran, assured the Board of Health that the new Boston King Cafe "will be the meeting place, the best."

To regain its license, the restaurant must be fully restocked and adhere to a series of provisions from the Board of Health, including

a fresh common victualer license from the town clerk's office and what will be several frequent, privately conducted health inspections.

Along with those requirements, the reissuing of the license came with a stiff warning. Board of Health Chairwoman Candace Martin said she had reservations voting in support of the license, given the restaurant's recent history.

"I know I'm hearing (improvements). I don't believe it, but I'm going to propose to give you a chance," she said. "I won't see you here again, I hope. And if I do, then that's the end of your business."

Restaurant owner Sun Son said it wouldn't be business as usual at his restaurant.

"Right now, the economy is not good, but the future is bright for us," Son said. "The change is a very nice change."



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Marcie Martellucci was working just another day at Salvatore's Restaurant in downtown Andover on Nov. 5 when a man setting up an event collapsed and lost consciousness. Unable to get him to respond, she helped administer CPR until emergency response arrived to bring the man to the hospital. She's being called a hero for her role in saving the man's life.

Restaurant manager credited as lifesaver

By DUSTIN LUCA
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Paul Breault may not have known what was happening to him a couple weeks ago when he was preparing to lead a seminar at Salvatore's Restaurant in downtown Andover.

But now he will never forget the woman being credited with saving his life that afternoon.

The 65-year-old Nashua, N.H., man went into cardiac arrest and collapsed while setting up to give a presentation on Social Security at Salvatore's on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Luckily, Marcie Martellucci, a veteran of the restaurant industry who has been a manager at Salvatore's for

the past five years, was on duty that afternoon.

Martellucci, who was summoned to the back room of the restaurant by one of the servers, found Breault lying on the floor. He wasn't breathing and he didn't have a pulse.

As staff called 911, Martellucci enlisted the help of one of the restaurant's patrons.

"He came over and we administered CPR until police, fire and ambulance got there," Martellucci said.

Joe Santaniello, who co-owns an Exeter, N.H.-based financial services firm with Breault, was arriving on the scene just as the incident unfolded.

"When I came, the fire trucks had gone by, an ambulance had gone by. I walked in, and there was my partner on the floor," Santaniello said. "I said, 'Oh please, dear Lord, help him.'"

Once emergency response crews arrived, they used an automatic external defibrillator to shock Breault and get him breathing again, Fire Chief Mike Mansfield said.

Breault, who is now recovering from double-bypass surgery, said all he remembers is carrying boxes and the next thing he knew, he was in a hospital bed. Someone had to tell him how Martellucci had come to his aid.

"I don't even remember her doing it, but I know she did it," he said. "This woman

saved my life."

Breault, who had yet to meet Martellucci as of late last week, said he intended to personally thank her for her actions when he was back on his feet.

"Are you kidding me? I can't wait to see her," he said. "When I get better — because I can't go out right now — when I have my first moment, I'll see her."

Martellucci deflected the praise, instead highlighting the speedy emergency response by the police and fire departments as the key factor in the situation.

"It didn't even cross my mind. I just ran right over and wanted to make sure he was OK and make sure where he was," she said. "There were no questions asked. It was time to do it."

But Mansfield said Martellucci is the real hero.

"The bottom line is the sooner the patient who is in distress gets any type of medical care or intervention, along the way of manual compressions or breathing, they're going to increase the person's chance for survival," he said.

After a person goes down, every minute that passes shaves 10 percent off of the person's odds of surviving the incident, Mansfield said.

Police and fire crews took four minutes to get to the restaurant. It was a fast response, but it would have

given Breault a 60 percent chance at life — had Martellucci not acted immediately, he said.

"She needs to be commended," Mansfield said. "Most people in that situation wouldn't know what to do and certainly wouldn't step in to intervene."

Martellucci, however, isn't "most people." Past experience helped her gain the awareness to respond, she said.

A few years ago while working at the Salvatore's location in Lawrence, Martellucci recalled another manager going through a similar situation.

"Watching another general manager go and take the actions to try to save somebody, it just turned around and made me realize how to handle it," she said.

Martellucci said she also benefited by the choke and CPR training provided through the restaurant — tools she never thought she would use, but that ended up proving critical.

Local restaurants and businesses interested in providing similar CPR training to their employees can contact the Andover Police and Fire departments for courses, Mansfield said. The American Red Cross and the American Heart Association offer training programs as well, he said.



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Boston King Cafe on North Main Street was given the green light by the Board of Health this week to reopen after its license was suspended last month due to health concerns.



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Dylan's seized by state for unpaid taxes

By DUSTIN LUCA
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Dylan's Bar & Grill, a decade-old downtown restaurant on Park Street, has been closed and seized by the state for failure to pay taxes.

The eatery led by owner Sam Petrovich for more than a decade was seized by state Department of Revenue examiners on Nov. 12 as part of an attempt to collect \$191,763 in unpaid taxes, according to Ann Dufresne, director of communications.

About 95 percent of the arrears represents unpaid state meals tax dating as far back as May 2010, according to Dufresne.

The remaining \$9,400 is outstanding local meals tax, with about \$67 in withheld employee taxes, Dufresne said.

As part of the seizure, the contents of the restaurant — including furnishings, cash registers, equipment and more — are set to be auctioned off to the public on Tuesday, Dec. 3. The proceeds will help offset the outstanding taxes, according to Dufresne.

The auction will take place at Dylan's, 18 Park St., but a time had not been set as of press time on Tuesday, she said.

"Whatever the assets are that are produced by the auction will go toward the outstanding tax obligation,



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photo

Dylan's Bar & Pub, at 18 Park St. in Andover, was seized by the state Department of Revenue last week for nonpayment of almost \$192,000 in taxes.

and whatever remains will remain the taxpayer's obligation," Dufresne said.

State seizures for unpaid taxes are rare, with none being reported in Andover over the last two years and only around 75 across the state carried out annually by the Department of Revenue, according to Dufresne.

"Often times, what happens with a seizure ... it's a wake-up call for the taxpayer," she said.

While Dufresne said she couldn't discuss the specifics of Petrovich's case due to confidentiality restrictions, she said seizures are typically a last resort for the Department of Revenue.

"This is an indication we've been working with the taxpayer for an extended period of time to deal with back taxes," she said. "Before we get to this point, we work with the taxpayer. We send them notices, telephone calls, we try to work out payment agreements with them. In

some cases, we do work out payment agreements."

Petrovich couldn't be reached for comment this week. In an interview last week prior to the seizure, Petrovich explained that the reason for the restaurant's sudden closure was that "it was time to move on" and that he wanted to "be positive" about the situation.

Dylan's website confirms that it has closed. Petrovich thanks "everyone for over 10 years of great memories."

"We truly appreciate your business. Please look for an announcement on our new location," he says.

However, when asked last week about a new location, Petrovich said he had no future plans to open up elsewhere.

Property owner Schnelinger Dagmar said she planned to lease the commercial space when it becomes available to a new tenant, be it for use as a restaurant or other activity.

The tax problem is specifically on Petrovich's shoulders and doesn't reach into the physical building, according to Dagmar.

"The property is fine," she said. "I pay my taxes."

The auction of the restaurant's assets can be avoided if Petrovich pays the full amount owed before Dec. 3, Dufresne said. While the seizure process cannot be appealed, filing for bankruptcy can delay the taking, she said.

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Opinion

I believe in Thanksgiving

Andover's annual interfaith service a time of prayer, song, community

Rabbi Robert S. Goldstein

Temple Emanuel of Andover

On Sunday, the spiritual houses of Andover will gather together to hold their annual interfaith Thanksgiving service. This year, Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover, is hosting the service, which starts at 5 p.m. People of all faiths are encouraged to attend. In advance of the service,

Rabbi Robert S. Goldstein of Temple Emanuel offers his thoughts on the importance of community gatherings and why people can feel strength and goodness in them.

People marvel at how well we "do religion" in America. When you consider the often violent sectarian strife that is the norm in so many countries around the globe, religious life in our nation seems even more exceptional. We are not perfect; we have our share of bigots and racists, but for the most part,

we are free to express our religious faith any way we see fit, as long as we do not coerce or hurt anyone else.

Our celebration of Thanksgiving is a reflection of the best of American religious life. For some, the holiday is an opportunity to gather with friends and family, eat traditional fare, watch football and plan an effective Black Friday assault on area department stores.

For those with a more spiritual bent, it is all that and more. The holiday seamlessly blends its biblical origins with our

pilgrim ancestors' thankfulness for their survival. We add to that our own gratitude for the extraordinary blessing of having food on our tables, the good fortune of living in a land of freedom and opportunity, and our inalienable right to express our religious faith without fear of persecution.

This has been a year of joy and tragedy. We have seen examples of extraordinary human triumph and on more than one occasion witnessed the face of evil. There is something deeply meaningful about

gathering as a community to share our burdens and express our gratitude.

As in many towns, Andover holds an annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. It is a yearly occasion to honor our differences and celebrate our many similarities, while giving thanks for the bounty we enjoy, the freedoms we cherish and the liberty we treasure.

This year's service will be held on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 5 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover. It will include clergy from

many of Andover's houses of worship joining in an inspiring liturgy of prayer and song.

This is a festive and joyous season. It is good to take a moment amid the frenzy of holiday preparations, sit side by side with our friends and neighbors and express our gratitude for the blessing of living in this remarkable corner of the world.

Rabbi Robert S. Goldstein is the spiritual leader of Temple Emanuel of Andover.

