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## Gauging interest in the river

Conservationists want to save technology that warns of floods, unsafe conditions

By NEIL FATER  
STAFF WRITER

Andover conservationists hope to save from the chopping block a Shawsheen River gauge they say gives early warnings of floods and could help turn the river into a greater recreation destination. They have 11 months to do it.

The technology, called a stream-gauge, measures the height and flow of the river. It was installed on a Balmoral Street bridge overlooking the Shawsheen river after the Mother's Day flood of 2006, which left several people in the Balmoral and Washington Park condominiums homeless and caused significant damage to both those developments and nearby businesses along North Main Street.

Since that so-called 100-year flood, the gauge has been used to warn people of smaller floods, so that parking lots along the Shawsheen River could be cleared and property damage avoided, said Robert Douglas, Andover conservation director.

"It has played an important role. We can tell people, 'You have to get the cars out of your parking lot. It's coming,'" he said.

While the instrument's ability to warn of floods is its most important function, it is also useful because it shows people if it is safe to go canoeing on the river, say supporters. They hope to convince the state and federal government to continue funding the technology.

"It is a matter of safety, both for the residents and for people who use it for recreation. Also, the time is very short. They plan to remove it by July 2010," said resident and conservation intern Dante Smith.

The U.S. Geological Survey says it plans to remove the Andover streamgauge next summer because the state is no longer paying its portion of the cost. In fact, as part of its budget cuts, the state Department of Conservation and Recreation is no longer paying for 18 of its 93 streamgauges. In July, the government stopped collecting data at 13 of these sites. The remaining five, including Andover, also will be lost in July 2010 if a new way to pay for the state's portion is not found.

A release from the USGS says federal legislation "requires that the USGS only spend its funds if they are matched by other sources. The reduction in state funding, therefore, requires a decrease in USGS funding of these streamgauges."

Smith notes that Andover is looking into paying to remove three dams along the Shawsheen River



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

With more people using the Shawsheen, Andover conservationists hope to continue paying for a gauge that warns of flooding and shows when the river is safe for boaters. Above, Frank Pechinsky of Andover and his children, Ellen, 4, and her brother, Eric, 8, relax in their canoe toward the end of a trip down the Shawsheen River on Saturday.

and says "this gauge is providing data for research on whether those dams need to be removed at all."

Andover planners are also in the beginning stages of a "Shawsheen Renaissance" plan, meant to enliven the Shawsheen Square area and increase the use of the river. At one time, there were boat-houses along the Shawsheen River stuffed with residents' and rental canoes.

Lately, there has been increased interest in using the river for recreation, with Scouts creating picnic and camping areas along the river, and the town investing in land abutting the waterway.

Just this Saturday, Aug. 15, US

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Dante Smith of Andover, left, and Andrea Perdicaro of Wilmington paddle along the Shawsheen, during the annual River Day canoe trip Saturday.

## Leaders split on taxing decisions

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Town boards have a buffet of opinions when it comes to raising meals and hotel taxes. In the end, the decision will be up to voters at an Aug. 31 Special Town Meeting.

This week, the selectmen, Finance and School Committees made their recommendations on the two taxes in preparation for Special Town Meeting.

The meeting's warrant has just two warrant articles: voters will decide whether to raise Andover's meals tax by 0.75 percent and its hotel/motel taxes by 2 percent.

The School Committee is mostly in favor of the two taxes, with David Birnbach as the sole vote against the meals tax increase. The Finance Committee and selectmen have mixed opinions on both taxes, with the Finance Committee split 4-4 on the hotels tax (SEE BOX).

"I think our votes reflect the difficulty of the decision that has to be made by voters at Town Meeting. There's good arguments for and against," said Finance Committee Chair Joanne Marden, who voted in favor of both tax increases. "It was a very long

*"We need the unions to work with us. We cannot afford things the way they are, and we're sending the wrong message to throw money at them without concessions."*

Finance Committee Member Jon Stumpf

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## Health board monitoring TM 'blight' yard

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

The Kirkland Drive homeowner whose neighbors sought an "anti-blight" bylaw in 2008 has about three weeks to clean up his property before the Board of Health takes some legal action.

At its recent meeting on Aug. 10, the board announced it has been closely following the cleanup at the Santangelo family property at 27 Kirkland Drive, located off Lowell Street, since June. While a new set of front stairs and a new walkway at the property pleased the board, "I would say they still have a lot of work to do," said Board of Health Director Tom Carbone.

The biggest job is disposing the waste that has accumulated in the driveway, he said.

"The Board of Health will place sanctions on the matter," Carbone read from the board's meeting minutes. Those sanctions could include legal action by the town or fines, Carbone said. The waste must be removed before the board's next meeting on Monday, Sept. 14.

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## Firefighters union: Town trading \$120K for safety

By BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

The town manager and firefighters union are expected to meet today, Thursday, Aug. 20, in an attempt to resolve whether Andover will staff its ladder truck with one or two people.

In July, fire Chief Michael Mansfield reassigned the second ladder position to fill vacancies created

when other firefighters call out sick or are on vacation, injury or bereavement leave.

The change is expected to reduce the Fire Department's overtime budget by \$120,000.

But firefighters union President Thomas Agnew, a ladder truck operator, has filed a grievance over the reassignment, claiming it puts firefighters in danger and violates their contract.

Agnew already has met with a deputy fire chief and Mansfield to discuss the reassignment and will continue the grievance process Thursday at a sit-down meeting with Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski.

Agnew said his goal is fire Chief Michael to get a second firefighter reassigned to the ladder truck.

Because firefighters always work in pairs, when responding to an emergency, the ladder truck operator

is now required to wait for back up to arrive before using the truck, he said.

"What would you think if I was just sitting there waiting and a few minutes went by, three minutes go by, four minutes go by?" asked Agnew. "Right now, without the manpower, the truck is just a big rolling tool box." Stapeczynski said there is no specific

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# YARD: Kirkland Drive resident has 3 weeks to clean property

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Mark Santangelo, who lives with his elderly parents at the house, said Tuesday the hot weather has slowed him down, but he is confident that he will meet the September deadline.

"I'm doing the best I can," he said. "It was already 80 degrees first thing this morning. It was hot."

He also said animals got into some recycling bins and made a big mess in the driveway. About 20 empty oxygen tanks that were there have been removed,

he said.

Neighbors say they've heard clean-up promises before.

"Yeah, he fixed the front stairs but now the old bricks are piled on the lawn," said neighbor Al Sotera, who lives across the street.

Santangelo said he put the bricks out, hoping the trash men would take them away. But they didn't.

Carbone said trash disposal companies don't take bricks.

"They have to be removed by someone else," Carbone said. Neighbors have complained

about the family's property for years. In 2008, Town Meeting defeated an "anti-blight" bylaw proposal brought by the neighbors, the second year in a row Andover voters refused to impose minimum maintenance standards on residential properties. The Residential Anti-Blight Bylaw, was defeated by a significant margin after a slide-show presented by supporters showed eight blighted properties in town, including 27 Kirkland Drive.

Approval would have called for the enforcement of minimum

standards for the maintenance and appearance of residential properties.

Kirkland Drive residents also brought an unsuccessful Property Maintenance Code to Town Meeting in 2007.

The anti-blight bylaw would have addressed residential properties that contain infestation, are not maintained, have fire hazards or unsanitary conditions, or that "constitute a menace to the welfare and reasonable comforts" of Andover residents, according to the proposal.



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Congresswoman, Niki Tsongas (second from the right) and her partner, Bob Rauseo of Tewksbury (far right) pull in along the river's edge during River Day. The event consisted of a ride, about a mile long, down the Shawsheen River in the Ballardvale section of town.

# UNION: Firefighters oppose move to save on overtime

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language in the firefighters' contract related to ladder truck staffing. In the 1990s, when ladder aide position was first created, Stapczynski said a "side letter" was written and agreed to that requires the position to be funded when money is available.

Faced with closing an estimated \$2 million operating deficit between the town and schools, Stapczynski said the decision to reassign the ladder aide position was made to cut overtime costs in the Fire Department.

"We have implemented the change in staffing and they have grieved it," said Stapczynski. "Every department has budget problems. We are, as a town, looking to control our costs. We've got to squeeze some savings out of the budget." Mansfield said he "absolutely" agrees with Agnew that the ladder aide reassignment presents a safety issue to firefighters, but said he had to cut into his budget

*"Every department has a budget problem. We are, as a town, looking to control our costs."*

Buzz Stapczynski, town manager

somehow.

"I've looked at all the options," said Mansfield.

To restore the two-man ladder truck team, Mansfield is applying for a federal grant administered by the state's Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. The deadline to apply is Friday. To help fire departments prevent layoffs and replace retiring firefighters, \$20 million in stimulus grant money will be available to cities and towns across the state.

Just over a year ago, Mansfield had hoped to use federal grant money to boost his staff and assign a third firefighter to Andover's only ladder truck.

Weary of the long-term financial commitment, selectmen instead rejected a preliminary award of \$1.5 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that would have paid for a portion of five firefighter salaries over a five-year period.

Under the current grant program, communities must pay upfront to hire the new firefighters before being reimbursed on a quarterly basis with stimulus money. The funding lasts for one year.

Mansfield said the grant is similar in several aspects to the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant offered through FEMA that selectmen rejected in June 2008.

Under the SAFER grant, FEMA would have paid all but \$69,000 of the salary and benefits for five new firefighters this fiscal year. Andover's liability would have gradually increased over the course of the five-year grant to \$290,000 in the fourth year and \$390,000 during the final year.

After five years, the town would have been responsible for funding the full expense of the new positions.

Selectmen voted 2-1 to reject the grant, with only Mary Lyman voting in favor. Ted Teichert and Jerry Stabile were recused from the vote because they have relatives who work for the Fire Department. Selectmen Brian Major and Alex Vispoli voted to decline the grant.

There are 51 firefighters, 13 lieutenants, four deputy chiefs and one chief in the Andover Fire Department.

If a resolution is not reached between Agnew and Stapczynski on Aug. 20, Agnew said he will call for an independent arbitration hearing.

Agnew said the grievance is about the safety of the taxpayers and Andover's firefighters.

"I have a strong feeling the solution will happen when I bring it to the arbitrator," said Agnew. "I don't believe that Buzz will do anything."

# RIVER: Gauge has big role

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Congresswoman Niki Tsongas was paddling the Shawsheen with members of the Shawsheen River Watershed Council who plan a public canoe trip every month.

"One of the first things they do before they leave in the morning is they check the gauge to see if it's the right conditions to use the river," said Smith. "The information that the gauge provides is available to anyone who wants to use it, even Andover Youth Services or Community Services [if they] want to

## REASONS FOR A STREAMGAUGE

Information gathered by a gauge, such as that on the Shawsheen River helps officials:

- decide to evacuate homes or businesses during a flood
- determine safety of activities such as boating or fishing
- design roads, bridges and culverts
- map flood zones
- determine sources of pollution
- manage water quality

Source: U.S. Geological Survey

introduce the river to younger people in Andover."

# TAXES: Voters to decide on local tax increases Aug. 31

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discussion, and it's just not an easy decision."

If passed, the two tax increases would bring in an estimated \$596,407 in revenue for fiscal year 2009, decreasing the current \$2 million budget shortfall to roughly \$1.4 million, said Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. Stapczynski wants to see the shortfall split so that the school department covers 65 percent of it, but that met opposition from school leaders.

Proponents of the tax increases say it's a way to increase revenue, and shift from the town's reliance on property tax and fee income. Opponents say the increases would hurt local businesses and support unsustainable cost structure, caused partly by labor agreements.

"We have a cost structure that is not sustainable. There needs to be a partnership, we need the unions to work with us," said Finance Committee Member Jon Stumpf. "We cannot afford things

## TAX VOTES

### Meals tax increase:

- Selectmen voted unanimously to recommend disapproval, 5-0
- Finance Committee recommended disapproval 5-3
- School Committee voted 3-1 to recommend approval, with David Birnbach voting against and Dennis Forgue absent

### Hotel/motel tax increase:

- Selectmen voted 3-2 to recommend approval, with Brian Major and Alex Vispoli voting against
- Finance Committee had a split vote, 4-4, giving no recommendation for Town Meeting voters
- School Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval, 4-0 (Dennis Forgue was absent)

the way they are, and we're sending the wrong message to throw money at them without (contract) concessions."

If passed on Aug. 31, the local tax increases would be on top of the statewide tax increases recently approved by the state legislature, with all additional revenue going to Andover.

"This will not cause your taxes to go up, but will mostly be charged

to people from out of town," said Selectman Mary Lyman of the hotel/motel tax increase. "This is our chance to help close the budget gap."

Granli Drive resident Bonita Zahorik, a mother of High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle School students, said she "can't believe" board members voted against tax increases, knowing the town is facing a deficit.

Andover High School mom Diane Costagliola agreed, saying budget cuts or teacher layoffs after school starts on Sept. 3 would "wreak total havoc."

"We're cutting off our nose to spite our face, not supporting the tax increase," said Costagliola, who works at South Elementary. "Let's put all the cards out on the table. Let's discuss the real things that are on our plate."

Currently, Andover has no local tax on restaurant meals.

The state meals tax went from 5 to 6.25 percent on Aug. 1. If Andover were to approve the increase of 0.75 percent at the Aug. 31 Town Meeting, the total rate would go up to 7.0 percent, and Andover would get 0.75 percent of that revenue – or 75 cents for every \$100.

"Local businesses are hurting already," said Selectman Brian

Major. "This is throwing fuel on a fire that will continue to hurt the business community."

