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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 split 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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# In Brief

## PAST & PRESENT



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



**NOW:** The Doherty Insurance Agency sits near that location today. The insurance agency has called this house home since 1964, when it moved from Main Street.

## 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.

This is a comprehensive program given by experienced muzzleloading instructors for both

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 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

tickets online by credit card, go to www.lazarushouse.org and click on Red Sox Raffle or contact Lisa McEvoy at 978-269-5206 or lisam@lazarushouse.org.

Lazarus House provides a continuum of care encompassing, but not limited to food, shelter, clothing, advocacy, job training, medical and dental care, a listening ear, a welcoming heart, the restoration of dignity and self respect to the poor and needy.

#### 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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# 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.

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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.

### EGG-TOPPED SUMMER VEGETABLE CASSEROLE

Start to finish: 1 hour 5 minutes (30 minutes active)  
Servings: 8

- 2 pounds plum tomatoes (12 to 15 tomatoes)
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 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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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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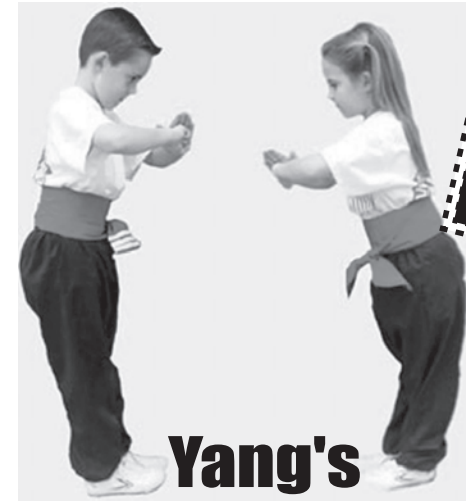
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## ON CAMPUS: Residents who have earned degrees, honors

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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.

**Sherill 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



JAN SEEGER/Staff photo  
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 Maudsley 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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Crossword puzzle

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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

Solution crossword grid with letters filled in.

ENTERING ANDOVER by Don Mathias



EVENTS CALENDAR

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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.

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.

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 Maudsley 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.

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.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26

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.

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

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 Maudsley 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; www.maudsleyartscenter.org.

FRIDAY, AUG. 28

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.

SATURDAY, AUG. 29

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

LIVE JAZZ, with Rebecca Parriss, called the "First Lady of Jazz," part of Maudsley 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.maudsleyartscenter.org.

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

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 Shawsheen 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 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.

"We are also seeking sponsors for this exceptional day. Your business will be advertised to more than 500 participants, their families and friends, and volunteers. Your gift is tax-deductible as we are a nonprofit 501c3 organization, tax id 04-3193360," said the club in a release.

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## Flags on graves

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 Loscutt, his wife Lynn, "Little" Jim Loscutt 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 Loscutt, 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!



## BOOMERVENTURE

BoomerVenture Campus, 30 Whittier Court in Andover. Register now and see the schedule by visiting [www.boomerventure.com](http://www.boomerventure.com) or call Karen at 978-623-8321 for book selection.

### Wednesday nights

Exercise With Energize and Serenity Yoga classes, concerts in the park, weekly "Grill Night" on the ASC patio open to

all Andover residents. BoomerVenture and the Andover Senior Center have it all on Wednesday evenings.

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.

### BoomerBridge

Drop-in games for bridge players, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. \$5 per night.

For more information on BoomerVenture Summer

Campus, contact 978-623-8321 or visit [www.boomerventure.com](http://www.boomerventure.com). Pre-registration required. Information is also available for the following classes upcoming in the fall semester: BoomerZumba, Bridge, Book Club and Nordic Walking.

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.

The incident during which Santana was arrested has been removed from the public police log.

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, having no inspection sticker, 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.

Responding officers arrested a female for a breaking and entering incident on Dartmouth Road. At 6:04 p.m., Tammy L. Byrne, 33, of 16 South Chestnut St., Bradford, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering in the daytime for a felony, larceny under \$250 and having a firearm/ammunition without a FID card.

According to police, they received a description of a male who was operating with Byrne, and started a search of the area with dogs and a state police airwing helicopter.

At 7:55 p.m., Jonathan J. Harney, 27, of 10 Moore Road, Westford, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering in the daytime for a felony and larceny under \$250; also on a warrant for larceny over \$250.

Saturday, Aug. 15 - At 1:56 p.m., Maria Angileri, 25, of 1083 Shawsheen St., Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license.

At 8:22 p.m., Todd B. Cadagan, 34, of 11 Tiffany Lane, was arrested and charged on a warrant for driving with a suspended license.

At 10:31 p.m., Jeffery M. Cullen, 32, of 1799 Bodwell Road Apt. 6, Manchester N.H., was arrested and charged with possessing an electric stun gun and possession

of a class B substance.

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

I Happy Ads

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3A Lost & Found

CAT needs good home, 5 year old male, "Bailey", up to date on all shots, grey with white shadow stripes, pale green/gold eyes, great mousser, in-door/outdoor. (978) 546-1690.