AHS at forefront of STEAM initiatives

Editor, Townsman:

The Andover Education Association voted unanimously at our general meeting in August to take a position in opposition to the proposed STEAM Charter School. It was not because we do not believe in STEAM as an initiative, fear competition or are comfortable with the status quo and don't wish to shift the paradigm.

In fact, the opposite is the case. The teachers at Andover High have been in the forefront of not only STEAM initiatives, but also delving into the latest research in adolescent cognitive development, curricula trends and demands for the 21st century learner. Teachers spend many hours engaging in training and developing curriculum, course offerings and opportunities such as the Environmental Sustainability Internship or an extracurricular club such as robotics to broaden the scope and move beyond a traditional high school course of study. There are bridges to cross with regard to the pragmatics that face us at the high school, such as physical space limitations, the budget, staffing levels, graduation requirements and the current state of technology within the building and the system. There is much to learn in the ever-changing world of technology.

Not being a classroom teacher myself, I am continually inspired by the creative, thought-provoking, enthusiastic and reflective spirit of my colleagues who seldom let an obstacle deter them from striving to find an alternative if the bridge is blocked. Andover High is poised to move full steam ahead using the Strategic Plan to help chart that course. I urge the community to join with us to continue that quest with all the resources that the town can offer.

KERRY A. COSTELLO
President
Andover Education Association

Police force should represent real-world diversity

Editor, Townsman:

Last week's Andover Townsman showed the newest faces of the Andover Police Department ("3 sergeants, 5 patrolmen join the ranks," Nov. 14), five recently hired patrolmen and three newly promoted sergeants. They were all impressive looking, earnest professionals of the male gender. However, I suggest that the department needs to work harder to ensure greater diversity of working officers, including the promotion, recruitment and hiring of women and people of color. Our goal should be a police force that represents the community being served. Girls in our community watch television shows with women police officers serving on an equal footing with their male counterparts. These shows, from "Cagney & Lacey" to "Scott & Bailey," provide role models for our children. It is time to bring the diversity of the television world to Andover's streets so that our children see a police force that "looks like us."

I note that women perform equally to men when serving on other community police forces. A 1972 study by the Police Foundation compared how well women performed as patrol officers in Washington, D.C. The study concluded that gender was not a valid reason to exclude women from police patrol work. In fact, women patrol officers were shown to be "... more effective than male counterparts in avoiding violence and defusing potentially violent situations", and also "... were less likely than men to engage in serious unbecoming conduct." Moreover, citizens involved with the police had the "same level of respect for and favorable attitudes toward patrol officers of both sexes."

It is time that Andover upped its recruitment plans and advertising programs to attract a more diversified field of applicants. It would be nice if the front

page of next year's Townsman showed the successful results of such efforts.

LOIS KARFUNKEL
22 Orchard Crossing

Town must seize benefits of STEAM school

Editor, Townsman:

The proposed science/technology/math/arts charter public high school represents the most creative educational proposal for the children of Andover that my wife and I have heard put forward in the almost 30 years we have lived in Andover.

Not surprisingly, the defenders of special interests and the status quo in town object to this proposal. But the status quo is not serving the children of Andover well. The level of preparedness in mathematics, the sciences and the arts of even Andover's top students has declined, as it has across the country, over the past generation. I have seen this decline in preparedness firsthand during a recent stint as visiting professor of mathematics at one of our nation's most select post-secondary education institutions. The proposed STEAM charter public high school presents, by far, the best means to change that for the children of Andover.

To dispense with the myths, misinformation and spin being propagated:

1. A charter school is a public school, not a private school. The only difference between it and the rest of the public schools in a town is that parents control the charter school, not a political body, not the teachers union.

2. The town does not lose any money when it creates a charter public school. For students who choose to attend the charter public school, the tax dollars to cover the cost of educating them is redirected from the traditional public school, as it logically and rightly should. In fact, under Chapter 46 of MA state law, towns that set up charter schools

get even more state aid, overall, than they would if they didn't have a charter school. So with the proposed charter high school, Andover will see an increase in state aid, per student, compared to the status quo.

3. While the percentage of Andover High students who pass the MCAS exams is high, keep in mind that MCAS is a measure of minimum standards. It's the lower bar on what we want kids to learn and not a measure of high levels of educational achievement.

The benefits of the proposed science/technology/arts high school are numerous. To cite just a few:

1. Students with an interest in the sciences/mathematics/technology/arts will have a school that offers a far more comprehensive educational program in those areas than they ever will have at a general-purpose high school.

2. The proposed charter high school will be able to attract world-class faculty in the sciences/mathematics/technology and the arts from the great colleges and universities that surround us to spend their sabbaticals teaching there. This is not possible at Andover High because the contract with the Andover teachers union bars hiring faculty who are not members of the teachers union. Even Albert Einstein, if he were alive today, would get barred from teaching physics at Andover High because of the contract.

3. Having a charter public high school in town specializing in the sciences/math/technology and the arts will not only better prepare students in those areas than Andover High can, but it will improve the quality of education in Andover as well. Choice and competition always produce improvements in products and services.

During the 1930s, Mayor LaGuardia of New York City had a vision for dramatically improving the quality of education for his city's students by creating that era's version of two specialty charter high

schools: the High School of Music and Arts and the Bronx High School of Science. These two schools have produced a who's who of hundreds of the greatest American scientists and artists in all walks of the performing arts, with eight graduates from the Bronx High School of Science going on to receive Nobel Prizes in the sciences.

The proposed STEAM public high school has the potential to become, for our community, the equivalent of the Bronx High School of Science. My children would have seized the opportunity to attend a STEAM charter public school had one been here when they were of high school age. I'd like to see my grandchildren provided this great public educational opportunity.

BOB POKRESS
3 Cherrywood Circle

Disappointed in School Committee's behavior

Editor, Townsman:

The behavior of our School Committee at the Nov. 14 meeting left much to be desired. If my kids acted the way they portrayed themselves that night, they would be grounded. You can see for yourself on the Andover TV pod cast. I think they forgot the cameras were rolling.

My friend and I decided to stop by the meeting before we went to dinner, as we were curious about the new charter school proposal. She has a son interested in high-tech studies and the company my husband works for funds our robotics program at our high school. (I am sure when I brought up that point, it was the first they have ever heard of.)

That evening, we both gave our opinions along with Kerry Costello, the Andover teachers union representative. Everyone can agree that the Andover timing for computer courses and exposure to

high-tech classes is way past due and if this school board really wanted to bring our school into the 21st century, they should have funded this a long time ago. They chose not to when they had the opportunity to put it in the budget, plain and simple.

So, is it a surprise to anyone in this town that a team of people wants to start a charter school based on the various studies of technology? Remember where we live: "High Tech Country," the 128 Belt where technology reigns. This board seems to be more concerned with the facilities (Bancroft) than they are with what is going on within them. Where are our classes in science technology, engineering and art design? I know I will be at the meeting on Nov. 21 (Memorial High Library, 4 to 6 p.m.) to learn more about the STEAM proposal.

As for the rude comments that were made after my friend and I left the Nov. 14 School Committee meeting (right after the STEAM agenda item), they were inexcusable. It was embarrassing to watch the lack of professionalism exhibited by our School Committee members. Just so you know, Annie Gilbert, Paula Colby Clements and Barbara L'Italian, who thought we were "plants" put into the audience by David Birnbach to support the charter school agenda item, you were quite wrong. We had never met the man. He left his seat prior to the meeting to introduce himself and thanked us for coming when we left the meeting. He was the only adult on that board that night that showed any manners. The rest of you should be sent to your rooms and reconsider how you behave, as adults and elected members of our Andover community.

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Opinion

Uniting in the spirit of community

Last month, the Andover community came together to grieve the death of a young school teacher who was unfairly robbed of her life.

People from every corner of the town showed their caring and compassion for the many loved ones who 24-year-old Colleen Ritzer left behind — from her parents and siblings to her friends and classmates to the high school students in Danvers who she touched in countless ways. Even those who didn't know her felt their collective pain and suffering amid the unexplainable circumstances surrounding her death.

On Friday, nearly one month after her murder, a judge is expected to rule on whether to release sealed search warrant materials and other files in the criminal case. Those files may shed some light on Colleen's final moments and how it came for one of her students to be charged with the crime.

If the documents are released, at least in part, as they are expected to be, it will likely reopen all-too-fresh wounds. Details may begin to emerge — details that may help explain, but likely will never help any of us to truly understand the tragedy that occurred.

The Rev. Peter Gori, pastor of St. Augustine Parish in Andover where the Ritzers have been longtime parishioners, said after Colleen's funeral that "it takes a whole sense of community, that experience of community, that blessing of the community to absorb and endure an experience like this."

In the days that followed, Fr. Gori urged community members not to remove Colleen from their consciousness. He encouraged them to continue to show her family love and support in every possible way, as it already had.

"Even in the true wake of such horrible, horrible numbing action as what led to this, it also let flow this torrent of goodness and caring and compassion and it's ironic and it's mysterious that this experience has made a lot of people's hearts grow," Fr. Gori said.

Rabbi Robert Goldstein of Temple Emanuel of Andover was among those who attended Colleen's wake, not because he knew her or her family, but to offer his support and comfort as both a member of the spiritual community and the greater community of Andover. Goldstein said he was touched by the extraordinary outpouring of love and compassion shown by the people who call Andover home.

In his column today on the celebration of Thanksgiving, Goldstein says there is something meaningful about gathering as a community to share our burdens and express our gratitude.

The year, he says, has been one of joy and tragedy, with examples of both triumph and, sadly, of evil on more than one occasion.

But Goldstein says Thanksgiving offers one of those rare opportunities when people of all faiths can gather, honoring our differences as individuals and celebrating all that we share as people.