"I think we are looking at potential reductions in services that will have huge implications for our community as a whole, and have the potential to change Andover, and the reasons why people come here to live and work. It's a small opportunity and can have an impact," said School Committee Chairwoman Debra Silberstein.

The Finance Committee's 4-4 split vote on the hotel tax was possible because the board is operating with eight members, as they wait for Town Moderator Sheila Doherty to appoint someone to a seat vacated by Timothy Felter. Normally, having an even-numbered board as terms expire over the summer does not matter, said Marden, because the board does not meet or vote.

Marden emphasized that the ultimate decision is up to Town Meeting voters, and urged citizens to attend on Aug. 31. "It could be a close vote, and it's a very important decision," said Marden. "They (voters) are determining how much revenue we will have for the coming year. It determines how many people will have jobs, what services are provided."

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**THEN:** The Cole House at 21 Elm St. next to the Free Church was demolished in June 1947.



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## QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE human effect, the comfort and security of knowing (a street light) is there.

— Ken Ozonian of Osgood Street on selectmen's "preposterous" decision to turn off 626 street lights that have been established for decades. The town won't realize the full effect, he said, until the winter, when there is less daylight and kids are waiting for buses in the dark. Story, page 4.

INNOCENCE IS A GIFT. Forgiveness is essential. People are beautiful. Struggle is normality. Music is everywhere. Life is for the moment.

— Lessons learned by Andover High School student Courtney Casper, who spent the summer teacher English in South Africa. Story in Townspeople, page 13.



### NEWS CALENDAR

#### THURSDAY, AUG. 20

School Committee and PTO presidents meeting, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 8:30 a.m.

#### FRIDAY, AUG. 21

Board of Registrars meeting, Town Clerk's Office, 4:30 p.m.  
Town Clerk's office will be open until 8 p.m. for voter registration for the Special Town Meeting on Aug. 31

#### MONDAY, AUG. 24

Spring Grove Cemetery Trustees, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., plant and facilities conference room, 7:30 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, AUG. 25

Planning Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26

Disability Commission, Memorial Hall Library activity room, 7 p.m.

Recycling Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, AUG. 27

Retirement Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 8:30 a.m.

#### MONDAY, AUG. 31

Special Town Meeting, 7 p.m., Collins Center, Andover High School, 80 Shawshen Road. The finance committee report will be released on Aug. 24; the last day to register to vote in the meeting is Friday, Aug. 21.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### August health clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer mini clinics on Monday, Aug. 24, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26. No appointment is necessary.

#### Chamber expo and job fair

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will present "Fall Back To Business" Expo and Job Fair on Thursday, Oct. 1, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St., Andover. For more information, call 978-686-0900.

#### Holy Family center accredited

Holy Family Hospital's William L. Lane Cancer Center has received its three-year accreditation with the highest rating by the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer. Holy Family's Cancer Center is one of only 19 hospitals in Massachusetts, and one of only four north of Boston, to garner this level of commendation.

#### Learn to muzzleload

There will be a free muzzleloading course given by instructor in charge Robert J. Kennedy at the Lawrence Rod and Gun Club, Webster Road, Andover on Sept. 9, 11, 16 and 18 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Interested people must pre-register. Call 978-632-7648. Students must attend every session. Attendance is open to adult men and women, as well as minors with a Hunter Education Certificate of completion. The course is handicapped accessible.

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the advanced and beginning student. Some of the many topics covered in this course are: selection of equipment, history of muzzleloading, safety, use care and cleaning of muzzleloading guns.

#### Future of Harold Parker State Forest

A meeting is scheduled to discuss the future of Harold Parker State Forest and the development of a Friends Group on Wednesday, Aug. 26, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Harold Parker State Forest Headquarters, 305 Middleton Road, North Andover. For more information of questions contact Park Supervisor Steve David at 978-686-3391.

#### Sept. 11 ceremony

Andover's September 11th Ceremony will be held on Sept. 11, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at the Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St. This will be a brief ceremony honoring the victims of September 11 and marking the eighth anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks. For more information, contact that Veterans Office at 978-623-8218.

#### Alzheimer's Walk Oct. 4

Join the seventeenth annual Alzheimer's Association Northeastern Massachusetts Memory Walk on Sunday, Oct. 4. The walk begins at Brickstone Square in Andover. Form a team or walk as an individual. Money raised by Memory Walk helps provide care and support for individuals

and families touched by Alzheimer's. For more information about the Northeastern Massachusetts Memory Walk, call 617-393-2050 or email debra.katt-lloyd@alz.org, or visit www.memorywalkMANH.org.

#### Helping hospice

The 22nd annual walk for Hospice of the North Shore will be held on Sunday, Oct. 18, at St. John's Preparatory School, 72 Spring St., Danvers. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the walk begins at 9 a.m., rain or shine. People of all ages are welcome to participate and encouraged to form walking teams in memory or in honor of a loved one. If interested in establishing a team or obtaining a sponsor form, call the walk office at 978-223-9787 or visit www.hns.org/walk.

#### Chance to watch the Sox in a private suite: Drawing benefits Lazarus House

When the Boston Red Sox take on the Toronto Blue Jays on Sunday, Aug. 30, you and 17 friends could be watching from a private suite at Fenway Park. Lazarus House is holding a drawing for 18 seats in a private suite, section R-17, first base side, food and beverage allowance, and limo service to the game, within Mass. only. Tickets are \$100 each and only 750 will be sold. The drawing will be held at Andover Country Club on Aug. 11, at 8 p.m. The winner need not be present to win. To purchase

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#### VNA Care Network and Hospice needs volunteers

VNA Care Network and Hospice, a non-profit home health care, hospice and wellness agency, needs volunteers to provide practical and emotional support to terminally ill patients and their families on the North Shore, Cape Ann and Merrimack Valley. Volunteers receive training, supervision and support. Call Nancy Barcelo, volunteer coordinator, at 888-663-3688, Ext. 4271. For more information about VNA Care Network and Hospice, visit www.vnacarenetwork.org or call 800-728-1862.

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## Andover's two fall Special Town Meetings

The first of two fall Special Town Meetings meant to help balance the budget deficit is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 31, at 7 p.m. in the Collins Center, Andover High School, 80 Shawshen Road.

The warrant was opened and closed at the Aug. 3 selectmen meeting, and contains two articles, asking:

- 1) To increase taxes on local restaurant meals in Andover by 0.75 percent
- 2) To increase hotel/motel tax by 2 percent

The Finance Committee report will be released on Aug. 24; the last day to register to vote in the meeting is tomorrow,

Friday, Aug. 21.

Another Special Town Meeting has been called for the Town of Andover on Oct. 7 at Andover High School on Shawshen Road. The warrant will open Monday, Aug. 31, 2009 and will close Monday, Sept. 14 at 4:30 p.m.

The last day to register to vote for non-registered voters is Friday, Sept. 25, 2009. The town clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. for voter registration. The Finance Committee Report and warrant will be mailed by Sept. 30.

If you have any questions, call the Town Clerk's Office at 978-623-8257.

## Holy Family Hospital adds 'cooling therapy' to treat heart attack victims

Holy Family Hospital has begun treating heart attack victims with "cooling therapy" induced hypothermia designed to lower a patient's body temperature to improve neurological recovery in patients who are in a coma after cardiac arrest.

Studies have shown that a significantly greater percentage of patients who received the cooling treatment ended up with a good to excellent recovery, compared to patients who received standard treatment. Induced hypothermia is gaining popularity as many emergency medical services are making it a standard care protocol.

"This is not just about saving a patient's life, it's about protecting the brain so that more patients can make a meaningful recovery and enjoy a quality of life similar to what they had before their cardiac arrest," said Steven Crespo, MD, chief of emergency medicine at Holy Family Hospital.

Holy Family Hospital will work closely with EMS providers around the Merrimack Valley to

begin treatment while en route to the hospital. Therapeutic hypothermia involves lowering a patient's body temperature to 89 to 93 degrees fahrenheit with a cooling blanket and other modalities and maintaining it for a period of 24 hours before gradual rewarming.

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# Obituaries

## Edward A. Bennett, 58



ANDOVER — Edward A. Bennett died after a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer. He celebrated his 58th birthday on Aug. 10 with his family.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Laurie C. Buck and his three loving children, Sam Bennett, age 13, Ally and Casey Bennett, both age 9. Ed was predeceased by both of his parents, Eli Bennett and Lea Bennett of Greenwich, Conn.

Ed taught in the Andover Public School system for 13 years prior to changing careers and becoming a lawyer. Ed worked for various corporations in the Greater Boston area, practicing labor and employment law. Prior

to his illness, he worked at Hollingsworth & Vose, a specialty paper manufacturer as Director of Labor Relations.

Ed loved to travel and was fluent in four languages. He loved to read, to cook, to attend Red Sox games and to spend time with his wife and children. He could most often be found on the sidelines cheering for his children at their various sporting events. He was deeply loved by his family and will be greatly missed.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Calling hours were held in the **Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, Friday, Aug. 14, from 4 to 7 p.m.** In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Mr. Bennett may be made directly to The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network at [www.pancreaticcancer.org](http://www.pancreaticcancer.org). A private burial service will be held at West Parish Cemetery. For additional information, please visit [www.burkemagliozi.com](http://www.burkemagliozi.com).

## Elsie S. Chase, 90

LAWRENCE — Elsie S. (Thomson) Chase, age 90, of Lawrence, formerly of Andover, died Monday, Aug. 10, 2009 at the Mary Immaculate Nursing Home, Lawrence.

She was born in Andover, the daughter of the late James and Annie (Auchterlonie) Thomson, both of Scotland. She grew up and attended schools in Andover. She was a resident of Lawrence for the past 38 years, formerly of Andover.

Elsie was a housekeeper at Phillips Academy in Andover. She had also worked at several nursing homes, including MI Nursing & Restorative Center, Lawrence.

She was predeceased by her sisters and brothers: Alexina Harrison, Margaret Conkey, Marjorie Park, Anna Greenaker, James Thomson, George Thomson and Robert Thomson. She leaves several nieces and nephews, including her niece and caregiver, Anne J. Priestly of Salem, N.H.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** At the request of Elsie, there will be no calling hours and services will be private for the family. **Douglas & Johnson Funeral Home, 214 Main St., Salem, N.H.** is in charge of the cremation. Memorial donations may be made to your local food pantry. To send a message of condolence to the family, please view the obituary at [www.douglasandjohnson.com](http://www.douglasandjohnson.com).

## Barbara A. Fallon, 68



ANDOVER — Barbara A. (Babbin) Fallon, 68, of Andover, died Saturday, Aug. 15, 2009 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Barbara was born in Newton on March 16, 1941, the daughter of Frank and Eva (Myott) Babbin. She attended Newton schools and Anna Maria College.

Barbara was employed as a Systems Analyst for a number of years before leaving to raise a family. She returned to work later until illness forced her retirement.

She and her family moved to Andover in 1978 where she became active in the Newcomers Club as a bridge instructor. She was an avid gardener and duplicate bridge player.

Barbara is survived by her husband, John Fallon of Andover; her son, Timothy

Fallon of Watertown; and her daughter, Laura Fallon of Flagstaff, Ariz. Also among her survivors are her brothers, Frank Babbin and his wife Nancy of W. Bridgewater, Thomas Babbin and his wife Sophia of Newton, Robert Babbin and his wife Christine of Carmel, Ind., and James Babbin and his wife Judith of Amesbury. Barbara is also survived by her sister, Mary Dufresne and her husband Douglas of Rochester, N.H.; as well as several nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A funeral Mass will be offered on Thursday at 10 a.m. at **St. Augustine Church Andover.** A family burial will take place Saturday in **St. Joseph Cemetery Ivesdale, Ill.** In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to **Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7226, Attn. Contributions.** Arrangements under the direction of **Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.** To offer online condolences, visit [www.contefuneralhomes.com](http://www.contefuneralhomes.com).

# Selectmen support shutting 626 street lights

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Soon, it will be lights out on more than 175 streets in Andover.

Selectmen voted Monday, Aug. 17, to adopt the Department of Public Works suggestion to shut off 626 Andover street lights, saving an estimated \$4,000 each month in utility costs.

The 626 lights — roughly one-third the street lights in town — were determined to be unnecessary for safety by the Andover police.

Selectman voted 3-2 to adopt the measure, with Selectmen Ted Teichert and Jerry Stabile voting against it.

"Our budget deficit is real," said Selectman Mary Lyman, who noted some of the lights that will go out are in front of

her home.

Selectmen have been discussing the proposed shut-off through the spring and summer, but delayed a vote from their Aug. 3 meeting to Aug. 17 to give residents more time to check a list of lights proposed to go dark.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, selectmen and Public Works Director Jack Petkus said they had received comments from fewer than a dozen citizens, in the form of letters, e-mails or phone calls. Some were in support of the idea, some were in opposition and some requested specific lights be shut off or stay on.

"I believe it's not the right thing to do," said Cyr Circle resident Mary Carbone. "It's the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard. There are other things (that could be cut) that town officials aren't willing to touch."

Ken Ozoonian of Osgood Street agreed, saying it's "preposterous" to turn off street lights that have been established for decades. The town won't realize the full effect, he said, until the winter, when there is less daylight and kids are waiting for the bus in the dark.

"You haven't been talking about the human effect, the comfort and security of knowing (a street light) is there," said Ozoonian.

Andover Public Safety Officer Charles "Chuck" Edgerly surveyed all 1,600 of Andover's street lights, compiling the list. Street lights near schools, bad intersections or curves and locations with a history of accidents will remain on.

Neither the police nor DPW said they have found a link between increased crime and

lack of street lights.