On Sunday, Temple Emanuel of Andover will host the annual interfaith Thanksgiving service for the community. Members of the Christian, Jewish and Moslem communities will be among those participating in the service of prayer and song.

As the community gathers in thanksgiving, the Ritzers will continue grieving. It is Fr. Gori's hope they will also continue to feel the warm embrace of their community and take comfort in knowing Colleen's memory lives on and guides others in making a difference in the world — as she herself had sought to do.

"Side by side, it's not that evil causes the greater good, but the experience is drawing out lots of goodness from people," Gori said. "I hope it continues to do this. The choice is ours to be changed by this."

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

With the selectmen discussing the next tax classification shift, where should the tax weight be shifted this time around?

HIGHER FOR BUSINESS: Businesses have more income to pay more, while residents have many more expenses to balance on ever-limited income. Business should pay more.

HIGHER FOR RESIDENTS: Businesses create jobs, while residents use services — Andover's education system, specifically. Residents should pay more.

KEEP IT EVEN: Everybody pays taxes and everybody uses services, so everybody should see level increases. One side shouldn't be punished at the benefit of the other.

KICK THE SPLIT: Take the route that few towns take. Eliminate the shift, so businesses and residents pay

identical tax rates.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Last week, we asked, "Is the town doing its due diligence to encourage economic development in Andover?" With 47 votes, the answers were:

TOO MUCH: Town government doesn't serve residents. Residents need greater priority, and that should be the town's focus — 20 votes, 42.55 percent.

TOO LITTLE: With companies bringing the much-appreciated boosts in tax revenue and ancillary business to restaurants and stores, we need to do more to support them — 18 votes, 38.3 percent.

JUST RIGHT: What the town does today reflects a perfect balance between the needs of the household and the needs of the business. Keep things the way they are — nine votes, 19.15 percent.

HONORING HISTORY



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Richard Padova of Andover has amassed an extensive collection of John F. Kennedy memorabilia.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

Compiled by Susan McKelliget

100 Years Ago Nov. 21, 1913

An unidentified man, probably a Lithuanian, and from his appearance apparently a laborer, was found about 10 o'clock last night on the Boston & Maine track near the Harding Street bridge. He was unconscious and his left leg had been cut off, while his body was badly cut and bruised.

For lovers of dancing, the annual Thanksgiving

entertainment and ball given in the Town Hall by the members of the Andover Steam Fire Engine Company will have strong attractions. A large attendance is expected and an orchestra will furnish the music.

75 Years Ago Nov. 17, 1938

It was midnight after the Methuen game. In the police station were gathered about six or seven officers plus two of the selectmen. Soon, another officer came in, sat down in a chair and promptly dozed off. Len Saunders unfolded his long form,

walked into the locker room and presently came out again with a firecracker. He took the firecracker and a cigar, throwing the resulting combination under the officer's chair. When the bang came, the officer jumped and rushed headlong for the locker room. Soon he emerged, wiping his mouth and said, "Darn it! I nearly swallowed my chew!"

50 Years Ago Nov. 21, 1963

A seven-member School Building Committee has been appointed by Town Manager Thomas E. Duff. Included are two members of the Sanborn

School Building Committee. They are Benjamin O. Chase, 77 Whittier St., and C. Lincoln Giles, 1 Old South Lane.

Anyone who objects to the erection of a 45-foot carousel in Shawsheen Plaza, for about a month preceding Christmas, will have a chance to make their opinions known at the selectmen's meeting Dec. 2. And at the same time, proponents of the promotion will be given a chance to discuss the idea with the board and offer their ideas on the day-to-day timing of the big merry-go-round.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COLA increase would have costly impact

Editor, Townsman:

After reading Fred Sunderland Jr.'s My View ("Retirees deserve a cost-of-living boost to pension," Nov. 7), I felt compelled to respond to some of the information Mr. Sunderland presented and to give some more insight on the matter. His assertion that Andover "must" raise the COLA base and that it is not that expensive is questionable at best when one digs a little deeper and looks at the consequences of initiating this change.

His point about the COLA adjustment on the first \$12,000 is a simple truth and so is his claim that COLA adjustments to Social Security benefits are on the entire benefit. He happened to leave out though that the average Social Security benefit is only \$1,269 per month, or \$15,228 per year, not very far off from the \$12,000 base. It should also be known the COLA limit of 3 percent per year is an arbitrary percentage and COLA awards are given simply because the awarding authority can award them, not because the COLA is based on any statistical inflation calculation. For example, most retirement systems have always approved the maximum 3 percent award year over year, irrespective of actual inflation, while since 2009, the COLA provided to Social Security benefits was: 0 percent, 0 percent, 3.6 percent, 1.7 percent and 1.5 percent. So although the COLA base of \$12,000 is less than the average Social Security benefit, the rubber stamping of COLA's above the actual inflation rate has benefitted retirees quite well.

His assertion that Massachusetts public employees cannot collect Social Security benefits is also a bit flawed. If a worker has completed 40

working quarters and paid FICA taxes on the wages, that employee is entitled to a benefit at retirement. However, the benefit can be reduced by the Windfall Elimination Provision enacted in 1983. Such a blanket statement that public employees "cannot" collect Social Security benefits is unjust.

It should also be noted that of the six surrounding communities Mr. Sunderland listed, only one, Methuen, enacted the change independently. The other five are part of two different regional or county retirement systems (Middlesex County Retirement Board and Essex Regional Retirement System) that in total make decisions for a combined 117 towns, cities and government entities. So although he touts the communities around Andover that raised the COLA base, in fact these five communities had little to no say in the decision to raise it and now must bear the increased costs to their local taxpayers. The Lawrence City Council voted down a COLA base increase at its Oct. 1 meeting due to the increased long-term costs of the base change.

The Pioneer Institute recently released a report on the effects of COLA base increases on Massachusetts retirement systems. Their calculations estimated an increased benefit cost of approximately \$875,000 to the Andover retirement system if the COLA base is raised to \$13,000 — a system that is only 49.7 percent funded and scheduled to be fully funded by 2040, ranking dead last, 104/104, out of all funding schedules. Further investigation will show although Andover employees do indeed contribute to their pension fund, the cost of benefits over the next five years outpaces total contributions by the employees and the town, not including a supposed 7.75 percent return on investments,

by almost \$19,000,000, further straining the fund balance, while most likely increasing actuarial liability.

In conclusion, I do believe Mr. Sunderland's intentions are in the right place by advocating for retiree benefits to have commensurate buying power in the future. However, many citizens and taxpayers may not understand the financial ramifications of making COLA base increases since the overall pension system has multiple flaws that require action from our cohorts on Beacon Hill to fix.

CHRISTOPHER R. COOK
North Street

Seeing beyond the fun of electric cars

Editor, Townsman:

Thank you for the Townsman's coverage of the recent talk with Andover High School's Environmental Sustainability Internship Class interns by John Rogers and Gigi Garcia-Rogers ("An eye-popping class guest," Nov. 7). We were pleased to be able to have them talk about what the science says about opportunities for addressing climate change and about some of their own choices. The couple's new car was a good way of getting the students' attention, but the broader conversation was about identifying and focusing on the best opportunities for personal choices for tackling climate change.

The research by the Union of Concerned Scientists that John presented found that, for the average American who drives, the single most important choice is probably to upgrade to a car that gets better fuel economy. John and Gigi have taken this several steps further. They invested in a green car, and as a result they are investing in an industry that will be key to enabling change. They are also investing their own time to bring this story to the

community, as shown by this remarkable session at the high school. Yes, it's a fun car everyone enjoyed seeing, but the lessons learned by the students were much broader: the why, the how and the what of making a difference, as leaders in the community, one personal decision at a time.

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Theft of FBI weapons raises concerns

Editor, Townsman:

Recent media coverage of the theft of FBI SWAT weapons from a vehicle in Andover has centered on the alleged perpetrator of the crime, with not enough scrutiny of the FBI's role in the incident. While we should be very concerned about theft — especially those of weapons — in our communities, I have grave concern about the opportunity to steal these weapons. Was the vehicle locked? Were the guns inside the vehicle locked? What is FBI policy and procedure on this point?

If a private citizen left unsecured weapons in their vehicle, they could be charged with a crime. The FBI agent and his or her office must be held accountable and the public needs to know what is being done to address this particular incident and prevent future incidents of this nature.

One reason I live in the Andovers is because it is generally a safe and secure community. While local, state, and federal law enforcement offices are working to prevent crime in our neighborhoods, I believe that this incident exposes a weakness in their operations that threatens public security and is counter to their mission.

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North Andover

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Sports

A perfect title for DeLaus, Phillips football

By DAVID WILLIS
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Phillips Academy's Mike DeLaus has experienced more than his share of heartbreak on the football field.

He battled through Andover's winless 0-7 campaign as a sophomore two years ago, followed by last year's 2-5 disappointment.

So — after dealing with the agony of defeat — the thrill of victory last Saturday was that much sweeter.

DeLaus, a senior linebacker, was one of five Andover residents who helped lead Phillips Academy to the Jack Etter Bowl title with a 35-28 victory over Brunswick School in Connecticut, capping off a perfect 9-0 season for the Big Blue.

"Like every season, we had to wait to see who was coming in for postgrads and new guys this season," DeLaus said. "Once we started practicing and saw the group that we had, we started to think, 'This could be a really good season.'"

"Then we scrimmaged BB&N (Buckingham, Browne & Nichols in Cambridge), a team we usually have a really tough time with, and we just ran over them."

It took some drama for Phillips to lock down the title on Saturday.

Brunswick led 28-6 late in the third, and seemed to be in control.

But Ryder Stone, a post-grad running back, simply took the game over. He scored a 28-yard touchdown

late in the third, then added fourth-quarter TDs of 3 yards and 37 yards to tie the score 28-28 late in the fourth.

Then, after a key defensive stop, Ian Maag and Matt Rusk-Kosa connected for the game-winning touchdown pass with 1:35 left.

The win marked the Big Blue's first postseason win since 1999, and emphatically closed out a perfect 9-0 season, its first unbeaten campaign since 1995.

And coach Leon Modeste said no one epitomized

the turnaround more than DeLaus, the backbone of the team's defense.

"He really typifies our turnaround and school motto of 'Not for self,'" Modeste said. "A lot of our success this year is because of Mike and guys like Mike who have sacrificed for the better of the team. He is very smart and very talented and he loves to go after the quarterback."

DeLaus, who attended the Pike School in Andover before heading to Phillips,

was a key member of the defense at linebacker while also playing running back.

Other Andover residents on the team included offensive lineman/linebacker Tyler Marshall, receiver/defensive back John Beluche, lineman Josiah Legasi and tight end Dylan Norris.

"This has just been a story-book season," Modeste said. "Two years ago, we were 0-8 and now we are 9-0 and have won a title. We really went from worst to first."

GIVING IT THEIR ALL



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photos

Maeve Awiszus flies down the pool on the backstroke leg of the 200 IM relay. The Warrior standout ended her high school career in style, winning state titles in the 500 freestyle and 100 backstroke at the Division 1 state meet on Sunday.

Awiszus snags two state titles, Warriors proudly take second

By CHRISTOPHER SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Throughout her young life, Maeve Awiszus had always dreamed of winning a state title.

In her final high school swim meet, she won two.

The Andover High senior won gold in the 500 freestyle (5:05.72) and 100 backstroke (59:14) as the Golden Warriors placed second as a team at the Division 1 state swimming and diving meet on Sunday at Harvard University.

"It's just really exciting to end on a positive note," said Awiszus, who will swim at Central Connecticut State University next year. "My best event is the 100 back. But the 500 was something different and it was exciting to win that."

Andover, which had won four straight Division 1 titles, ended its reign in the states, finishing second to rival Chelmsford, which racked up 381.5 points to the Warriors' 278.5.

Andover swim coach Marilyn Fitzgerald said Awiszus was an All-American with

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Members of Andover's 400 freestyle relay team, from left, Shannon Fitzsimmons, Maeve Awiszus and Soojin Kim react after giving it their all in the final event of the Division 1 state championship swim meet at Harvard University on Sunday. The relay team, which also included Rachel Landry, placed fourth in the event, and the Warriors finished second overall in the states, missing out on their fifth consecutive state title to Chelmsford. Andover finished second.



Shannon Fitzsimmons swims the butterfly in the 200 IM. Fitzsimmons placed third in the 100 breaststroke at Sunday's state meet.

Sweet revenge for Warrior football

Bests Chelmsford in season's last home game

By DAVID WILLIS
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The Andover High football team was still fed up about the loss nearly two months ago.

The Golden Warriors were also tired of hearing how Chelmsford football had dominated over the past two decades.

So last Friday, the Warriors did something about it.

Behind another huge day for running back Jack Sylvester and a career day for quarterback Oliver Eberth, Andover beat up on rival Chelmsford 26-14 at home at Eugene V. Lovely Field.

"I can't even describe how great it feels to have this revenge victory on Chelmsford," defensive

lineman Ben Hartford said. It was sweet redemption for the Warriors, who fell to the Lions 43-22 on Oct. 4.

It also marked Andover's second victory in three meetings against Chelmsford, which had, before last season, beaten the Warriors in 12 out of 13 games and held a 22-5-1 mark since 1984.

"After not making the playoffs, this was our game," Sylvester said. "We wanted payback on our home field, and we couldn't have asked for anything more."

Senior Sylvester and sophomore Eberth certainly showed how important this game was.

Sylvester delivered one of the best all-around games of his prolific career. He ran for one touchdown, threw another on a half-back pass to Will Eikenberry, rushed for 131 yards and twice intercepted Chelmsford QB Jack Campsmith. One pick came with the Lions at the Andover 23 looking to make it a two-touchdown game, and the other late in the fourth quarter.

"What more can I say about Jack than he is just the greatest," Eberth said. "He can do anything, and he was the best player on the field."

Eberth wasn't far behind Sylvester for game MVP.

The QB set career highs in passing yards

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Andover 26, Chelmsford 14	
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Andover (6-4):	3 3 6 14 — 26
First Quarter	
C — Jeff D'Auria 55 run (kick failed), 8:34	
A — Ryan Payne 37 field goal, 4:14	
Second Quarter	
A — Payne 28 field goal, 10:11	
Third Quarter	
A — Will Eikenberry 5 pass from Jack Sylvester (kick failed), 8:12	
Fourth Quarter	
A — Oliver Eberth 34 run (Eikenberry pass from E.J. Perry IV), 9:58	
C — Nick Philippou 34 pass from Jack Campsmith (Mike Calicchio pass from Campsmith), 5:39	
A — Sylvester 48 run (pass failed), 4:46	
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RECEIVING: A — Cam Davey 3-67, Perry 3-40, Eikenberry 4-28, Andrew Soucy 1-35, Christopher Nicholas 1-7, Sylvester 1-2; C — Mike Calicchio 3-34, Nick Philippou 2-30, D'Auria 1-1	

Power Trio



COURTESY PHOTO

Three Andover High School girls signed their National Letters of Intent last week. They are, from left, Katherine Geffken, who will play women's lacrosse at the University of Michigan; Weezie Gross, who is headed to the University of Colorado to play women's lacrosse; and Maeve Awiszus, who will be swimming next year for Central Connecticut State University.

Shy no longer Hu ends volleyball career as a breakout star

By DAVID WILLIS
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CHelsea Hu never could have imagined it. Her father, Guoan, never would have believed it. Longtime volleyball coach George Sullivan couldn't predicted it.

Chelsea Hu was ... loud? "When I lead cheers before games, people look at me and say, 'Wow, you are loud!'" said Hu with a laugh. "The coaches comment on how loud I am. I used to barely talk. Seeing that change is something I never expected."

For most of her life, Hu was known as the extremely quiet girl. Teachers always made notes on her report cards encouraging her to speak up. She preferred to fade into the background whenever possible.

"She was so quiet when she first got to the team that you were afraid to talk to her about something because you thought she might

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CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Chelsea Hu returns a shot against Barnstable in the Division 1 state semifinal. Hu credits her volleyball success with helping her go from extremely shy to vocal captain.

Towns Beat

A musical 100th for Britten at Christ Church

The choirs of Christ Church Andover celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of famed British composer Benjamin Britten with a concert on Saturday, Nov. 23, at 3 p.m. at the 33 Central St. church.

In addition to all the choirs of Christ Church, the program will feature soloists, the Young Opera Company

of New England and Christ Church musicians John Skelton, Carolyn Skelton, Carol Doran, Marie Stultz and Barbara Bruns.

Following the performance, tea will be served in the British tradition inside the Parish Hall. In keeping with the spirit of the event, hats and gloves for ladies are encouraged.

Britten's "Te Deum in C" for choir, organ and soprano conducted by Bruns will be among the featured works for the concert. Parish Choir soloist and section leader Anney Barrett will perform as soloist and John Skelton will accompany on the C.B. Fisk organ, installed last year.

John and Carolyn Skelton, Doran and Bruns were heard in recital on the organ in its inaugural season; they will be joined for Saturday's program by guest organist Reiko Okamoto. In addition

to being organist and director of Christ Church's choirs, Bruns is also associate conductor of The Boston Cecilia.

Britten's 12 songs titled "Friday Afternoons," a witty collection of poems selected by Britten and set to music by the composer for the children of his brother's preparatory school, who rehearsed on Friday afternoons, will be performed by members of the Young Opera Company of New England and St. Cecilia Choristers of Christ Church.

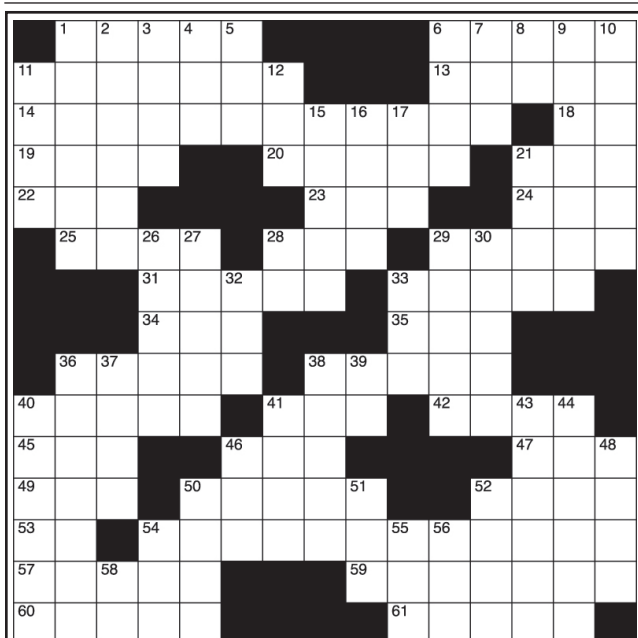
Born on Nov. 22, 1913,

Britten is remembered as a pianist, conductor and especially as the composer who is admired for works ranging from his "Ceremony of Carols" for harp and treble voices to the large-scale opera "Peter Grimes" to the great "War Requiem" for chorus, soloists and full orchestra.

The "Te Deum in C" was crafted by Britten at age 20 at the end of his studies at the Royal College of Music. A small-scale masterpiece, its overall expression is one of great hope and peace.