A list of street lights to be shut off is available on the town's Web site, [www.andoverma.gov](http://www.andoverma.gov), under the "what's new" box.

Now, after Monday's vote, National Grid work crews will begin to shut off the 626 lights one by one, placing a red cap atop the utility poles to signify they've been turned off. Through the first year, the town has flexibility and can request that certain lights be turned back on, said Selectman Alex Vispoli.

The first year the lights are shut off, Andover will have to pay abandonment charges to National Grid, keeping the town's savings to \$4,000 per month. The second year, the lights will be physically removed from utility poles in town, and Andover's savings may as much as triple, said Petkus.



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover Fire Deputy Chief Kevin Connors, Chief Michael Mansfield, Lieutenant John Ronan and Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski are pictured at an Aug. 12 promotion ceremony. Connors, who joined Andover fire rescue in 1986, was promoted from lieutenant. Ronan, who joined the department in 1985, was promoted from firefighter. Both Connors and Ronan live in Andover.

## Two promoted in fire department

Andover residents and firefighters Kevin Connors and John Ronan were promoted in a ceremony on Aug. 12.

Connors, who joined the Andover fire department in 1986, was promoted from lieutenant to deputy chief. Ronan, who joined the department in 1985, was promoted from firefighter to lieutenant.

Many family members and fire personnel were in attendance

at the Aug. 12 ceremony, held at the Public Safety Center on North Main Street.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski addressed those in attendance, noting how much the community relies on Andover Fire Rescue and its personnel to meet people's emergency needs.

After a brief congratulatory address by Fire Chief Michael Mansfield the two were sworn in

by Assistant Town Clerk Kathy McKenna.

Deputy Chief Connors was pinned with his new badge by his wife, Mary Lou, followed by the pinning of Lt. Ronan by his wife, Mary Ann.

Connors was appointed to Andover Fire Rescue on Oct. 31, 1986, was promoted to lieutenant on Aug. 20, 1995. Lt. Ronan was appointed to Andover Fire Rescue on May 20, 1985.

### RELIGION

#### Interfaith tea

Communities Together Inc., formerly the Greater Lawrence Council of Churches, will sponsor the sixth annual Interfaith Prayer Shawl Tea at St. Augustine's Parish, Center for Education and Ministry, 35 Essex St., Andover on Tuesday, Sept. 15, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

People are welcome to join the group for tea and pastry as it celebrates the Prayer Shawl Ministry in this area, offer shawls for a blessing by clergy, honor knitting groups, and share stories of how the shawls touch lives. Knitters, crocheters, clergy, shawl recipients, supporters, and those interested in learning more are all welcome. This event is free and open to the public.

Please RSVP by Friday, Sept. 11 to Barbara at the Communities Together office: 978-686-4012 or [ctstaff@conversent.net](mailto:ctstaff@conversent.net).

#### Free intro to Judaism

Registration is open for Introduction to Judaism, a free program of the Robert I. Lappin Charitable Foundation and the North Shore Rabbinic Association. Courses will begin on Sept. 8. This year's course offers a choice of two tracks: Introduction to Judaism for Conversion and Judaism 101, A Basic Course of Study. Both tracks are free and open to people living in one of the 23 cities and towns in the foundation service area and are taught by local rabbis.

One feature of Introduction to Judaism is that it provides a convenient and comfortable

venue for people to study and learn within their own community. "We want to make it free and accessible to all," said Deborah Coltin, executive director of the Robert I. Lappin Charitable Foundation, which sponsors programs that are helping to keep our children Jewish. Since the foundation has provided this course, 75 people converted to Judaism and more than 150 people have taken the course. Introduction to Judaism covers topics such as history, Torah, Hebrew, lifecycle, holidays, prayer and synagogue skills.

For more information about dates, locations, teachers and registration, contact Phyllis Osher, program associate, at 978-740-4404 or email [posher@rilcf.org](mailto:posher@rilcf.org), or visit the foundation's Web site at [www.rilcf.org](http://www.rilcf.org).

#### Neighboring churches sponsor joint picnic

St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church will team up with St. Michael's Catholic Church in co-sponsoring a joint picnic.

The rare event will take place Sunday, Sept. 13 from 1 to 5 p.m. on Main Street in North Andover directly inside the town center.

The two churches have been neighbors for nearly 40 years, ever since St. Gregory Church opened its doors in 1970. Both parishes have remained close to one another over the four decades but this marks the first time they are collaborating on an event.

In past years, St. Gregory

Church has hop-scotched from one location to another, holding picnics at the North Andover Town Green and at Legion Farm Field in Haverhill. After undergoing an \$18,000 face lift to its patio area grounds, the time appeared ripe to take advantage of the land. While the two churches join sides, their menus will be completely different. The Armenian side will feature the traditional shish, losh, chicken kebab dinners with rice pilaf, salad and Armenian pastries. St. Michael's will offer hamburgers, hot dogs, pasta salad and American pastries. In years past, both churches have supported one another's activities and remained "the good neighbor."

There will be Armenian and American music for dancing, as well as games and activities for the entire family. Main Street in front of both parishes will be blocked off to traffic.

"The joint picnic is being held in the true spirit of fellowship," said chairman Vartkes Hovsepian of St. Gregory's. "Both parishes are excited over teaming together for a common cause. We expect both churches to patronize one another and make it a fun day for all." "We are thrilled to have our neighbors join us this year," said chairwoman Earline Tweedie of St. Michael's. "It is truly a ground breaking event."

St. Gregory Church will celebrate its 40th anniversary next year and is undergoing a \$1 million renovation project to its building. The church lost its pastor this year with the death of Rev. Vartan Kassabian.

# Police investigate house break

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Police were called about a house break on Kensington Street around 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 17. The first officer to respond saw a male subject flee from the home. Detectives were called to the scene to take fingerprints, and canines were used to search for the subject.

Kensington Street runs between Route 28 and Poor Street, near the Lawrence Border. Lawrence police were given a description of the subject, who was wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt.

The state police were notified, but their air wing helicopter was not available to help in the search, as happened with an Aug. 14 housebreak on Dartmouth Road.

As of Wednesday, the incident was still under investigation, said Lt. Thomas Siopes.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

Health-Tech Ambulance Service Inc. announces an expansion of its services to include general transportation, specializing in senior transportation needs.

The expanded service will provide a solution to elderly driving concerns by offering affordable, convenient, door-to-door, transportation, with the option of an escort. Starting today, general tran, according to a business release. Services are available to residents throughout the greater Merrimack Valley, Northeastern Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire.

Neal Hovey, Health-Tech Ambulance's owner and president, said, "We are taking a proactive approach to the growing concern about our seniors driving. We want to be there for them to provide a safe transportation option that allows them the freedom to live their lives and keep their independence. Our new service focuses on senior needs and combines transportation with a companionship program for customers who may need a companion to accompany them."

Health-Tech Ambulance's general transportation services include, but are not limited to, transporting customers to, appointments, doctor, dentist, eye doctor, cancer treatment, dialysis, physical therapy, beauty salon, group meetings, etc., run errands, pharmacy, grocery store, bookstore, mall, etc., meet family and friends or just get out, visit, social gathering, wedding, restaurant, beach, park, or just around town. This service is available Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekends, holidays and other arrangements may be available with 48 hrs. advance notice.

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# Opinion

## Enjoy fleeting summer days

Summer will be over soon – this year seemingly sooner than usual.

With the town planning a Special Town Meeting to address budget concerns on Aug. 31 – before even Labor Day arrives – Andover voters will be back into decision-making mode earlier than expected. Because of a \$2 million shortfall, the Aug. 31 meeting seeks two local tax hikes and an Oct. 7 meeting will be held to determine what cuts need to be made.

Of course, elected and appointed officials and town workers must look all year at ways they can better spend town money, particularly in the area of negotiated salary and benefits, where the bulk of the money is spent. But during this brief time of warm and relatively carefree days at the end of August, it's worth taking some time to appreciate the moment. Times may be tougher than they have been in some time, but Andover residents and workers are still better off than most. Beach and ice-cream season is in full swing, and if you have your health and some family or friends it's time to enjoy yourself a bit.

Andover High School student Courtney Casper spent the summer in Cape Town, South Africa teaching poor students English. She returned with a new perspective: Life is for the moment.

Here in Andover, where by and large we remain very blessed, these hazy days at the end of August are still moments worth celebrating and enjoying with gusto.

That's especially true when we know autumn will be a time to discuss the serious operating changes the town has been putting off for years.

## Shining light on budget shortfall

It is said often, because it is true: The way for Andover to make significant and long-standing adjustments to its budget is through employee agreements more in line with the private sector. The bulk of Andover's budget pays for salaries and benefits. Most other changes in comparison tinker at the edges of the budget without creating significant long-term savings.

Having said that, Andover does need to make some immediate cuts to balance this year's budget. So the majority of selectmen made the correct decision Monday after months of discussion, by electing to turn off street lights that are deemed redundant or otherwise unnecessary. Two-thirds of the town's streetlights will remain lit, including those in front of schools, and at intersections, dangerous curves and other areas where there have been accidents. Residents can put faith in the decisions of Safety Officer Chuck Edgerly, and those who do question a decision can still petition to have specific lights turned on again.

Officials do not believe these lights have any relation to residents' safety. New developments rarely have streetlights. We also live in an age where many homes have lights with motion sensors or other, more sophisticated safety features. Most have light posts of their own.

If residents believe keeping the streetlights on is a critical service, they should urge their leaders to make cuts where the real money is.

## WEB QUESTION

### Keeping Andover in the dark?

#### Responders say no new taxes

A Special Town Meeting on Aug. 31 will have just two articles on the warrant: Voters will decide whether they want to increase the tax on restaurant meals by 0.75 percent and/or the hotel/motel tax by 2 percent in Andover. The revenue gained by the increased taxes would go towards the town's \$2 million budget deficit, says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. With 110 people voting, the majority were against the tax increases.

"I am against raising both taxes," received 70 percent of the vote

"I'm packing for New Hampshire," received 15.45 percent

"I am in favor of raising both taxes, given the need," received 9.09 percent

"I am in favor of raising the hotel/motel taxes only," received 4.55 percent

"I am in favor of raising restaurant meal taxes only," received 0.91 percent

This week's question: Is this street smart?

Selectmen voted Monday, Aug. 17, to adopt the Department of Public Works suggestion to shut off 626 street

lights in town, saving an estimated \$4,000 each month in utility costs. The 626 lights – roughly one-third of those in town – were determined to be not needed for safety by the Andover police. How do you feel about the shut off?

■ I applaud the DPW for finding a creative way to save money.

■ I pay for those street lights with my taxes. They should stay on.

■ I feel crime will go up once the 626 lights go off.

■ No lights in my neighborhood are going to be turned off, so it doesn't matter to me.

■ Lights will be turned off in my neighborhood, but it doesn't matter to me.

■ Police have done their homework, and the 626 lights really aren't needed.

■ There are other places the town should save money instead.

■ None of the above.

To cast your vote, go to www.andovertownsmen.com and scroll all the way to the bottom of the page. For different or lengthier answers, email Editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsmen.com

## LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Golfland on Route 125 in North Andover is celebrating its 40th anniversary. Recently, Brendan Czarnecki and his friend, Jake Lansberry, both 11, played miniature golf with Jake's sister, Hannah, 9 at the Old Covered Bridge hole. The Lansberrys live in Andover and Brendan, who use to live in Andover and now lives in Pennsylvania was visiting his friend.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Taxpayers being gamed by summer tax-hike vote

Editor, Townsman:

It seems that during August, when most of us are vacationing and out of town, that perhaps it could be expected that our town political leadership might also do the same, but that's not so. It seems the desire to gather ever-increasing revenue is a stronger attraction for them, as witnessed by the vote of selectman to hold a Special Town Meeting to pick our pockets once again when we are out of town and not guarding the hen house.

Our town fathers are being assisted by our state legislature in this enterprise by requiring a vote by Aug. 31 by the towns if they want the hotel and meals tax increases to take effect on Oct. 1. How accommodating of the legislature to the towns to give them a perfect excuse for this clever scheduling by requiring a vote in the middle of the summer.

It seems the taxpayers are being gamed once again to ensure taxes go up. We are further being left in the dark both actually and figuratively by the turning off of 626 street lights to save \$4,000 per month. I have a better idea: how about cutting foolish and unnecessary spending such as the \$450,000 of taxpayers' hard earned dollars we throw away each year paying town retirees for unused sick time because they weren't sick.

We as a town have the revenue to provide for the things that are necessary, but when we have school unions that won't forgo raises during financial crises, as if they live in a world not the same as the taxpayers who fund their budget, and town fathers who throw away almost a half million bucks a year on foolishness, you will never have enough revenue. I particularly urge the seniors who are less likely to be out of town to go to this Special Town Meeting and vote against the proposed new taxes. Parking and seating should be quite plentiful.

ROBERT R. MCCUMBER  
23 Arundel St.

### Letter: Healthcare bills are seriously misguided

Editor, Townsman:

Congress has blown it. We wanted healthcare reform and we got, instead, a proposed government takeover of health care.

Oh, I know, that's not what it says. It says that government simply wants to offer a "competitive alternative."

But it won't work, and here's why. Right now Medicare and Medicaid underpay claims by 13 percent (Medicare, New Hampshire study from 2005) and 23 percent (Medicaid, same study). What that means is that if hospitals and doctors depended solely on Medicare/Medicaid reimbursements, they'd be bankrupt in short order. No one can live on reimbursements that are below the costs of running their facility.