Britten's works now represent to the musical world some of the best 20th century English music. He was recognized at the end of his life as the only composer granted a peerage of the realm as a baron. He died in December 1976.

Doors open at 2:30 p.m. A suggested donation at the door of \$15 for adults and \$10 for students/seniors is requested, and includes the afternoon tea. Proceeds will be used to further music events at Christ Church Andover.



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OUT & ABOUT:

European sojourn at Alpers Fine Art

No time for a getaway to Europe? Alpers Fine Art is offering the next best thing at its Main Street gallery with its multi-artist exhibit, "New Views of the Old World."

Visitors are invited to take in the villages and sun-drenched countrysides of Provence, get acquainted with intimate Parisian neighborhoods, soak in the rugged shores of the Greek Island and admire the classical splendor of Rome's architectural monuments.

Pieces depicting Portuguese fishing towns, the interior valleys of Italy, the grandeur of Madrid's Plaza Mayor, quiet Spanish cafés and Ireland's prehistoric granite megaliths round out the display.

The exhibit is on display

through Wednesday, Nov. 27, at the new gallery location at 96 Main St. Owner Peter Alpers invites people to browse at their leisure, with their dogs and strollers in tow and coffee in hand if they like.

Gallery hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 978-760-1829, email alpers2@verizon.net or visit www.alpersfineartonline.com for more.



COURTESY IMAGE

"Provence," an oil on board by Jan V. Roy, is among the works featured in "New Views of the Old World" on display at Alpers Fine Art on Main Street in downtown Andover.

22, at 7 p.m. at Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.

The book highlights close to 200 of Andover's most

famous — and infamous — men and women who made their mark beginning before the town's incorporation to the present day, with an emphasis on the people of the 20th and 21st century.

Admission to the reading and signing is free. Call Andover Bookstore at 978-475-0143 for more on the event. Visit www.arcadia-publishing.com for more on the book.

Steinway Piano sale set for Stevens Estate

Piano maker Steinway & Sons is holding a factory sale of its Steinway, Boston and Essex pianos this Thursday through Sunday at the Stevens Estate at Osgood Hill, 723 Osgood St., North Andover. For information, call M. Steinert & Sons at 617-360-1845.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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ADDISON GALLERY, "Flash Back Nov. 22, 1963," 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination, through Jan. 12, 2014; "James Prosek: The Spaces in Between," incorporating natural history painting with contemporary influences, through Jan. 5, 2014; "Natural Selections," drawings from Addison's permanent collection, through March 2014; "the kids are all right," photography and video exploring notion of family in 21st

century, through Jan. 5; gallery admission free. Phillips Academy, 180 Main St., Andover. Gallery hours Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.; 978-749-4000. www.andover.edu/museums/addison/Pages/default.aspx. **ALPERS FINE ART**, "New Views of the Old World," multi-artist exhibit, through Nov. 27. Gallery hours Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and by appointment. 978-760-1829, alpers2@verizon.net, www.alpers-fineartonline.com. **ESSEX ART CENTER**, "Good

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FENCES, site-specific installation exploring contemporary boundaries and borders, by Jamal Thorne, through Dec. 19. Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery; 56 Island St., Lawrence; Leslie Costello, 978-685-2343 or leslie@essexartcenter.org; www.essexartcenter.org. **MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY**, Hanging exhibit, Teen Art Show, first floor; Artist of the Month, Vicki Murphy, featuring her wool appliqué, second-floor display case; both exhibits through Nov. 30; 2 North Main St., Andover;

978-623-8401, www.mhl.org. **AUTHORS/READINGS**

ANDOVER BOOKSTORE, Kent Wascom, author of "The Blood of Heaven," Thursday, Nov. 21; Bill and Katharine Dalton, authors of "Legendary Locals of Andover," Friday, Nov. 22; all start at 7 p.m., free; 89R Main St., Andover; 978-475-0143, www.hugobooks.com.

MUSIC

BRASSERIE 28, Singer-songwriter Ryan Fitzsimons, folk rock, indie, pop, Thursday, Nov. 21; singer-songwriter Ryan LaPerle, folk rock, pop, Friday, Nov. 22; singer-songwriter Ryan Flaherty, gypsy, folk, Wednesday, Nov. 27; all music 8 to 11 p.m., 2 Elm Square, Andover; http://brasserie28.com.

BRITTEN CELEBRATION, Choirs of Christ Church Andover celebrate 100th anniversary of British composer Benjamin Britten Saturday, Nov. 23, 3 p.m., Christ Church, 33 Central St., Andover; tea in British tradition follows in Parish Hall; doors open 2:30 p.m.; suggested donation \$15 adults, \$10 students/seniors, includes the afternoon tea; proceeds support future music events at Christ Church Andover.

CHAMBER MUSIC, Mistral Music, formerly Andover Chamber Music, presents "Venice & Leipzig," annual holiday concert featuring Baroque music, Saturday, Dec. 7, 5 p.m., South Church, 41 Central St., Andover; tickets \$30 adults, seniors \$25, students free with ID; www.MistralMusic.org, 978-474-6222.

LECTURE

PARENT TO PARENT, Sal Caraviello presents "Kids in Crisis: Stress, Despair and Hope," Thursday, Dec. 5, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, second floor, 2 North Main St., Andover; hosted by Andover Parent to Parent; free; www.andoverp2p.com.

THEATER

DANCE MUSICAL, Andover High School Drama Guild presents "Thoroughly Modern Millie," Thursday, Nov. 21, through Saturday, Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 24, 2 p.m., Collins Center at Andover High School, 80 Shawshen Road, Andover; tickets \$20 adults, \$15 students/seniors, \$5 AHS students with ID; \$5 tickets for all students/seniors Thursday, Nov. 21, only; 978-623-8666, www.andoverdrama.com.

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LOCAL

'Andoverisms' punctuate local conversations

An examination of lingos and expressions used for generations

Andover Stories

Joan Patrakis
Andover Historical Society



Andover has a language of its own and it is spoken by residents of all ages. The language is comprised of "Andoverisms" — expressions created by residents to identify town properties, places and people.

Andoverisms are common names, or abbreviated or unofficial names. Depending on where people live or how long they have lived in town, they may have a wider knowledge of the vocabulary.

"The Library" is a classic example. Although its proper name is Memorial Hall Library — in honor of Andover's Civil War soldiers and sailors — it is popularly known by its common name. Andover High School, frequently referred to as "the high school," also falls into this category.

This penchant for identifying Andover places by their generic name has been prevalent with residents for generations.

At a special Town Meeting in 1933, voters of Andover appropriated funds for the construction of a junior high school, an auditorium, gymnasium and playstead.

The junior high school, now housing the Center at Punchard (senior center) and school administrative offices, was designated Clara A. Putnam Junior

High School in honor of the principal who was instrumental in the building project. The auditorium and gymnasium were located together in an adjoining structure that was named the Andover Memorial Building. This facility was dedicated to the 584 Andover men and women who served in World War I.

Despite the buildings' designations, those titles were never used. For decades, they were referred to as the junior high, the auditorium and the gymnasium.

Andover schools fall into a unique category because there are so many. Instead of being referred to as the middle school or the elementary school, the institutions are distinguished by their abbreviated formal names, for example, Wood Hill, West, Sanborn, etc.

Some public properties were never officially named. "The Park" at the corner of Chestnut and Bartlet streets has been known by that name for generations. After its purchase in 1899, it was referred to as the Common. At one point, it was called Central Park; however, the popular landmark has no official title.

Like the park, the playing field behind Doherty Middle School does not have a formal designation. Even before its purchase in 1911, it was called "the playstead," a name that remained for decades. Its fields and bleachers hosted school athletic activities, football games and a town baseball league, attended by thousands of supporters. Clown Town and Fourth of July celebrations were held at this field.

In some neighborhoods,

residents created their own Andoverisms. People living in the region surrounding Main Street still refer to the business center as downtown. Residents in the communities of Ballardvale, Shawsheen and West Andover identify their areas as uptown. A look at the landscape explains why — in order to reach the business center, the inhabitants of each district have to climb a steep hill.

A popular Andoverism from the past may be recalled by many residents. "The hill, the mill, the till" was a well-known expression from the mid-1800s that continued for more than a century. The phrase described the town geographically, socially and economically. The "hill" referred to Andover Hill's academic institutions. The "mill" symbolized the

factories along the Shawsheen River. The farms in West Andover, and scattered throughout town, were referenced as "the till." Some believed "the till" described Andover's business area.

"Townie" is a word that did not originate in Andover, but has become an Andoverism. People hold differing opinions about its definition. Some think a townie is someone who was born and raised in town. Others suggest the term refers to a person who has lived here several years.

Despite mixed interpretations, Andoverisms have been spoken for generations. As Andover's population continues to grow and change, the familiar expressions will likely be carried on and new ones will be created.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: THE CENTER AT PUNCHARD

The Center at Punchard (The Center), 30 Whittier Court, Andover, is busy with activity. Here are some of the activities on tap:

Thanksgiving Lunch

Thursday, Nov. 21, noon, annual Thanksgiving luncheon with all the trimmings; \$4.

Fuel Assistance

Friday, Nov. 22, 9 to 11 a.m.; call for individual appointments to assist with fuel assistance applications.

Monday Beginner's Bridge Lessons

Mondays, Dec. 2, 9 and 16; Jan. 6, 13 and 27; and Feb. 3 and 10, 10 a.m. to noon, life master Terry Kay Bargar instructs; \$139.

Addison Gallery Tours

Thursdays, Dec. 5, 12 and 19, 10:30 a.m. to noon, private tours with lectures on the latest exhibits; \$9 for series, register at the center.

Annual Holiday Fair

Friday, Dec. 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; handmade holiday crafts, garden club arrangements, knitted and quilted items, live plants, vintage jewelry and a large baked goods table; free admission, sale proceeds support the center.

Men's and Women's Outdoor Hikes

Wednesday, Dec. 4, Spicket River Greenway; call for details.

Tai Chi — Moving for Better Balance

Tuesdays, 1:15 p.m., and Thursdays, 2:15 p.m., through Jan. 24; reduce the risk of falls in this evidence-based program; 36 classes for \$65; call for specific requirements.

Current Events Discussion

Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon, special current events discussion focusing on the events of the day, at The Townhouse, Main Street; part of regular coffee and conversation, weekdays, 9 a.m. to noon.

Our Daily Bread

Warm meals served weekdays at noon; suggested cost \$2.50.

Speaking English

Fridays, 1 to 2 p.m. Major Gao leads an English conversational drop-in group for the Chinese community focusing on basic phrases for everyday life; free.

The next term at The Center at Punchard runs from Nov. 25 to Feb. 14. The Center also offers exercise options ranging from tai chi to Zumba.

All events are open to the community. However, space is limited and registration is required.

The Center at Punchard is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For a complete listing of classes and programs, check the center's newsletter or visit www.andoverseniorcenter.org. For more information, call 978-623-8321.

HOLIDAY FAIRS 2013

Wood Hill, High Plain Holiday Fair

Wood Hill Middle and High Plain Elementary schools hold their Holiday Craft Fair on Thursday, Nov. 21, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at 11 Cross St. Come on by and purchase a gift, treat or decoration for your home. There will be door prize, raffles, treats and more. Admission is free. Email president@woodhillpac.org for more.

Wingate at Andover Craft Fair

Wingate at Andover, 80 Andover St., holds its annual craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors are invited to stop by the white elephant table, take a chance at the raffle table and grab something to eat at the luncheon table. There will be a variety of baked goods, crafts, quilts and jewelry for sale.

Santa will be visiting from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to take photos. Proceeds benefit the Resident Council Fund. For more information, call 978-470-3434.

Center at Punchard Holiday Fair

The Center at Punchard holds its popular Holiday Fair on Friday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 30 Whittier Court.

The Punchard community has been busy getting items ready for the sale. The event will feature hand-knitted items, Christmas crafts, gifts in a jar, a jewelry table and arrangements by the local garden clubs. There will be an array of holiday plants and a baked good tables overflowing with treats.

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Education

Quick-handed record-breakers

Laina Shokum arranges cups into a series of pyramids as South School carries out its portion of the world-record attempt for speed stacking.



Physical education teacher David Giribaldi says there are many benefits to cup stacking, including brain communication, ambidexterity and hand-eye coordination.

Sofi Smirnov takes her turn stacking cups as part of the Guinness Book of World Records Day last week.



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photos

South School physical education teacher David Giribaldi instructs students participating in the Guinness Book of World Records Day. The students joined more than 500,000 speed stackers from 33 countries in breaking the world record for most cup stackers in one day.

South Elementary School students stack their way into Guinness Book

STAFF REPORTS

South Elementary School students paired some plastic cups with some skillful maneuvers last week to become among the world's newest record-holders for speed cup stacking.

South's fourth- and fifth-graders joined more than 500,000 students around the globe in successfully breaking the record for the sport that involves stacking cups in various pyramids at lightning speed.

Physical education teacher David Giribaldi brought

speed stacking to South School for the first time this year after being introduced to the sport by Carol Martini, a physical education teacher at Andover High School, and through working at Andover's Hooptown summer camp.

Seeing how the campers enjoyed cup stacking, Giribaldi said he developed a unit for South and the activity was wholly embraced.

Giribaldi said there's more to speed stacking than the obvious benefits of hand-eye coordination, quickness and ambidexterity. The reason

he sought to introduce it at South was two-fold, he said.

"First, speed stacking has shown to help students in the classroom. Speed stacking causes students to cross their midline, bringing your right hand across to your left side and left to right," he said in an email. "It forces both sides of the brain to communicate with each other. It obviously helps with physical activities, but can possibly help students with reading and writing."

But perhaps more importantly, it can serve to

equalize all students, he said.

"It levels the playing field for some of the students who might struggle with a ball skill-related activity and can help those students build confidence in physical education," Giribaldi said.

To finish off the speed-stacking unit, Giribaldi signed South up to be part of the Guinness Book of World Records' attempt for the most people around the world speed stacking in one day. To participate, schools had to commit to having at least 25 students stacking cups for a

minimum of 30 minutes.

Originally, the record attempt was going to involve only the fourth- and fifth-graders who had physical education on record day, Thursday, Nov. 14. But the speed-stacking unit proved to be such a hit that Giribaldi opened the experience up to every South student in fourth and fifth grade.

Last Thursday, South's 184 speed-stackers joined, at last count, 500,781 stackers at 2,828 schools in 33 countries in shattering the previous one-day world stacking record of 483,658 stackers,

which had been set the previous year.

Giribaldi credited the Andover Fund for Education for providing a grant to buy the speed-stacking cups last year and the South PTO with purchasing the mats and timers. He said other schools in town, including Shawsheen Elementary and Andover High, have used the cups as educational tools and to be part of previous world-record attempts.

"They are a great resource for the teachers and students of Andover," he said.

Andover Coalition for Education bringing WeatherBug station to town

By DUSTIN LUCA

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The Andover Coalition for Education is passing a bug on to the entire school district — a WeatherBug, that is.

ACE, known in town for its financial support of program development in the school district, has committed \$22,000 to purchase a WeatherBug station for the Andover Public Schools.

Once installed, the station will provide live, to-the-minute weather data to teachers at all 10 schools for use in the classroom.

The data will also join the available weather reports from 8,000 schools nationwide that

already have the stations, according to Superintendent Marinel McGrath.

Where Andover's station will go and how it will be used has yet to be fully realized, but Steve Sanborn, the district's science adviser for all students pre-kindergarten through grade 12, said the purchase has been a long-standing goal for the district.

"I started pushing for this when I was observing some classes over at one of the fifth grades," Sanborn said. "I got connected with the company that does the WeatherBug station. I asked about it, and people said we had looked into this before, but it was way too expensive."

The \$22,000, one-time purchase will bring a station to one school and the necessary site licensing for all 10 public schools, according to Tina Girdwood, ACE president.

But the implications are much broader than getting to-the-minute weather data in the classroom, according to Girdwood.

"Kids learn not just about weather, but geography and in some cases it can tie in with history," she said. "It's a multifaceted project that involves various disciplines."

The bigger picture will come when the Andover data joins national data, and students analyze it all in one package, according to McGrath.

"Our schools will provide data to that, but also be able to look at data across the country and collaborate with students nationwide," McGrath said. "We've wanted to have a WeatherBug station for quite a while. We were delighted when ACE agreed to fund the station."

WeatherBug collects data from stations across the county, including some as close as John F. Ryan Elementary School in Tewksbury, to provide programs and applications, including live video feeds, on computers and mobile devices. Officials are still working to determine if Andover residents outside the school system can have direct access

to it.

One place that will be able to access it though is WBZ-TV Channel 4, which subscribes to and uses WeatherBug data in its reporting, according to McGrath.

"We know the live data from our Andover station will be featured at times on WBZ early-morning weather broadcasts," she said.

With the purchase and installation of the station now in the beginning stage, McGrath said she is looking to the bigger picture — how students will benefit when the station arrives.

"The larger vision for

me is when kids have more hands-on, inquiry-based learning, it can turn into a lot of larger, real-world applications for them," McGrath said. "It's a great way for them to understand the role of geography (in weather)."

In the end, what it boils down to is learning gone "authentic," something that can be seen and touched as opposed to read in a textbook, according to McGrath. "I want kids to always have authentic learning experiences, and this is a great thing for them to have because it will be authentic," she said. "They'll be using real data."

92 join ranks of Andover High School's National Honor Society

Andover High School welcomed more than 90 juniors and seniors to the ranks of its National Honor Society this month.

Juniors and seniors who have a grade-point average of 3.75 weighted or 4.25 unweighted, complete 50 hours of community service, provide character references, demonstrate leadership potential and participate in a variety of school and community activities are considered for membership in the National Honor Society.

"This is an exceptional group of students and I am consistently impressed and inspired by their talents and accomplishments," Andover High English teacher Brian Shea, who serves as advisor to the National Honor Society, said in a release.

"In addition to being made up of a variety of students who excel in academics, athletics and the arts, NHS students are a group of generous, caring and respectful kids who are deeply involved in their community." The ceremony took place Nov. 6 at

the Collins Center at Andover High, followed by a reception for students, family and faculty members.

Current members of the National Honor Society provided musical entertainment during the ceremony.

Attorney Wendy Murphy of Belmont was chosen by the National Honor Society executive board, comprised of current seniors, to serve as the guest speaker. In addition, more than 40 faculty members, chosen by the inductees, were recognized at the ceremony for their ongoing contributions to students' academic, social and civic growth.

The new inductees will go right to work by participating in the annual National Honor Society apple pie fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 23. Students will be making 300 apple pies to sell as well as to donate to Lazarus House in Lawrence.

Proceeds from the fundraiser support the National Honor Society scholarship fund and various charities. Pie orders can be made through members or by emailing Shea at bshea@aps1.net.

2013 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES

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Steve Nutter beams with pride as he shares a dance with his 3-year-old daughter Chloe.



Martin Serrano proves the perfect leader as 5-year-old daughter, Abigail, shows off her best dance moves at the ball.