### LETTERS POLICY

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It works today because the doctors and hospitals shift those costs to private carriers (you know, the "greedy" insurers who Nancy Pelosi says are cheating us all), so there's a delicate balance. In the New Hampshire study above, private carriers paid 123 percent of the cost of delivering the service – so you employers and employees are subsidizing Medicare and Medicaid. That's a fact.

But if the "public plan" prices according to the low rates it pays, many Americans, despite their dislike of government-run healthcare, will favor their wallets over their ideology. More costs will then be shifted to the private plans, which will have to raise prices further, which will drive more people to the public plan, which... but you get the idea.

Maybe that's good because government can create savings because of its size. If you believe that, I think you're naive, and let me site an example to prove it. The poorest county in the United States, McAllen County, Texas, understandably has a greater part of their health care paid for by Medicare and Medicaid – 52 percent specifically.

Surely, with that much clout, Medicare and Medicaid must have driven costs to very low levels, right? Wrong. McAllen, Texas, also has the highest healthcare costs in the US. In fact, in the city of McAllen itself, per capita health care costs exceed per capita income.

So much for the "efficient government!" shibboleth.

JIM EDHOLM  
158 Summer St.

### Selectman: Focus should be on changing spending habits, not taxes

Editor, Townsman:

I strongly recommend against adding a new meals tax and increasing the hotel/motel tax in Andover. Whenever there is a budget shortfall, the immediate reaction is to raise taxes, add to fees and spend down our cash reserves. Instead, our focus should be on restructuring our operating budget to ensure long-term viability. Andover currently faces a \$2 million budget deficit that must be resolved quickly to ensure we can pay our bills. In the previous 12 months, our town and school labor costs

have increased nearly \$3 million (4 percent) which includes the publicized workforce reductions. These increases are no longer sustainable and require a change in philosophy for Andover to remain vibrant.

Recent tax changes that impact Andover citizens and businesses:

■ Aug. 1, 2009 – Massachusetts raised the Sales/Meals Tax from 5 to 6.25 percent

■ Aug. 1, 2009 – Massachusetts added a new Alcohol Distribution Tax of 6.25 percent

■ Nov. 2008 – Andover selectmen voted a 40 percent tax surcharge on businesses

■ July 2008 – Andover selectmen increased downtown parking fees 100 percent

Andover residents and businesses alike are struggling financially. During these difficult economic times, let's help each other by looking for ways to assist our neighbors in need and consuming the goods and services of local businesses. Now is not the time to add taxes that make a difficult situation even worse. I encourage Andover voters to vote "no" on both tax proposals at the Special Town Meeting on Monday, Aug. 31.

BRIAN P. MAJOR  
Andover Selectman  
11 Odyssey Way

### Town Manager: Reforms undertaken in recent years

Editor, Townsman:

In the Aug. 13 editorial "Reform and revenue at the town level" on the new local excise tax options the town will ask voters to consider at a Special Town Meeting on Aug. 31 the editor states that reform must be part of the discussion for addressing Andover's budget deficit problem. While there is universal agreement that reforms must be part of the overall solution, the editorial seemed to imply that the town has yet to do anything in this area. I would like to highlight some of the things the town has done over the last few years in the name of reform, efficiency and cost savings.

The town's management team achieved millions of dollars worth of permanent savings on employee health insurance and accumulated benefits during the last round of union contract negotiations. These actions alone will continue to generate growing and on-going cost savings for many years to come. In addition, five of the seven town unions have agreed to 1-percent compensation givebacks for FY10 to help out with the deficit situation. The Police and Fire departments are reducing overtime by using reserve officers and flexible assignment of personnel. The town has moved its retirement fund assets into a higher performing state managed Public Retirement Investment Trust. Town Meeting accepted the state statute that requires all new eligible town retirees to get their health insurance through Medicare. Our Plant & Facilities Department has saved hundreds of

thousands of dollars through an array of award winning energy conservation initiatives. We are making good progress towards reducing the cost of the town's vehicle fleet by sharing a sewer flusher truck with a neighboring community, phasing out the use of take home vehicles, and keeping vehicles in service for additional years.

The selectmen have implemented a new voluntary trash reduction policy to help increase recycling rates and save on solid waste disposal costs. We are also providing more information and services on the town's Web site.

These are just a few things the town has done to help compensate for declining state and local revenues in Andover. In addition, the number of town personnel providing services has shrunk by 9.6 FTEs so far for this fiscal year alone (about \$500,000 in savings), and is down 19.5 FTEs (more than 6 percent) since FY03. The town has and will continue to work diligently towards achieving more reforms and efficiencies, and will seek to maintain core services in light of reduced personnel and resources. However, there can be no question that the quality of Andover's public services, including the way they are delivered, will be negatively impacted if new revenues are not part of the solution. Andover needs both reform and revenue to address its deficit problem for the long-term.

REGINALD S. "BUZZ" STAPCZYNSKI  
Town Manager

### Leaving animals on their own puts them at risk

Editor, Townsman:

In light of the recent coyote attacks on Jasper the cat and several dogs in the area, ("Lucky" Jasper the cat survives coyote attack," Townsman, Aug. 13) I urge readers to protect their animal companions by always keeping them indoors and allowing them outdoors only on a leash or in a fenced-in yard, under constant supervision.

Deadly attacks by predators aren't the only dangers our animal companions face outdoors.

Across the country every day, companion animals are stolen for experimentation, used for target practice or bait for dog fighting, and worse, after being left outside alone for "just a few minutes." Extreme weather, traffic, and insect-borne diseases claim the lives of untold dogs and cats each week. Random acts of cruelty are also common. The more than 300 new cruelty cases PETA receives each week involve, for the most part, animals who were victimized while outside unattended.

Leaving animals outdoors unattended invites tragedy. Please keep your companions safe – keep them inside.

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# Beauty • Health • Fitness

## THE HEALTHY PLATE: Eat right, use up those veggies

By JIM ROMANOFF

For The Associated Press

The peak of the backyard gardening season makes it easy to eat lots of fresh produce, but the onslaught of an abundant harvest can also lead to culinary fatigue.

If you're not into canning or don't have the extra freezer space, you'll need some creative ideas to keep all that food from going to waste. The first step is to look for new dishes and times (such as breakfast) to add vegetables to the menu.

An omelet loaded with diced tomatoes, peppers, zucchini and onions is an obvious choice. But there are plenty of other options, too.

Try making an open-faced breakfast sandwich by topping a piece of toast with sliced tomato, melted reduced-fat cheddar cheese and even an egg, if you like. The amount of vitamin C in tomatoes rivals that of the traditional glass of orange juice.

Grilled slices of eggplant have a smoky flavor that makes them a perfect stand-in for bacon in a

lightened version of eggs Benedict.

This egg-topped summer vegetable casserole calls for plenty of tomatoes and zucchini. The recipe serves eight, so it's well suited for a brunch with friends, but also makes a great supper for a warm summer evening.

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- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 2 cups chopped yellow onions
- 5 cups diced zucchini (1 1/2 pounds)
- 4 cups sliced button mushrooms
- 1/4 cup tomato paste
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste
- 8 large eggs
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Bring a large saucepan of water to a boil.

Cut an "X" in the base of each tomato, slicing just deep enough to break the skin. Add half of the tomatoes to the boiling water and simmer until the skins split, about 1 to 2 minutes. Transfer them to a plate to cool and repeat with the remaining tomatoes.

When the tomatoes are cool enough to handle, peel them, discarding the skins. Coarsely chop

the tomatoes and set aside.

In a large pot or Dutch oven over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the garlic and saute until golden, about 30 seconds. Add the onions and saute until translucent, about 3 minutes more.

Add the zucchini, mushrooms and tomatoes, then saute until softened and juicy, about 10 minutes. Reduce the heat to medium-low, stir in the tomato paste, then simmer, stirring often, until the juices are thickened, about 15 minutes. Remove from the heat and season with salt and pepper.

Place a rack in the lower third of the oven and heat it to 400 F.

Transfer the vegetable mixture to a 9-by-13-inch or other shallow 3-quart baking dish (the vegetables also can be divided between individual ramekins or other smaller baking dishes), spreading them in an even layer.

With a spoon, make 8 deep depressions in the vegetable mixture. Crack an egg into each. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, or until the vegetables are bubbling and the eggs are beginning to set.

Sprinkle the cheese over the eggs. Bake for another 5 minutes, or until the eggs are set.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 220 calories; 91 calories from fat; 10 g fat (3 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 190 mg cholesterol; 15 g carbohydrate; 18 g protein; 4 g fiber; 482 mg sodium.

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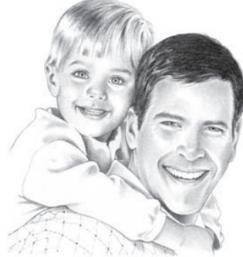
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The founders, John Magazzu and Craig Meier, realized in 2001 that instead of traveling out of the country for hyperbaric oxygen sessions they could not only manage their children's HBOT needs in their hometown of North Reading, but they could offer their facility to other parents and caregivers.

Along with the HBOT sessions, HOPE-Connection offers free medical studies and guidance for the many families that are navigating through the health insurance aspects of HBOT for their own children and adults with stroke and Alzheimer's. "It's turned into a business that we're proud to offer the community," John Magazzu says. "Safety is our number one goal with our kids."

One of several hyperbaric facilities in New England with clients visiting from Maine and New Hampshire during flexible off-hours, HOPE's mission is to work with families' existing wellness programs. Beyond offering basic HBOT services, HOPE offers parents and caregivers a meeting place where information about HBOT, soft versus hard chambers, and parent experiences can be shared. One parent said, "With all the alternatives to treating autism, HBOT is one that should be discussed with doctors. It's through HOPE that I was able to approach my son's doctor and talk knowledgeably about hyperbaric oxygen as a real solution. Autism is definitely treatable."

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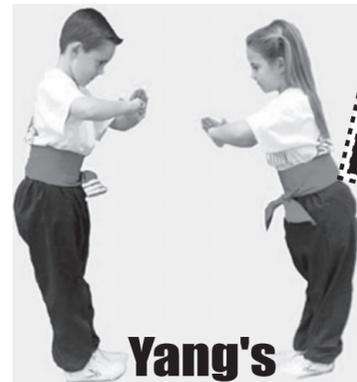
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# Education

## ON CAMPUS

Kelly Frances Morrissey, daughter of Richard and Jane Morrissey of Andover, majored in interior design and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Endicott College in Beverly during its 69th commencement exercises on Saturday, May 16. Dan Rea was the commencement speaker and recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Laws. Rea is well known to New Englanders as a hard-hitting television journalist, attorney, and provocative radio show host.



Michelle Comeau of Andover (above) participated in Berklee College of Music's 2009 commencement held in Boston University's Agganis Arena.

An Honorary Doctor of Music Degree and Diploma was presented by Berklee President Roger Brown to legendary Motown singer/songwriter Smokey Robinson who delivered the commencement address to the graduating class and more than 4,000 guests.

Seth A. Johnson, a senior, and Jesse M. Goldman, a sophomore

at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, were named to the dean's list for their outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2008-09 year.

Johnson is the son of Philip and Ellen Johnson of Andover, majoring in biology with a concentration in cell and molecular biology/biochemistry. He attended Andover High School.

Goldman is the son of Bruce and Margo Goldman of Andover, also attended Andover High School.

Students whose grade-point averages are in the top 30 percent are named to the dean's list.

Elana Cogliano, Garrett Rayner and Katherine Nelson were among the 509 seniors who graduated from Colby College on May 24, receiving Bachelor of Arts degrees at the outdoor commencement in Waterville, Maine.

Greg Mortenson, co-author of the bestseller Three Cups of Tea, was the commencement speaker and emphasized the role of education in solving problems in Central Asia, where he works. Senior class speaker Qiamuddin Amiry, who came to Colby from Afghanistan, urged his classmates to use their education to "provide a spark" to those less fortunate.

Cogliano is the daughter of Paul and Rosemarie Cogliano of Andover. She majored in English with a concentration in creative writing and her honors include cum laude, dean's list, honors in English. She attended high

school at Lawrence Academy in Groton.

Rayner is the son of Reid Rayner of Schertz, Texas, and Cynthia Rayner of Andover. He majored in physics attaining dean's list, distinction in major and magna cum laude honors. He previously attended Andover High School.

Nelson is the daughter of David Nelson and Katherine O'Neil of Andover, and majored in physics and mathematical science. She was among 58 Colby seniors inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest national academic honor society. She was also named to the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the spring 2009 semester.

Mortenson, who has created approximately 80 schools, mostly for girls, through the nonprofit Central Asia Institute, encouraged graduates to make the most of failures. In Afghanistan, he said, "There's a very beautiful Persian proverb that says, 'When it is dark, you can see the stars.' I think that's a good thing to hold onto."

Though the Taliban has destroyed more than 800 schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan in the last two years, Mortenson said that since 2000 the number of children being educated in Afghanistan has grown from 800,000 to 7.6 million. Calling it the greatest increase in enrollment in any country in modern history, he said, "That's the candle, that's the light of hope for a country like Afghanistan."

Fairfield University, a comprehensive Jesuit university in Fairfield, Conn., has announced that Stephanie Miller of Andover qualified for the dean's list for the spring 2009 semester. To be selected, a student must attain a grade-point average of at least .35, of a possible 4.0.

Miller is the daughter of Robin and Bill Miller and intends to major in marketing.

She graduated on May 17 from the Dolan School of Business with a bachelor's degree in marketing and information systems.

William A. Shaheen, a fourth-year student who graduated in May with an economics degree from the College of the Holy Cross, was named to the dean's list for the second semester of the 2008-09 academic year. He is the son of Bill and Nancy Shaheen of Andover. He majors in economics. The College of the Holy Cross is located in Worcester.

Alysa Holber of Andover was among over 1,000 students from Roger Williams University to receive their degree during the University's commencement exercises held on May 23, 2009. Holber received a Bachelor of Arts degree in American studies.

More than 200 students graduated from Tufts University on May 17, during the university-wide commencement ceremony with Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick as speaker.

The graduates from the School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Engineering included Richard Hennessy of Andover, who received a Bachelor of Arts in political science and economics.

## As year dawns, let's set mutual goals

Ken Seifert



I have concluded that as an administrator there are times when you have to be the boss and there are times when you play the role of coach.

For most of us mortals, we would like to think we are never the boss, but that is impossible. As a parent you are an administrator of the family.

There are some coaching practices that work in both the home and workplace. They are also quite simple, effective and satisfying.

In the management literature of the '60s and '70s such a procedure was called mutual goal setting. It was used when a goal had to be reached or a problem solved. As much as possible, the atmosphere should be "everybody is a good guy." People need to believe "we are in this together" when they leave the table.

The procedure for mutual goal setting is very straightforward. We identify and agree on the problem or the goal. When that is achieved we go to the next step. After some discussion we summarize: This is what I said I will do. This is what you said you will do. This is what we agreed we would do. It is assumed that we all will do what we say we would do. We also agree that we will

take time out at appropriate times to check how well we are doing. Who needs to do something different? What else do we need to get the job done?

Sometimes it is a good idea to put our intended efforts in writing so we do not have misunderstandings as to what we agreed upon. It is not necessary to point out who is the boss, whether at home or in the workplace. If the boss is doing nothing to achieve the goal or solve the problem everyone knows the score and it will not work in a so-called mutual fashion. It also says something about the boss.

In the school setting, the boss is usually the teacher, principal, superintendent or School Committee.

At home, the boss is usually the mother and father. Where growth and development is concerned, the child is usually the key player. Others are the coaches.

When we solve the problem or achieve the goal, there is benefit in some modest celebration for all of our efforts. If it is a monumental achievement, we should celebrate accordingly. We then get back to the goals or problems to be solved.

Before the school bell rings this fall, a look to the year ahead and establishing a few mutual goals might be in order.

We should never have a long list of goals that even Superman couldn't achieve. It is a set up for disappointment.

If the players in the game know there is a genuine interest in making things better, mutual-ity in solving the problem has a better chance than most other methods. In my experience, I this approach works about 90 percent of the time. The proof lies in what the home and the workplace participants achieve and not what the boss would like to be the case.

Ken Seifert is a former Andover schools superintendent and 40-year resident of town who writes about education, raising children and politics.

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## ON CAMPUS: Residents who have earned degrees, honors

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Curry College has announced the following Andover residents received degrees on Sunday, May 17, at the commencement ceremony in Milton: **Michael Anderson** and **Matthew Furness** each received a Bachelor of Arts degree.

**Adam Kleger**, Class of 2012, of Andover has been named to second honors on the Clark University dean's list. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the spring 2009 semester.

To be eligible for second honors, students must have a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher, of a maximum of 4.3.

The following Andover students were among 1,734 undergraduate students who graduated from Georgetown University in May.

**Ann Marie Cashman** received a bachelor's degree from the Georgetown College. She attended Andover High School.

**Erin Kathleen Coleman** received a bachelor's degree from the Georgetown College. She attended Phillips Academy.

**Kristen Marie Pinksten** received a bachelor's degree from the McDonough School of Business. She attended Andover High School.

This year's graduating class represents all 50 states and 64 other nations. The youngest among them is 20 while the oldest is 66.

Georgetown University is the oldest and largest Catholic and Jesuit university in America, founded in 1789.

**Erin S. Saunders**, daughter of Jeffrey and Rhonda Saunders of Andover, graduated from the Stern School of Business at New York University with a bachelor of science degree in accounting.

Saunders is a New York University honors scholar, earning a Founders' Day Award from NYU for her high academic achievement throughout her college career. She also was on the dean's list for the spring 2009 semester. She is a 2005 Andover High School graduate.

The following Andover students were named to the 2009 spring semester dean's list at Simmons College:

**Katherine Fionte**, a freshman major

is undeclared; **Jacqueline Mimno**, a senior majoring in communications; and **Catrina Cavanaugh**, a senior majoring in nursing.

To qualify for dean's list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

The following Andover students recently received degrees from Simmons College:

**Iris Adams** received a master's degree in education from the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Jessica Haskin** received a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish from the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Meaghan Downes-Berry** received a bachelor of science degree in biopsychology from the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Elizabeth Sambuco** received a bachelor of arts degree in communications from the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Daniel Harayda** received a master's degree in library and information science from the Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

**Douglas Cooper** received a master's degree in library and information science from the Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

**Sherri Tjalsma** received a master's degree in elementary education from the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Catrina Cavanaugh** received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the College of Arts and Sciences.

**John Edmund Linneman** of Andover graduated from Colorado College on May 18. Linneman was one of 447 undergraduates and nine master of arts in teaching students who received their degrees during the 128th commencement ceremony. He is the son of Patricia and Roger Linnemann Jr.

Colorado College Colorado College is a nationally prominent, four-year liberal arts and sciences college that was founded in Colorado Springs in 1874. The college operates on the innovative Block Plan, in which its 1,875 undergraduate students study one course at a time in intensive 3 1/2-week blocks.

# Sports

## 'THE REAL DEAL'

### D'Innocenzo set to make his mark at Texas

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

No one could blame Nick D'Innocenzo if the butterflies in his stomach were on hyperdrive.

First of all, he is making the move today (Thursday) a full 1,984 miles from his family home in Andover to college, which would make most any student nervous.

But unlike most college newcomers, he happens to be the No. 1 recruit for the nine-time national champion University of Texas swimming program.

D'Innocenzo, however, hasn't earned his place among the nation's elite swimmers by being derailed by fear.

"I'm not nervous," he said. "I can't wait to get to college. I am ready."

After a summer starring on the national scene, D'Innocenzo is primed to make his impact on college swimming at Texas.

"He's the real deal," said 31-year Longhorns swim coach Eddie Reese. "He will have no problem (competing) here."

D'Innocenzo, who graduated from Andover High in 2009 after earned All-Scholastic Swimmer of the Year three times and Eagle-Tribune Swimmer of the Year four times, made his first splash of the summer at the ConocoPhillips Nationals in Indianapolis from July 7-11.

At Nationals, swimming against a All-Star field consisting of legendary Michael Phelps and Olympic gold medalist Ryan Lochte, D'Innocenzo swam to a stellar fifth in the 200 individual medley in 1:59.71, well ahead of the 2:02.28 he swam at the Olympic trials last year. He also placed ninth in the 200 breaststroke in 2:13.22.

"Indianapolis was awesome," said D'Innocenzo. "It was a lot of fun. Everyone who is anyone was there and it was a great experience."

But D'Innocenzo didn't ease up for the summer after Nationals.

"Most of the training was for the US Open," he said. "That was my biggest meet of the summer."



FILE PHOTO

Andover's Nick D'Innocenzo is right at home in the water. After a stellar summer swimming against the best in the country, the former Andover High star feels ready to take his talent to powerhouse University of Texas.

At the U.S. Open Swimming Championships (Aug. 4-8) in Federal Way, Wash., D'Innocenzo placed ninth in the 200 breaststroke with a personal best of 2:13.11 in the finals, topping his own all-time U.S. 17-18-year-old record just set at Nationals. He also improved on his personal record time in the 100 breaststroke with a 1:02.38 and took fourth in the 400 IM in 4:19.40.

"I was glad I could cut down on my (personal best) times," he said. "I was really worried I would embarrass myself in front of my college coaches and have to say to them, 'I used to be able to swim those times.' It was OK."

D'Innocenzo also found the US Open as a valuable time to bond with his soon-to-be Texas teammates.

"There were so many people I knew there, just like (Nationals)," he said. "A lot of the Texas guys were there. I got to talk to Eddie Reese and I sat with the Texas guys for most of the weekend. Being able to sit at the meet and chat it up with some of my teammates for Texas was great."

While heading to Texas, which finished No. 3 in the nation last season and has won nine Division 1 team national

championships, most recently in 2002, is quite an opportunity for D'Innocenzo, signing the former Golden Warrior is also an achievement for the Longhorns.

Swimming World magazine ranked D'Innocenzo as the nation's only six-star recruit in the Class of 2009. Being rated a five-star recruit is generally considered the best of the best. Collegesswimming.com currently ranks D'Innocenzo as the No. 3 recruit of 2009 in the nation.

"He's getting better in every way you can get better," said Reese recently. "He made an evaluation of where he was and changed. That's special."

D'Innocenzo has been in touch with Reese during the summer while still training with Magus Aquatic coach Mike Spring. Arriving in Texas this week, the former Andover High star doesn't expect to be out of the pool for long.

"Classes begin next Wednesday (Aug. 26)," he said. "We'll be in the water long before that. I'm confident that a coach with the record and reputation of Reese will know what is best for me, and I love the guys. I feel like I am in good position to go to Texas and not get my butt kicked. I feel like I am definitely ready to be up there."

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# Arts & Entertainment



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Amelia Faucher, 6, of Andover neatly and slowly eats a dish of vanilla ice cream at Mad Maggies on Sunday as she and her family escape the heat with an afternoon ice-cream stop. Fans of the cool treat might enjoy a book signing and talk this weekend by the author of two books about ice cream.

## Farmers market speaker digs into ice-cream history

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

You might say this summer has been a foodie's dream.

Rainy weather and cooler-than-usual outside temperatures allowed cooks to spend more time in the kitchen than usual this June and July. The story of famed cook and cookbook author Julia Child has hit the big screen this summer with a big star, Meryl Streep. And locally, Andover foodies can enjoy a larger than ever Andover Farmers Market every Saturday afternoon at the Andover Historical Society, notes organizer Sarah Sycz.

Like a good zucchini garden, the market is growing larger every summer as it now wraps around the

Historical Society's lawn, with 15 vendors participating. That's twice as many vendors as last year.

As part of an effort to make the market more of an attraction, Sycz has asked the author of a just-released book on the history of ice-cream making to visit the market this Saturday, Aug. 22. The visit ties in with a current Historical Society exhibit on families in Andover, including the Hinton family, which years ago sold ice cream out of a wagon.

"Who doesn't like ice cream in the summer? We can't get enough," Sycz said. "[Author] Jeri Quinzio will talk about its history and then people can visit the farmers market. It's all about food...it will be fun."

"I'm a big fan of farmers markets,"

said Quinzio, adding that she is thrilled to be discussing her book at the Historical Society while the farmers market is happening.

According to Quinzio's Web site, her book "Of Sugar and Snow: A History of Ice Cream Making" (published in May) has the scoop on the full story of ice cream.

Quinzio traces the tasty confection from its earliest appearances in 16th-century Europe to the small towns of America. She explains how ice cream is made, describes its social role, and connects historical events to ice cream's business and consumption.

She does indeed love the most popular treat, saying, "how can you not?" Pinning her down to a favorite flavor was somewhat difficult, but she finally

named caramel and pistachio as her top flavors.

"I always answer that like this: my favorite flavor is the next one," she laughed.

Her visit will not be limited to talking about ice-cream history. "Of Sugar and Snow" includes recipes, from a 17th-century Italian lemon sorbet to a 20th-century American strawberry mallobe (made with marshmallows). Quinzio, who has also written a book on ice cream recipes (Ice Cream: The Ultimate Cold Comfort, published by Brick Tower Press), so she will talk about the flavor evolution of this summertime favorite.

"[The book] masterfully documents ice cream's modern evolution," reviewed Booklist.

### COOL EVENTS

#### ■ BOOK SIGNING

**Who:** Jeri Quinzio, author, Of Sugar and Snow: A History of Ice Cream Making

**When:** Saturday, Aug. 22, 1 to 2 p.m.

**Where:** Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.

**What:** Free event, copies of the book available (304 pages, with color illustrations, recipes; \$24.95)

#### ■ ANDOVER FARMERS MARKET

**When:** Saturday, Aug. 22

**12:30 - 3:30 p.m.**

**Where:** Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, AUG. 20

**LIVE THEATER,** Oliver opens, Firehouse Center, One Market Square, Newburyport, 7:30 p.m., \$15-17, 978/462-7336, www.firehouse.org; also being performed Aug. 22, 23 at 7:30 p.m. and matinees at 2 p.m.

**ELTON JOHN TRIBUTE BAND,** Bennie and the Jets, 7:30 p.m., Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham, \$25-30; 781-279-2200.

**LIVE MUSIC,** Singer/songwriter Tommy Sands, music and stories of peace in a benefit concert, First Church, One Meetinghouse Green, Ipswich, 7:30 p.m., Suggested donation \$15; seniors and students \$10, Merrimack Valley People for Peace is co-sponsor of event; 978-687-7864.

**FISHY FUN FOR TOTS,** hosted by The Parker River Refuge, Introduce your preschooler to the watery world of fish through stories, songs and more in this hands-on, interactive program, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m., for ages 3 to 5, meet at visitor center, 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport. Free but space is limited and advanced registration is required; 978-465-5753, http://parker-river.fws.gov.

### FRIDAY, AUG 21

**SHAWSHEEN VILLAGE ONLINE PRESENTATION,** discussion and slideshow by Andover Historical Society President and Shawsheen resident Don Robb, 2 p.m. This is a new web-based lecture series. Historical photographs and images of

Shawsheen Village will be featured; info@andoverhistorical.org.