A night of father-daughter memories

Andover's fathers and daughters donned their finest attire to usher in the holiday season at the annual Holly Ball last Saturday night.

Girls decked out in their fanciest of party dresses were escorted by the favorite men in their lives for an evening of dancing,

games, prizes and refreshments at Old Town Hall on Main Street.

There were plenty of scrapbook memories made throughout the evening, which was hosted by the town's Department of Community Services.

Chris Jolly presents a rose to his special Holly Ball date, 2-year-old daughter, Paige.

Photos by
Tim Jean



John Guschov and his daughters, Katie, 5, left, and Rachel, 3, pause on the dance floor during the Holly Ball.



Gregory Cafua happily kneels down so he can be just the right dance partner for his 5-year-old daughter, Laney.

A lesson in Hebrew names, culture at Beth Israel

"Who was I named after?" "Why did you pick that person?" "What were they like?" "Am I like them?"

Those were some of the questions students posed to their parents at a recent family education program on Hebrew names at Congregation Beth Israel in Andover.

After hearing the story, "The First Gift" by A. S. Gadot, students realized that their names were the first gifts their parents ever gave them. They learned their names were chosen based on a deceased relative, according to the Ashkenazic custom, or in honor of a living relative, according to the Sephardic custom.

Students were reminded that they can each make a good name for themselves based on their actions. They were taught that performing mitzvot (a meritorious or charitable act) and treating one another with kindness and respect will lead to acquiring a good name in their homes, schools and communities.

Parents and students then worked together to create personalized bracelets and necklaces while discussing the spirits of their grandparents and great-grandparents who live on, as do their names.

Also at Congregation Beth Israel, students in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten recently had the unusual experience of using FaceTime to communicate with their teacher while she was touring Israel.



Mirna Garcia helps her daughter, Rosa, create a Hebrew name bracelet during a recent family education program at Congregation Beth Israel in Andover.

Speaking to the students extraordinary ancient synagogues and beautiful artwork she had seen while visiting Haifa and Tzfat. The students,

in turn, told Moverman of their scavenger hunt for mezuzot (parchment scrolls) earlier that morning, while Moverman relayed tales of the hundreds of mezuzot she had seen in Israel.

Moverman also shared the

story of a plant she found growing on the side of the road, and the students correctly identified it as an olive plant, which grows in abundance in Israel. Despite the seven-hour time difference,

the international telecommunications exchange was a success.

Congregation Beth Israel is at 501 South Main St., Andover. For more, visit www.bethisraelma.org.



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Soojin Kim swims a leg of the 400 freestyle relay at Sunday's Division 1 state championships.



Nikole Rudis competes in the 200 Freestyle at the Division 1 meet.

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SWIMMERS: After four straight Division 1 titles, AHS reign ends in states

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last year's graduating seniors. But because last year's senior class of swimmers was so powerful, Fitzgerald said Awiszus never really had the chance to take a first place.

She never even got to swim the 500 before this season, and it now has become one of her favorite events, Fitzgerald said.

"So one of (Awiszus') goals this year was to swim the 500 at sectionals and states. To swim it and win it — today was her day. And

she did save the best for last. Final meet, two first-places," Fitzgerald said. "Her goal all year was to win one event at states and she turned around and won two."

Fellow Golden Warriors star Soojin Kim, Awiszus' best friend, added a second in the 200 freestyle (1:56:15).

"My goal for all my events was just to place where I was seeded (fourth) so to move up was absolutely exciting," Kim said.

"I know how much (Awiszus) wanted it. I'm so proud of her. She

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Andover swim coach Marilyn Fitzgerald

definitely pushed a lot of girls this year so she was a huge contributor to the team."

Shannon Fitzsimmons also

came up big for the Warriors, placing third in the 100 breaststroke and Alison Murtagh was fourth in the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle.

Fitzsimmons, Kim, Awiszus and Rachel Landry teamed to take fourth in the 400 freestyle relay.

"Those 14 girls (who graduated last season) scored 238 of our points last year," Fitzgerald said. "So we knew going in that to make up those kind of points would be amazing. So to end up finishing like this, it's been almost like a fairy-tale season."

"We have so many freshmen on this team. And here (Sunday) scoring were only two seniors. So that bodes well for us."

Andover Soccer travel teams net four tourney titles

Andover Soccer Association came up big at last month's 31st annual North Andover Columbus Day Tournament, with four teams going home with champion titles.

In all, 12 Andover Soccer teams participated in the tournament, with each giving solid efforts on the field over the course of the three-day tournament. Four earned first-place finishes.

The Andover Cheetahs, the all-fifth-grade girls team, won the U12, Division 2 bracket. This first-year travel team captured the championship in thrilling fashion, with its 2-1 win being secured in the last 90 seconds of the game against the Tewksbury Rockets, which the Cheetahs had fallen to 2-0 in the preliminary rounds. Seemingly in control after two second-half goals, Tewksbury scored with less than 10 minutes left and continued pressing Andover's defense seeking the game-tying score. A questionable late penalty kick had to be turned away to preserve the hard-fought victory. Andover coaches stressed it was a great team effort, with everyone giving 100 percent for the entire tournament to achieve their championship goal.

The Andover Lightning, the top sixth-grade girls team, went undefeated in the tournament, scoring 18 goals while giving up only four across five games to win the U12, Division 1 bracket. The Lightning exhibited an aggressive, team-oriented style of play with nine of its 14 players scoring goals. The final pitted the team against rival Quicksilver from North Andover, which the Lightning had

not beaten in five previous matches. Andover jumped out to an early 1-0 lead and a second goal with eight minutes left put the Lightning in control 2-0. A late North Andover goal created an action-packed final two minutes with both teams playing their hearts out. Parents on both teams commented that they had not seen a more exciting ending to a game.

The Andover Vipers, the top sixth-grade boys team, stormed through the early rounds of the tournament with a 3-0 record, scoring 17 unanswered goals. The Vipers defeated Reading United, Georgetown United and Swampscott Blue Crew to advance to the playoffs. In the semifinal game, Andover played a rival North Andover team that it had not beaten in their last four match-ups. Andover came out strong to tally two goals in the first half, then maintained the momentum in the second half to beat North Andover 6-0. The Vipers then faced a very aggressive Boxford Wolverines team in the finals. The local contingent jumped out to an early 1-0 lead through the first half. Boxford fought back with two goals in the second half to take a 2-1 lead. Andover regained its composure to score two unanswered goals late in the game and notch a 3-2 victory to win the Division 1 flight.

The U12 Boys D2 United (Cobras) took home the tournament championship for the second consecutive year thanks to outstanding play by everyone on the team. During the early rounds, the United beat Billerica (4-0), Wakefield Warriors (4-2) and North Andover



The undefeated U12 Boys United (Cobras) champion team included, front row from left, Joey Atwood and James Katsikis; second row from left, Colin MacLean, Dylan Smith, David Blanco and Andy D'Agata; and third row from left, Jackson Drake, Shamus Florio, Zachary Moynihan, Connor Nusky and Gustavo Farias, with coaches Kelley Atwood and Brianna Atwood. Player Nick Aragona and coaches Kevin Nusky and John Drake are missing from the photo.



The undefeated Andover Lightning, which won the U12, Division 1 bracket, included, top row from left, coach Carl Grygiel, Katelyn Kendrigan, Olivia-Schwinn Clanton, Catherine Bravo, Maddie Silveira, coach John Billings, Claire Nagahiro, Anna Riley and coach Bill Souza, and, bottom row from left, Kelly Graber, Addie Jaromin, Rachel Souza, Regan Grygiel, Kate Prentiss, Katherine Billings, Libby Pustis and Isabella Shih.

Steelers (6-1). Andover United won a hard semifinal match against the North Andover Hawks, 2-1, securing a return trip to the finals. In

the championships, the local squad faced the Wakefield Warriors for a second time, claiming the title in decisive fashion with a 3-0 shutout.



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The Andover Cheetahs all-fifth-grade girls U12, Division 2 champions coached by Rob Shannon and Paul Kendrigan included, top row from left, Katie Resendiz, Sydney Perry, Claire Maginnis, Lily Shannon, Ashley Kendrigan and Jolly Joel, and, bottom row from left, Nell Grady, Heather Graham, Lucy Adams, Karoline Conte and Isabel Torio. Players Alexandra Mastrangelo, Hanna Medwar and Smita Michaels are missing from the photo.



The Division 1 champion Andover Vipers, the top sixth-grade boys team, included, from left, front to back, Evan Arpin, Aidan O'Connor, Zoah Silva-Landry, Mark Huynh, Drew Fietze, Jackson Gress, Joseph Moffitt, Alex Furry, Foster Rose, Shaun Morgan, Jack Palfrey, Ishaan Mundra and, not pictured, Jonathan Mei. Coaches are John Furry, Brian Rose and Norm Gress.

The win clinched an undefeated championship for the U12 Boys D2 Andover United team and coaching staff.



COURTESY PHOTO

Junior Varsity cheerleaders score invitational trophy

The Andover High Junior Varsity Cheerleading Squad has plenty to cheer about these days after capturing the first-place trophy in the JV High School Division 1 at the annual Stacy Stott Cheer Invitational Oct. 27 at Lowell High School.

The JV squad also participated at the Merrimack Valley Conference Championship at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence on Nov. 10, where the cheerers placed third in their division.