**LIVE JAZZ,** Serene, an Italian American Restaurant on Main Street, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., with Sandi Bedrosian-Hyde (vocals), John Hyde (piano), Thomas Hebb (bass) & Paul Ahlstrand (sax); www.SereneRestaurant.com.

**LIVE MUSIC,** with Eileen Ivers & Immigrant Soul, 7:30 p.m., Boarding House Park, 40 French St., Lowell, \$20, \$16 advance; 978 970-5200, www.lowellsummermusic.org.

**BOSTON COMEDY NIGHT,** featuring stand-up comedy by Jane Condon, Jimmy Dunn, and Maureen Langan, 8 p.m., Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham, \$22-27; 781-279-2200.

### SATURDAY, AUG. 22

**BOOK SIGNING,** Of Sugar and Snow: A History of Ice Cream Making author Jeri Quinzio, 1 to 2 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., Andover, free, open to the public.

**ANDOVER FARMERS MARKET,** Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., Andover, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., 15 vendors; 978-475-2236.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL,** 3 p.m., Marland Place, 27 Stevens St., Andover.

**LIVE JAZZ,** with Grace Kelly, jazz saxophonist, singer, songwriter, composer and arranger, part of Maudslay Arts

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## Tweet! New event at the library

On Twitter and Facebook? Memorial Hall Library is too, and is encouraging people to check out its Twitter and Facebook pages to get the latest up-to-the-minute library news. Residents can register for a free Twitter account at www.twitter.com and "follow" Memorial Hall Library. They'll get daily instant updates about events and other library information. Those who would rather not join Twitter can visit the library's Twitter page at http://twitter.com/AndoverLibrary to read the latest "tweets" or updates.

Residents also can register for a free Facebook account at www.facebook.com, and become a "fan" of Memorial Hall Library. As a fan, they will receive news-feed updates so they can keep current about library events and news.

People who only use Facebook can view all of MHL's Twitter tweets on the RSS/Blog tab.

#### Children's and Teen rooms

The library says its Twitter and Facebook pages include RSS feeds from the Children's Room's blog, or kids can visit the full BK Club at www.mhl.org/kids.fun.

Older youth can follow the Teen Room tweets at http://twitter.com/MHLTeenRoom for updates especially for teens.

If you don't need 24/7 contact, you can ask to receive a monthly email with all of the library news and events for all ages. Visit www.mhl.org/about/events/alerts.htm to sign up.

## Festive family show by Merrimack Valley Philharmonic

Classical and pop music geared for all ages will return to the Rogers Center on Sunday, Sept. 13, at 2:30 p.m..

Merrimack College's Rogers Center says tickets are on sale for "the always popular Merrimack Valley Philharmonic for an afternoon of classical and pop music fun for the whole family. This family concert is a great way to introduce young people to the marvelous world of orchestral music, but it will also thrill people of all ages."

The program features a performance by student violinist Gergana Haralampieva and marches to Broadway

selections. Haralampieva will perform the violin perfection of Antonin Dvorak's Violin Concerto in A minor, and the philharmonic orchestra will give the audience a broad spectrum of popular classical favorites. The Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra has played for Rogers Center audiences for the past decade.

Advance tickets are \$18, advance students and seniors tickets are \$12 and all tickets at the door are \$18. Student rush tickets are \$5.

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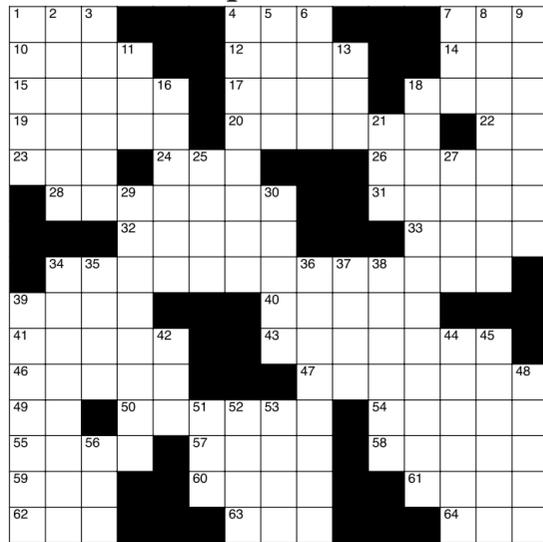
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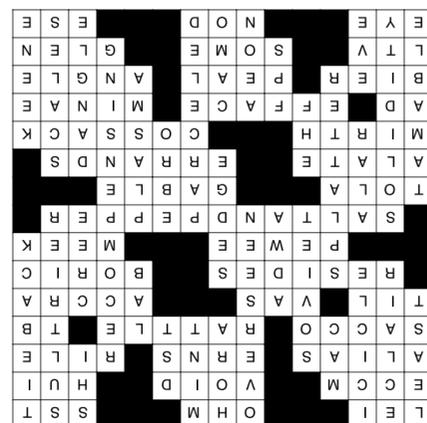
### CLUES ACROSS

1. Garland of flowers
4. Physicist Georg Simon
7. Very fast airplane
10. Electronic counter-countermeasures
12. Containing nothing
14. A Maori social gathering
15. Alternate name
17. Sea eagles
18. Make angry
19. \_\_\_ and Vanzetti
20. Baby's sound toy
22. Atomic #65
23. \_\_\_ death do us part
24. Vessel or duct
26. Capital of Ghana
28. Occupies
31. Contains boron
32. Woodland flycatcher
33. Humble in spirit
34. Table condiments
39. Unit of weight (Indian)
40. Actor Clark
41. Having wing-like extensions
43. Short tasked missions
46. Hilarity
47. Czarist Russia cavalymen
49. In the year of Our Lord
50. Rub or wipe out
54. Units of weight
55. Coffin stand
57. Make a ringing sound
58. Fish with a hook & line
59. Mortgage value ratio

### CLUES DOWN

1. Opposite of most
2. Oblong cream puff
3. Frozen spike
4. Superintended
5. Israeli dance
6. Coin factory
7. \_\_\_ite: Muslim branch
8. More muggy
9. Restrain plants
11. Rubberized raincoat
13. Fall back time
16. Council in former USSR
18. Compensating
21. Workplace for research
25. Ethiopian town
27. One of the Algonquian
29. Splashes of liquid
30. Grasslike bog plant
34. Firmness
35. Daminozide
36. With package
37. A river in NE Spain
38. A fourth state of matter
39. Domesticatable
42. Extremely high frequency
44. Hang loosely
45. Weighing machines
48. 03431
51. Exposure rate for film
52. Longest division of geological time
53. Military disguise
56. Adam's wife

### Solution



## ENTERING ANDOVER by Don Mathias



## EVENTS CALENDAR

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### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26

Center summer season in Newburyport, 7 p.m., patio seating at tables is \$20 and lawn seating overlooking the stage (bring your own chairs or blanket) is \$18. Children 12 and younger are invited to all performances and lawn seating is free. Concert goers are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner; 978-499-0050; www.maudslayartscenter.org.

**BACKYARD BARBECUE**, Ashland Farms, 700 Chickering Road, North Andover, 5 p.m. Ruff McQueen will perform a selection of classic oldies, swing, pop, country and party songs. Free, open to the public, bring lawn chairs and blankets. RSVP 978-683-1300.

**ITALIAN OPERA SOPRANO**, 6:45 p.m., and Alzheimer's Support Group, 7-9 p.m., Marland Place, 27 Stevens St., Andover.

overlooking the stage (bring your own chairs or blanket) is \$18. Children 12 and younger are invited to all performances and lawn seating is free. Concert goers are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner; 978-499-0050. Mastercard and Visa are accepted by telephone or at the center an hour before the performance; www.maudslayartscenter.org.

**LIVE MUSIC**, with Charlie Farren & Friends, noon to 6 p.m., Pentucket Bank Community Room, 25 Merrimack St., Haverhill; www.pentucketplayers.org

### THURSDAY, AUG. 27

**ONE DAY WORKSHOP**, "How It Was Made," 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., explore history, physics and more. Learn about Andover's mill history and the technology that powered these mills, ages 9-13. \$20 members, \$25 non-members, bring lunch, includes snack; info@andoverhistorical.org.

**LIVE MUSIC**, veteran singer-songwriter Jon Shain, combines improvised piedmont blues with bluegrass, swing and ragtime, part of Maudslay Arts Center summer season in Newburyport, 7 p.m., patio seating at tables is \$20 and lawn seating overlooking the stage (bring your own chairs or blanket) is \$18. Children 12 and younger are invited to all performances and lawn seating is free. Concert goers are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner; 978-499-0050. Mastercard and Visa are accepted by telephone or at the center an hour before the performance; www.maudslayartscenter.org.

### SUNDAY, AUG. 23

**LOCAL HIKE**, the Andover Trails Committee hosts the 2nd segment of its 4-segment hike series. Series covers Andover's entire 18-mile stretch of the Bay Circuit Trail, 1 to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Meet at the Horn Bridge on the corner of Red Spring and Reservation roads, Andover. Shuttles will take hikers to the beginning of the hike at the Ward Reservation on Prospect Street, and then hikers will hike back to their cars near the Horn Bridge. Final segment is Sept. 27.

**ARMENIAN FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL**, hosted by Armenian Church at Hye Pointe, noon to 5 p.m., American Legion Farm, 1314 Main St., Haverhill, with food and live music, bring lawn chairs; 978-372-9227.

**LIVE OUTDOOR MUSIC**, Vintage John Penny Band, a traditional country western band, 2 p.m., part of Maudslay Arts Center summer season in Newburyport, patio seating at tables is \$20 and lawn seating overlooking the stage (bring your own chairs or blanket) is \$18. Children 12 and younger are invited to all performances and lawn seating is free. Concert goers are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner; 978-499-0050; www.maudslayartscenter.org.

**LIVE EASY LISTENING**, with the big band sound of the legendary Guy Lombardo orchestra, from hot jazz to soft dance, 7:30 p.m., Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham, \$34-44; 781-279-2200.

### MONDAY, AUG. 24

**RAGTIME PIANO**, with Scott Andrews, 2 p.m., Marland Place, 27 Stevens St., Andover.

### SUNDAY, AUG. 30

**AUDITIONS**, "SCROOGE," Pentucket Players, noon to 6 p.m., Pentucket Bank Community Room, 25 Merrimack St., Haverhill; www.pentucketplayers.org

### MONDAY, AUG. 31

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**, 7 p.m., Collins Center, 80 Shawshen Road, Andover.

## Merrimack Rep.: Despite economy, stage set for shows to go on

Merrimack Repertory Theatre has completed its 30th anniversary season, and reports that 2008-09 was "both an artistic and financial success."

With the books now closed on fiscal year 2009, which ended June 30, the Lowell company reports Merrimack Repertory Theatre finished in the black and recorded a modest operating surplus for the fourth consecutive year. The surplus will further reduce the theater's mortgage on its Bagshaw Mills office, rehearsal and housing facility and build operating cash reserves, it said in a release.

"The economic crisis that began early last season has had a dire effect on several local non-profit theaters, but thanks to the proactive leadership of Merrimack Rep's Board of Trustees and staff and the continued support of its thousands of subscribers and donors, the company is weathering the financial storm," it reported.

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# Community gardens begin to bear fruit

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

A community garden has sprung up at the senior center on Bartlet Street, thanks to some local green thumbs and a lot of volunteer hours.

The senior center garden, which features vegetables planted on raised beds, is the first of several planned for Andover, said Pam Thornton, chairwoman of Andover's Community Gardens Advisory Committee.

The beds, at 30 inches tall, make the garden handicapped accessible, and folks in wheelchairs or with walkers can come right up to the plants to touch, smell and enjoy. The space offers horticultural therapy, said Thornton, as well as a social outlet for seniors to visit, gather and relax.

Vegetables and herbs grown in the garden have been used in the senior center's kitchen.

With a background in education and farming, Thornton is diving headfirst into the community gardens project, partnering with schools and volunteer groups, including local garden clubs and the disability commission.

The project is an offshoot of



A hot pepper planted by gardener Pamela Thornton begins to grow from the raised garden bed the Andover Youth Service built at the Andover Senior Center.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photo



Andover Youth Services Director Bill Fahey, right, and volunteers, from left, Nathan Hass, Richard Martin and Matt Beirne work together recently to put a fence up around a raised garden bed, far left, at the Andover Senior Center.

a recent revision to the town's Open Space and Recreation Plan. A product of six months of work by a team of town employees and citizen volunteers, the plan details every trail, river and public green space in town.

Last updated in 2001, the

plan also fleshes out long-term goals to maintain and expand Andover conservation areas. It reflects feedback from residents on how Andover's 2,000 acres of town-owned conservation land could be more user-friendly. In fact, that's where the idea for community gardens

began.

The community gardens committee hopes to create gardens for public school classrooms, offering agricultural education curriculum, as well as gardens at the Andover Housing Authority and on town conservation land, where residents could sign up to maintain their own plot.

Plans are underway to

coordinate a garden at Andover High School with Melanie Cutler, an environmental science teacher.

Organizers are looking for donations of gardening supplies, business sponsorship and volunteers to help with the project. To get involved, contact Pam Thornton or Howard Kassler, hmkkassler@verizon.net.

## Service Club of Andover hosts 29th annual Special Field Games

Saturday, Sept. 19, the Service Club of Andover will host the 29th annual Special Field Games for men, women and child athletes with physical and mental disabilities at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill. The Service Club and volunteers who participate in the games share an interest of staying connected to the community and helping athletes enjoy the spirit of friendly competition.

Scheduled events include the 25-, 50- and 100-yard dashes, Hole in One, Soccer Ball Kick, Softball Toss, Frisbee Toss, the Wheelchair Turtle Pull and the Wheelchair Race. Trophies and medals are awarded to all athletes who participate after a barbecue lunch. There will be music, dancing and fun for all, say organizers.

All persons interested in registering as athletes or volunteers should contact Kellie Martin 603-893-6954. A registration form is available online at [www.serviceclubofandover.org](http://www.serviceclubofandover.org). Complete the form return it to the club by Sept. 4.

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On Sunday morning, Oct. 18, Andover veterans, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and interested citizens will meet at 11 a.m. in the parking lot adjacent to the Park to replace 3,600 flags on the graves of deceased Andover veterans. The process takes about 90 minutes and affords an opportunity to see parts of Andover's history up close. In case of inclement weather, the flags will be placed on flags at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25. For more information, call the Veterans Office at 978-623-8218.

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# Townspeople

## Summer of '33 hot with arson in Ballardvale

Virginia Perry Reck

The year was 1933 and my mother, Virginia Moody (now Perry) was 12 years old. That summer was a time of fear for her family and others in Ballardvale as an arsonist was setting fires to abandoned buildings among the Ballardvale mills. Mother's father owned P.W. Moody Company, a two-building mill on Dale Street in the middle of the Ballardvale mills. It was the source of their livelihood, and in 1933, the United States was in the midst of the Great Depression. Financial survival was uncertain and everyone in Moody family had to pitch in and work at the mill.

At the time, Andover had a fire horn that, day or night, would blare out a series of horn "bleats" that signaled where in town a fire was. My uncle, Richard Moody remembers that Ballardvale was two blasts, a pause and then four blasts. The summer of 1933 the fire horn would wake Mother and her family from sleep several times. Each would lie in tension holding their breath and counting the blasts to see if it signaled another fire in Ballardvale. If it was Ballardvale, and unfortunately it often was, they would spring from their beds in their home on Ballardvale Road and jump into the clothes that they had laid out fireman-style beside their beds. My grandfather taught his kids to layer their clothes in a pile so that they could put them on in a rush. He told his kids that if they weren't dressed and downstairs when he was that he couldn't wait for them. Mother says that no one was ever left behind.

They would jump into their old Ford and tear down Ballardvale Road, Woburn Street and Andover Street peering ahead into the night trying to see if the sky showed flames over the mills. Crowds of people would also awaken at the fire signal and would gather around the mills to watch the firemen work to put out the fires. The fire department speculated that the arsonist was likely one of the onlookers at the fires; however, they had no evidence.

As the long summer wore

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## EVERGREEN, EVEN AFTER 45 YEARS



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

From left to right, "Big" Jim Loscutoff, his wife Lynn, "Little" Jim Loscutoff and his wife Debby celebrate during the Camp Evergreen reunion party. Former campers and counselors came back to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the day camp with the family, enjoying a cookout, swimming and sharing old photographs.



Tamsin Tyler, left, 26, Kara Kenny, center, 28, and Amanda Zahi, 30, all former campers and counselors, talk about the fun times they had at Camp Evergreen.



Brittany Romeo, left, 21, Lars Keil, 27, and Sarah Loscutoff, 25, laugh at old photographs during the Camp Evergreen reunion party.



Brian Kenny, 28, gives a big hug to his sister Meaghan Fairbanks, 25, both of Andover and former campers and counselors at Camp Evergreen, during its 45th anniversary party on Saturday, Aug. 15.

## 'Reach out' and other lessons of Cape Town

By Courtney Casper



It is the middle of winter here in Cape Town. The days are warm and the nights are cold. The city is full of energy, bustling with

the sounds of cars and minibuses, music, shouting, barking, laughter, echoes and footsteps. Giant mountains surround the city, majestically towering over the people, breaking the wide and wild sky overhead.

Over the past weeks, I have fallen in love with this country — its landscape, its people, its corruption, its unity. It is nothing like Andover. Actually, it is nothing I could have ever even imagined.

The atmosphere at the heart of Cape Town is similar to that of any big cities in the States, such as Boston or Denver. Commercialism is abundant, skyscrapers and beautifully-designed office buildings crowd the streets, lights and neon signs brighten the evening, and a certain level of overall style saturates the area. But just outside of the city, the third-world colors of South Africa truly shine.

Driving down the highway, I see shanties overlapping each other for miles on either



COURTESY PHOTO

This photo by Courtney Casper shows the grade 1 students on Friday, Aug. 7. Every Friday, 95 percent of the schoolchildren at Fairview Primary pay a small amount to wear their clothes from home. All collections help pay for items such as future projects, reconstruction and classroom amenities.

side, built out of cardboard, tin, trash, bed springs, wire and rope. My gaze lingers on young children kicking up dust, running around tires, and playing soccer barefoot with large bottles. I watch their older brothers and sisters pace along

the roadside with their thumbs up, hoping for a ride that won't come for hours, if it even comes at all. I see mothers with hopelessness and exhaustion etched across their faces. They trudge through the grass on feet worn and caked with mud. I watch

them, clutching round-faced infants wrapped in long cloths close to their breasts. This is the hand they have been dealt. This is the life their young ones will unfortunately grow to lead. What other choice do they have? They are stuck in

the same merciless cycle one finds in every other third-world country. Without money, there can be no education. Without education, employment is out of the question. And without some kind of job, they find themselves back at square one.

This dark and ever-present reality was part of what inspired me to teach English to first-graders in Cape Town this summer. After months of fundraising, working part-time, babysitting, and pulling my hair out, I was placed at Fairview Primary School through an international program called Projects Abroad. Fairview is a wonderful public school located in Grassy Park, which strives towards a proper and thorough education for each and every student. But for every teacher, there are usually about 40 children, with minimal classroom resources. I am assisting almost 100 children in total, working on sentence building and structure, reading and writing. Each class makes time for storytelling and recreation each day to keep the children's minds open and stimulated. In addition, music and song are highly integral parts of each child's education, as they allow children to learn all kinds of concepts and values in a playful and interactive way.

Fairview Primary School was constructed during apartheid in 1975. During this period of extreme segregation

and discrimination against nonwhites, Grassy Park had been a primarily colored area. The school itself was a pre-fabricated building, only meant to last for about 10 to 15 years. Now, 35 years later, the building still stands, although it is slowly falling apart. The walls are only 28 millimeters thick, almost guaranteeing poor teaching conditions for both the winter and summer months. The sports field which is used by around 1,000 children each day was replaced 10 years ago, but is now a field of dust. "There just seems to be no money to fix up the school," Principal Aubrey De Wet says. "Funds have always been such a large problem." Unlike most other countries, South Africa demands a fee for any child to attend any school, whether public or private. In addition, schools already receive very minimal state funding. Therefore, it becomes very difficult for schools to offer any financial aid to their families that struggle to meet ends with the school fees. Last year was the first year Fairview Primary ever had to turn down places for incoming students. And we think our education system has problems.

However, there are some very positive things about this specific school. Firstly, the school offers a range of intramural

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# When the boss is away...little sis will play

**Sue Tabb**

My oldest daughter is away at overnight camp for the first time. This is a joyous occasion for her younger sister who has decided to celebrate her newfound freedom by touching, wearing, playing and riding all the things that are generally off limits to her with any infractions being punishable by death. Or, at the very least, a throat-choking headlock and a wedgie.

She is trying out her sister's favorite tank tops, using her hair products, buzzing around on her bike and touching her "stuff." My eldest is careful to keep said "stuff" under lock and key, where it is only shared with or touched by those select few who can appreciate why you would pay the equivalent to a nice dinner out for a cotton T-shirt that says "Hollister." Duh!

So, because it is summer and I am lazy, and because she is willing to do it, my youngest daughter has decided she will be my guest contributor for today's column. This makes me very happy since I can now pour a glass of wine, sit back and watch her try to make my deadline.

So here is my 9-year-old's ode to her sister at camp. Keep in mind she is very brave when the boss is away:

*Well, let's start with saying that her bike works great, but she might want to consider raising the seat because it fits me and she is two years older than me!*

*She has great style in clothes. I mean her tank tops are beautiful. And she has awesome pants except for the fact that they are too big on the waist (which means they fall down) so she should get some smaller sizes.*

*Her favorite ponytail looks great, especially in my hair. She has pretty headbands, too. And her hair products smell really, really good. One smells like*

*strawberry and one smells like lilacs. I suggest you get some. Enough of that, let's talk about the attention. I mean all the attention goes to me! For example, my Mom said to me earlier, "What do you want to do, honey?" and I said, "Let's go out for ice cream!" Guess what - we did go out for ice cream!*

*And that's my great time I've had for the past two weeks. If you are my age, or near it, and your sister goes away, I suggest doing the same stuff I did. She'll never find out!*

*PS I'm almost 10*

OK, so she's bored with this little game already and apparently unaware that anyone in town can read this column and report back to big sis. I guess we'll keep that little fact to ourselves. She'll find out soon enough when, as a form of revenge, her American Girl doll's hair is chopped off and she is stuffed in the nearest toilet. She may figure out the connection by then.

So my plan is to enjoy my last few days without the bickering and psychological warfare that has become a way of life in our household. I miss my oldest daughter terribly, but I don't miss refereeing the discussions that involve who stole the picture of Kevin Jonas or who's chatting online without permission or who left the wet towel on the floor.

To anyone reading this I must issue a fair warning: if you tell my daughter anything about this column; if you mention, refer or even hint at anything that remotely relates to the content of this column, I will have to put you in one of those choke holds and make you listen to the "pa-pa-pa poker face" song about two billion times or until a Miley Cyrus song seems, by comparison, almost palatable.

It's time to go wash and put away the tank tops before they become the evidence in "Exhibit A." Remember, no tattling!



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Getting outdoors and feeling good are this summer's BoomerVenture themes. Moving to Wednesday nights, the program is focused on exercise and yoga classes. But now, there is an opportunity for participants to have dinner at "Grill Night"

# Virginia Anne Carroll and Sean Michael Chicarello

Virginia Anne Carroll and Sean Michael Chicarello were married June 6, 2009 at the Granite Rose in Hampstead, N.H., where Joseph Spanos, justice of the peace, officiated. A reception followed the ceremony.

Maids of honor were Heidi Carroll and Victoria Carroll.

Best men were Stephen Chicarello and Scott Chicarello.

The bride is the daughter of Alan and Sharon Carroll of Andover. She is a 2001 graduate of Andover High School and graduated from Merrimack College

in 2005 with a bachelor of arts degree in graphic design. She is a district photo lab manager at CVS Pharmacy in Andover.

The groom is the son of Leonard and Debbie Chicarello of Andover. He is a 1998 graduate of Andover High School and attended the University of Massachusetts Lowell for two years studying art and music. He is a warehouse coordinator at Marshall's in Andover and a singer/songwriter.

Following their honeymoon cruise to Bermuda, the couple live in Methuen.

on the ASC patio and taking in a concert in the park, where musical styles range from swing bands to the swingin' 1960s.

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BoomerVenture fall semester will return to Thursday evenings after Labor Day.

# AFRICA: Teaching in Cape Town has changed teen's life

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activities after hours. These activities are taught by gracious teachers who give their time up willingly and refuse payment. Teachers also stay with their same class of students from Grade 1 through Grade 3, which helps to compensate for such a large student-teacher ratio. Furthermore, the school refuses to use physical disciplinary action. Finally, there is always a steady flow of volunteers passing through the school, whether they are placed by Projects Abroad, through other schools and universities around the world, or are independent travelers.

The volunteer work in the school has given me such a strong feeling of personal achievement and satisfaction. Teaching here has also taught

me patience beyond what I ever thought I would be capable of at my age.

In fact, this entire adventure so far has been nothing short of amazing. Many people told me "traveling changes everything" before I left and even on my flight, but I never expected just how right they would be. Being out of my comfort zone and experiencing this whole new world has given me a completely different perspective on life. Why did I ever care about what clothes I wore, or what kind of cell phone I had, or who was right in last night's argument?

Here, clothes do not matter. Cell phones are all pay-as-you-go, and are too expensive to use frequently. The internet is a luxury. The train stations are packed with people but at least smell better than the London underground. Cars do not slow

for pedestrians, no matter how young or old. Youngsters stray from safety without fear, running across streets, dodging traffic left and right. Stray dogs look both ways before they cross.

At night, it is safer to go through red lights than to stop at them. The marketplaces are alive with locals and tourists. A stranger looking for attention calls out of his car asking where an attractive girl's father is, and does he know she is out? Men wait at intersection stops to sell handmade crafts to people in their cars. Make up is almost nonexistent. Women stick by each other, and are always looking to offer advice. Time means little. Family means everything. A sunset on Signal Hill is a piece of artwork. A sunrise in Nature's Valley is the presence of God. Culture is celebrated.

Food is never wasted. Innocence is a gift. Forgiveness is essential. People are beautiful. Struggle is normality. Music is everywhere. Life is for the moment.

If I may offer only one piece of advice from my experience, it is this: explore humanity. Venture out of your little corner and get your hands dirty. Expose your eyes to the wonders of the world we live in. Eat things that disgust you. Try things that scare you. Get to know the kinds of people you judged before you even met them, and reassess. Reach out to anyone who reaches for you. Reach out even when they don't reach for you.

And don't bother planning it all out, because the best plans often go astray. Instead, be spontaneous, and experiment your way through life. The best things happen to us when we aren't looking for them.