The squad and their coaches are, top

row from left, assistant coach Jamie Krivelow, Meghan Comerford, Cally Leyne, Sydney Tassinari, Natalie Ardagna, Morgan Marini, Natalie Kushner, Marissa Dorros, Courtney O'Keefe, Isabel Tavenner, Merry Dunlavy, Katelyn Palmer, Sarah Gilbert, Sunny Ricci, Taylor D'Urso, coach Jess Halloran, and Jessie Barry; and, bottom row from left, Caroline Healey, Taylor Hardock, Monica Goguen, Lindsay Sakellarios, Lena Bootman, Julia Lem, Kat Hale and Reese Gellman.



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Andover Montessori holds fall 5K, Fun Run

Andover School of Montessori took to the local streets for its second 5K and Kids Fun Run on Sunday, Oct. 27, to raise money for the school.

The event kicked off at the campus on South Main Street with a fun run for the younger set on the school grounds. The 5K race then followed, taking to the country roads surrounding the school.

All registered participants received T-shirts. There were snacks after the race, music and more fun.

For more on Andover School of Montessori, visit www.andovermontessori.org.



COURTESY PHOTOS
LEFT: Some of the younger participants in last month's Andover School of Montessori 5K enjoyed a free ride.



BELOW: The Andover School of Montessori community turned out in force last month to support the fall 5K and Kids Fun Run.

HU: Credits volleyball for spike in her confidence

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cry," Sullivan said. "We didn't know if she could become a captain and tell people what to do. But she has been incredible."

Over the last three years, Hu emerged as a star both on the court and off, becoming a vocal leader and All-Conference outside hitter for the Andover High volleyball team that won the Division 1 North title and advanced to the Division 1 state semifinals this season.

"She was very, very shy as a child," her father said. "But once she started playing volleyball, she became more confident. She seemed to gain mental toughness from coming through in big games."

Hu was born in Baltimore where her parents, both natives of China, moved so her father could study at Johns Hopkins University. At just a few months old, she then moved with her family to California for her father's job, then to Revere when her dad was hired as a computer researcher in the physics department at Boston University. The family then moved to Andover.

Hu admits that she was extremely shy growing up. "I was afraid to talk to

WARRIORS FALL IN SEMIFINALS

Andover's magic season came to an end last Wednesday, dropping to Barnstable 3-0 in the Division 1 state semifinals.

Barnstable 3, Andover 0
Kills: Chelsea Hu 8, Madelyn Reppucci 6

Blocks: Reppucci 8, Rachel Schnakenberg 5

Assists: Azita Bakhtyari 21

Service points (aces): Mackenzie Kennedy 14, Addison Kennedy 11 (1)

Digs: Schnakenberg 5, Addison Kennedy 3

Barnstable (23-0):
25 25 25 - 3

Andover (23-2): 16 21 16 - 0

anyone," said Hu, who has twice traveled to China. "I was an only child, and combine that with growing up in a home with two parents that had just moved from China and that we spoke Chinese at home. I was always worried there was a language and culture barrier."

"I thought I was different. Teachers would write notes home to my parents saying, 'Chelsea is a good kid, but she needs to use her voice more and it would help to participate in class.'"

Hu discovered an outlet in volleyball. She began to

play the sport in an Andover elementary school program and then played club in middle school. By the middle of her sophomore year at Andover High, she was a member of the varsity team — sooner than she ever expected.

"We were playing our rival Central Catholic," she remembered. "I had just played well in the JV game and was sitting on the sidelines relieved there was no way I was going to play in this big game. We were behind and I heard Coach Sullivan say, 'Chelsea!' I looked around and said, 'What? Why is he saying my name?'"

"I went in and everyone was a little confused. But I didn't do as bad as I thought I would. After that, Coach Sullivan told me not to go to JV practice. He said I was on varsity permanently."

Volleyball proved to be crucial in helping Hu break out of her shell.

"Volleyball helped a ton because it forced me to communicate," said Hu, who is looking at Ivy League schools. "I couldn't just sit there and be silent because I had to talk. Every point you have to call for the ball. You have to communicate with teammates and the coaches. That was when I really stepped out of

my comfort zone and started talking to people."

While the sport was helping her become a stronger person, Hu in turn became a major reason for the Golden Warrior volleyball team's success.

She was a key member of last season's squad that went 23-1 and advanced to the Division 1 state semifinals. She finished fourth on the team in digs (47) to go with 23 kills and 18 blocks.

She was even better this season, earning All-Merimack Valley Conference honors for the Golden Warriors team that closed out the season 23-2 last Wednesday. Hu finished second on the team in kills (187), fourth in aces (46) and third in digs (54).

Hu, who is a member of the National Honor Society and currently enrolled in advanced placement statistics, physics and psychology classes, said she is proud of how her volleyball career finished out.

"Especially as a senior to make it this far has been incredible," she said. "Coach Sullivan always says this was supposed to be a 'rebuilding year.' So to come together and make it that far is really awesome."

WARRIORS: Revenge victory vs. Chelmsford

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The defense was a force with 174 and rushing yards with 136 — with 109 of those yards and a touchdown in the second half to ice the victory.

"Olly (Eberth) had a tremendous day," said receiver Cam Davey, who himself had a game-high 67 receiving yards. "He just did everything. Jack was running the ball, and that opened up

"In our last home game to beat Chelmsford was just icing on the cake."

most of the night, led by Ommel Bonilla (12 tackles), Eikenberry (14 tackles), and Hartford (eight tackles), while kicker Ryan Payne booted a 37-yard bomb of a field goal, and following that up with a 28-yard field goal later.

"This was my last game on the turf, and since I'm not playing college football, I only have one game left," Sylvester said. "So to go out like this is really a dream come true."

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Business

Wardrobe adding its fashion sense to Park Street

By DUSTIN LUCA
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Everyone needs to update their look from time to time. That's precisely what a new shop has done with the opening of its second location.

Julie Centrella launched Wardrobe On Park, located at 63 Park St., this month as a sister to her first store, Aine's Boutique in Reading.

The new shop builds off the success of Aine's, which Centrella said has drawn a large customer base from Andover since she launched it more than four years.

Wardrobe has a similar focus on fashion, featuring everything from jeans and jackets to jewelry and accessories, with the added offerings of home decor and gifts.

Centrella has adopted an environmentally conscious theme for Wardrobe. Transactions will be completed using iPads and purchases will be wrapped in burlap and placed in all-recycled packaging.



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photo
Owner Julie Centrella, right, with manager Jessica Damon, inside Wardrobe on Park. The boutique is a sister shop to Centrella's first store in Reading.

Instead of a traditional check-out counter, clients will be able to complete their purchases throughout the store and will have the option of emailed receipts to cut down on printed paper.

That isn't to say the retailer's only focus is eco-friendliness, however. Manager Jessica Damon and the staff at Wardrobe on Park focus more

on the customers they dress than anything else, Centrella said. That customer-oriented approach and emphasis on service comes from her staff's experience in the retail world and on wanting to create a pleasant experience for those who walk through her doors.

For more on Wardrobe on Park, visit www.wardrobeonpark.com.

Bulfinch financial advisers open office

STAFF REPORT

The Bulfinch Group financial services firm recently announced the opening of an Andover office, which will be staffed by local residents.

The Needham-based company, which has offices throughout New England, helps individuals, families and businesses build and preserve their wealth.

The Andover office located in Dundee Park will be staffed by Mark Baron, Peter Morris and Don Gottfried.

Baron specializes in long-term care planning and is on the national long-term care advisory committee for the National Association of Health Underwriters and its local affiliate.

Morris offers wealth optimization strategies to business owners, executives, professionals and families throughout the Merrimack Valley. He currently serves on the board of the Merrimack Valley Estate Planning Council and is a past or present board member of several other nonprofit organizations



COURTESY PHOTO

From left, local residents Peter Morris, Mark Baron and Donald Gottfried will head up the new Bulfinch Group financial services firm in Andover.

in Andover and Blue Hill Peninsula, Maine.

Gottfried works with business owners, executives and families. He serves on multiple nonprofit boards, including the Andover Rotary Club and the board of governors of Temple Emanuel Andover.

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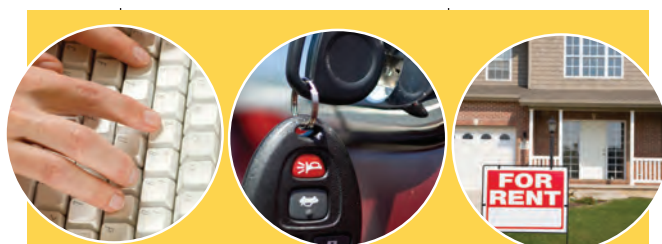
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36 Boston Road: Lisa M. Cummings to Wayne Friedrichs, \$245,000

20 Chandler Road: Mckenna RT and Richard Mckenna to Christiana E. Boehmer, \$469,500

27 Duffton Road: Donald D. Spence to C.M. Ascend RT and Yuan Zhang, \$295,000

36 Elm St.: Ocean City Dev. LLC to Eric J. and Erica L. Saum, \$505,000

38 Holt Road: Janelle and Mark Boutin to Jane Yan, \$391,000

10 Jordyn Lane: Jordyn Lane RT and Kathleen Sullivan to Navin Patel, \$1,295,000

13 Launching Road: George and Calypso Karahalios to William and Barbara Quirk, \$485,000

16 Lavender Hill Lane: Shannon Cornin to Todd E. Murray, \$515,000

49 Lupine Road, Unit 11: Kaleigh and Anthony Alessandro to Janice C. Smith, \$220,000

15 Nutmeg Lane: Merit Tukiainen to Paul D. Verdermeer and Sarah J. King, \$635,000

68 Phillips St.: Jeffco Inc. to Karin Osborne, \$583,300

7 Sagamore Drive: Yankee Home RT and Robert D. Cole to Taesoo Ahn, \$380,000

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