# FIRES: Arsonist added fear to summer of 1933 in Ballardvale

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on, the arsonist continued his dastardly work. Even the abandoned boarding house on Dale Street was burned. My uncle remembers that a couple of mill buildings were burned to the ground while some others were badly damaged. Amazingly and

fortunately, P.W. Moody Company's buildings were never the arsonist's target.

Finally, after the many fires and damage, the arsonist made a mistake. The firemen must have had suspicions as to who he was. Perhaps it was the look on his face or his prompt arrival at the fires. Whatever

the cause of their suspicions, they caught the arsonist with a piece of wallpaper in his pocket. It was wallpaper from the abandoned house on Dale Street that he had set fire to that night. There was no way that the arsonist would have had access to the boarded up house and the wallpaper unless

he had set the fire. The arsonist was arrested on the spot. Later, he was convicted and sent to prison.

After the arsonist was arrested, the fires in Ballardvale stopped to everyone's relief. Bernice Haggerty, a long-time resident of Ballardvale, remembers hearing about the fires

when she first moved to Ballardvale in 1936. She said that the memories of the fires were still fresh in resident's minds. Seventy-six years later, my family still remembers that frightening summer. Stories have been passed down to children and grandchildren to be vigilant about the danger of fires and

proactive in prevention with fire extinguishers, safety ladders and fire drills.

*Virginia Perry Reck is a long time resident of Andover. She is filling in for Bill Dalton, whose column will return in two weeks.*

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POLICE LOG

Because there was no police log in last week's Townsman, this paper's log includes items from Tuesday, Aug. 4 through Monday, Aug. 17.

ARRESTS

Tuesday, Aug. 4 - At 6:53 p.m., Marion Scott, 58, of 113 Shandon Road, Apt. 410, Boston, was arrested and charged with driving with a revoked license, subsequent offense, and driving an uninspected vehicle.

Friday, Aug. 7 - At 5:03 p.m., Kevin Bradley Sierra, 17, of 2 Kathleen Drive, was arrested and charged with assault, malicious destruction of property over \$250 and intimidating a witness.

At 10:05 p.m., Eric Santana, 25, of 32 Lawrence St. Apt. 17, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with rape. When asked if the assault occurred in Andover, Lt. Lee Britton said no other details surrounding the incident or Santana's arrest will be released.

Saturday, Aug. 8 - At 9:03 and 9:26 p.m., Patrick Escabi, 25, of 230 Blodgett St., Manchester N.H., and Janna Lanese, 25, of 86 Warner Hill Road, Apt. 17, Raymond, N.H., were arrested and charged with possession of a class A substance.

Monday, Aug. 10 - At 12:55 p.m., Ariel Celestino De Gusmao-Crey, 28, of 8 Gold St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with driving without a license and giving a false name/address to police.

Tuesday, Aug. 11 - At 8:43 a.m., Torin M. Traynor, 23, of 12 Nicoll Drive, was arrested and charged on warrants for assault and intimidating a witness.

At 10:42 a.m., Paul N. Tanguay, 46, of 36 Gates St., second floor apartment, Lowell, was arrested and charged on two warrants for driving without a license as well as forgery of an RMV document.

At 11:02 a.m., Brandon F. Baldasari, 18, of 6 Central St. Methuen, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, failing to wear a seatbelt, attaching wrong plates to a motor vehicle, and driving an uninsured car and uninsured vehicle trailer.

At 12:22 p.m., Stephen C. Sullivan, 44, of 12 Dracut Road, Hudson, N.H., was arrested and charged on warrants for distributing a class B drug and conspiracy.

At 9:16 p.m., Robin Berry, 33, of

12 Leland Road, North Reading, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

Wednesday, Aug. 12 - At 11:40 a.m., Gary J. Matos, 43, of 228 Andover St. Apt. 2, Andover, was arrested and charged with possession of a class B substance, subsequent offense, and on eight warrants.

At 5:04 p.m., a domestic situation was reported with a 14-year-old with a BB gun, who had fled on a bicycle. At 5:34 p.m., a juvenile was arrested on South Main Street and charged with assault and battery on a household member and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Thursday, Aug. 13 - At 11:11 a.m., Mark A. Nightingale, 47, of 26 Forest Acres Drive, Haverhill, was arrested and charged on two warrants.

At 2:37 p.m., Juan Rodriguez, 20, of 78 Sunset St. Apt. 2, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with speeding and driving with a revoked license.

Friday, Aug. 14 - At 5:43 p.m., a Dartmouth Road resident reported a suspicious female going through backyards in the neighborhood.

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Monday, Aug. 17 - At 1:35 p.m., Grant C. Brewer, 22, of 189 Greenwood Road was arrested and charged on a warrant for a restraining order violation.

At 9:22 p.m., police received a call reporting a disorderly person on South Main Street. At 9:41 p.m., Robert M. Ford, 65, of 17 Rocky Hill Road, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a police officer.

BREAKS

Monday, Aug. 10 - At 4:44 p.m., a William Street resident returned home to find her house had been broken into. A kitchen window was open and a television from the kitchen was missing.

THEFTS

Wednesday, Aug. 5 - At 5:13 p.m., the Andover Gift Shop, Main Street, reported a shoplifter.

Friday, Aug. 7 - At 11:54 a.m., a Furnari Farm Road resident called police because several plums were stolen off a plum tree on his property.

Tuesday, Aug. 11 - At 4:17 p.m., a Main Street store owner reported the shoplifting of three pairs of sunglasses worth \$600 by two adult males.

INCIDENTS

Thursday, Aug. 6 - At 6:55 a.m., an officer found some obscenities spray-painted onto South Main Street and notified the DPW to paint them over.

Friday, Aug. 7 - At 12:30 p.m. the Residence Inn, Minuteman Road, requested an officer after finding a firearm a guest had left under a bed in a hotel room.

Saturday, Aug. 8 - At 9:08 p.m., police received a report of illegal dumping on Brookside Drive.

At 10:23 p.m., police received an anonymous tip that a drug deal was taking place at Dunkin' Donuts, North Main Street. Three officers responded, but found the restaurant to be quiet, with no signs of a drug deal.

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

Thursday, Aug. 13 - At 3:30 p.m., a Bradley Road resident called police after receiving a suspicious package with a red skeleton on it. A responding officer found the package to be two VHS tapes, and disposed of them.

1-10 Announcements

Happy Ads: Place a happy ad in this section to wish a special someone a Happy Birthday, Anniversary, Retirement, Thinking of You, or Just Wish Them a Nice Day.

REWARD

LOST CAMERA, small silver, at Little League benefit at Gloucester House parking lot, Gloucester. (860) 834-3836

LOST Canon digital camera on or near boardwalk in Newburyport Wednesday 8/5. Please call if you found it.

LOST CAT - EPPING, NH Spayed female tiger, part angora, named Kavlie. Aug. 7, North River Rd. 603-679-5774

LOST CAT - Female, not fixed, small, tabby medium hair, lives by Pat's Diner in Salisbury. She is deeply missed. Please call (978) 499-8752

LOST CAT - Gray & white Maine Coon, 17 years old, 'Shelby', last seen on Spring Pond Rd., Peabody on July 26. Please call (978) 530-1151

LOST CAT, large 3/4 white and 1/4 black 15 lb male, missing from Boxton, Newburyport. (978) 885-9358

LOST wedding band, 3 rows of diamonds, arthritis setting, Market Basket parking lot or building or Wal-Mart in Salem NH. Rewarded (603) 548-9358

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11-17 Financial

LOST CAT - Large orange tabby male neutered cat. Recently seen in vicinity of Burley St. & Thorpe School, Danvers. (978) 762-4804 leave message.

LOST CAT - North Beverly, MA thin short hair, dark gray, male tiger cat. Call 978-317-1973

LOST CAT PURE GRAY SHORT HAIR FEMALE IN GROVELAND MASS. If FOUND CALL 978-288-9676

LOST CAT tan/black tiger female, white under chin & chest, black circles on side of belly, 14 years, since 7/2, Sargent Ave./Prospect Hill Beverly 978-290-2703

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

LOST CAT/vicinity of Caleb's Lane, Rockport. Fluffy gold colored tiger cat, white on chest & paws. "Wallace". Very friendly. Sadly missed by family. (508) 284-3022

LOST Claming fark, vicinity of Rte. 95 to Gloucester. Fell from truck. Sentimental value. (781) 558-0812

LOST LUCKY, vicinity of RTE 127, Rockport/Gloucester left hand Lynx golf clubs, Bazoaka woods, black cobra bag. (978) 283-4579

LOST Engagement Ring at Magnolia Beach Club, Magnolia, on Wed., Aug. 12th. Reward. Call (978) 283-1611

LOST: English Mastiff, brindle female, "Zoe" in Newton NH near Newton Junction on July 11th. Call (978) 688-3426

LOST - God! necklace with cross on 8/15 at Deed Horse Lane, Salem Willows. Reward. Call (978) 594-8533

LOST: Haverhill, Ellen St, female older, mid size colico cat. Very friendly. White, orange, black. Please call 978-372-2805.

LEGAL NOTICE

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING: A public hearing will be held at the PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM, 1ST FLOOR, 32 NORTH MAIN ST., ANDOVER on THURSDAY, September 3, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin: Oh, most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, Splendor of heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin assist me in this, my necessity. Oh star of the sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother.

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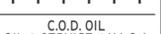
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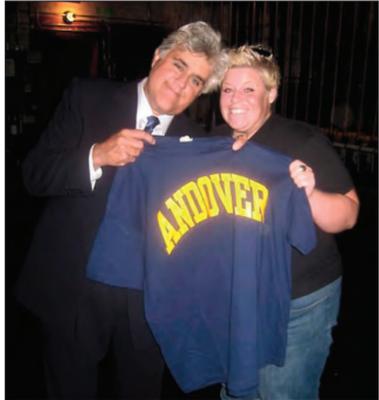
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## TOWN TALK



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Jay Leno with Alison Shurman from Andover.

### Jay talking

Alison Shurman got more than just a few laughs at Andover native Jay Leno's hour-long stand-up show last Tuesday. She left with a picture of her and the late-night talk-show legend, too.

Shurman, a 2001 Andover High graduate, was one of the 1,000 people who scored free tickets from Bernie & Phyl's Furniture to Leno's show at the Emerson Cutler Majestic Theater in Boston on Aug. 11. After the show, the huge Leno fan hoped to meet him, or at least give him the Andover T-shirt her family brought. After talking to security, she thought she might be shut out.

But when a pair of doors opened to let some executives in, she slipped in with them, she said.

"I snuck in. People were not happy I was

there. He was. It was an amazing opportunity for someone from Andover to meet him," she said.

Leno lived up to his reputation as an accommodating and friendly star.

"I talked to him about five minutes about Andover. He offered, 'Would you like to take a picture?'" Shurman said. "I was beyond-belief, shaking."

—Neil Fater

### Safety first

John Pasquale of Whittier Street took it upon himself to remind folks where the emergency exit was during an overcrowded tri-board meeting on Aug. 17. Held in the selectmen's relatively small third-floor conference room of Town Offices, attendees and board members were packed in and lining the walls.

"We have exceeded the occupancy of this room," said Pasquale. "I'm acting as the public safety officer."

Selectmen Chair Alex Vispoli thanked Pasquale, and noted that the fire and police chiefs were both in the room, sitting behind Pasquale.

"Notice I'm sitting near the door," quipped Police Chief Brian Pattullo.

—Bethany Bray

### Is this band jinxed or what?

The Windham Community Band was supposed to perform last month in the Park as part of the summer music series hosted by the Department of Community Services. But, it rained. The band was scheduled for a make-up concert last night, Wednesday, Aug. 19. Rain was in the forecast. The band was making-up a rained out

performance from last summer, said DCS Director Mary Donohue.

"If they get rained out again I'll ask them about performing at the town yard sale (Sept. 24) or The Know Your Town Fair (Oct.3)," she said, before kidding, "or maybe I won't reschedule... it always seems to rain."

—Judy Wakefield

### Film-maker premiers movie

An independent film by Wild Beagle Productions will have a free showing of the movie "27 Down", Saturday, Aug. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Timberlane Performing Arts Center, 40 Greenough Road, Plaistow, N.H. Scenes for "27 Down" were filmed in Andover. The trailer and additional information may be viewed at [www.wildbeagleproductions.com](http://www.wildbeagleproductions.com).

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Tai chi, sometimes called tai chi chuan or taiqi, is a noncompetitive, self-paced system of gentle physical exercise and stretching focused on connecting mind and body. It consists of a series of choreographed postures and movements done in a slow, smooth manner. Each posture flows into the next without pausing. Since tai chi emphasizes technique over strength, it is appropriate for everyone, regardless of age or physical ability.

Originally developed in China as a form of self-defense, tai chi is a graceful form of exercise that has existed for roughly 2,000 years. Practiced regularly, the ancient art of tai chi can help reduce stress and improve health.

Like other practices that bring mind and body together, tai chi can lessen stress. During tai chi, focus remains on movement and breathing. This combination creates a state of relaxation and calm. Stress, anxiety and tension melt away as participants are encouraged to focus on the present, allowing the positive effects of tai chi practice to last long after the session has ended.

Tai chi can also improve overall health, although it is not a substitute for traditional medical care. Tai chi is generally safe for people of all ages and levels of fitness. Older adults may especially find tai chi appealing because the movements are low impact and put minimal stress on muscles and joints. Tai chi may also be helpful if you have arthritis or are recovering from an injury. An instructor can teach you how to practice tai chi safely, especially if you have chronic conditions or balance and coordination problems. Although tai chi has virtually no negative side effects, injuries are possible if tai chi isn't done properly.

In addition to stress reduction and health improvements, tai chi is used to:

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