FOUND BIRD: white dove with a little brown on wings, found on Walcott Rd., Beverly. (978) 531-3149

FOUND: Canary on 770 near the Old South Church in Newburyport. 978-463-2549

FOUND CAT - 8/17, older black/white female. On Payson St. in Newburyport. Call MRFRS for more info (978) 462-0760

FOUND CAT in Beverly, vicinity of Charnock St. Orange & white young male. Call Friends of Beverly Animals. (978) 927-4157.

FOUND: Dark & light gray striped cat, female, about 1 yr. old, recently had kittens, found on Walcott Rd., Beverly. (978) 927-6035.

FOUND Gray with black stripe cat, has green flea collar, small. Annisquam area, Gloucester MA (978) 273-7627

FOUND: Handsome gray cat, gold eyes. Been around a few months. Gloucester. 978-525-2237

FOUND - off the River Rd. in Amesbury 2 strays. 1 orange; 1 tiger with light face & paws. Over a month. Feeding outdoors. Call (978) 388-0761

FOUND PRESCRIPTION GLASSES, strong Rx, vicinity Plum Island bike path. (978) 462-4593

FOUND: Ralph Lauren prescription bifocal sunglasses on Inn St. near Tot Lot, Newburyport on July 21. Call (978) 465-5320

FOUND: Set of keys, with a key ring saying sisters all ways, friends forever & a key ring shaped like wings & says ANGEL. Call 978-697-4561

FOUND - Siamese cat, tan & gray, 1 yr. old. Sat. 8/15, Black Cox Newburyport parking lot. (978) 374-2544

FOUND: SMALL black & white cat male east methuen black "sootie" on chin. 978-857-2813

FOUND: Small cat not spayed, call with description of your cat 978-374-7233.

FOUND-YOUNG CAT Long haired, black, 2 collars, in vicinity of Parkland Hospital Call 603-432-2860

LOST, 10 c hammered gold wide wedding band, size 6, vicinity doctor offices parking lot, near Merrimack College, North Andover. Reward. (978) 685-6945

LOST - Bichon Frise, white male, 2.5 yrs old. Missing since June 9th. Vicinity of Brookfield St., South Lawrence. Call (978) 857-3315.

LOST black and white neutered microchipped male. MISSING LEFT EAR. Answers to Chairman Meow. REWARD 978-346-8325

LOST: Black cat missing from Summer St. area Salem, MA. Leave message at 978-210-6179

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. on the petition of the Jeffrey & Lisa Clark, 103 Haggetts Pond Rd., Andover, MA for a Variance from Article VIII, §4.1.2 &/or a Special Permit under Article VIII, §3.3.5 to extend an existing front porch so that it will not meet minimum front setback requirements.

Premises affected are located at 103 Haggetts Pond Rd., Andover, MA in an SRA District as shown on Assessor's Map 210 as Lot 3.

STEPHEN D. ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF APPEALS AT - 8/20, 8/27/09

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Premises affected are located at 8 Cassimere St., Andover, MA in an SRA District as shown on Assessor's Map 54 as Lot 8.

STEPHEN D. ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF APPEALS AT - 8/20, 8/27/09

3A Lost & Found

LOST: Black male domestic short hair near Beach Rd., Salisbury. Call (978) 255-2312

LOST black & white CAT, pink nose, very old in the vicinity of Chapel St. & Woodland St., Newburyport. Please call (978) 462-9768. REWARD

REWARD

LOST Camera. Sat. 7/18 on Salisbury Beach near Shore-line Motel. Canon camera, card reader, grey case. All vacation pics. Settlement value. Reward for return. 508-353-2082.

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. Reward for its safe return. 978-463-2549 Thank you.

LOST CAT - EPING, NH Spayed female tiger, part angora, named Kavali. 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 Boston - Newbury Road, Newbury since 8/1. Name: Bullseye. (978) 747-7352

Lost Cat large light orange tabby male, "Ernie", vicinity of Pine Hill, Gloucester area. Recently seen at fish pier. Ken 339-223-3187

LOST CAT - Large orange tabby male neutered cat. Newbury, vicinity of 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 REWARD 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, Sorgent Ave./Prospect Hill Beverly 978-290-2703

LOST: Cat, thin, all black, male tabby in apartment 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 fork, vicinity of Rte. 95 to Gloucester. Fell from truck. Sentimental value. (781) 558-0812

LOST CLUCKS, vicinity of RTE 127, Rockport/Gloucester left hand Llynx golf club, 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

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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. Oh holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your call. Oh show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you (3 times), Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands. (3 times). Sweet Mother I pray for this cause in your hands. (3 times). Holy Spirit resolve all my problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You gave me the Divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life, you are with me. I want this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you. I am sure that all things I do will be with you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. (The person must say this prayer on three consecutive days. After three days the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the payer is granted). MMM

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LEGAL NOTICE

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

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Premises affected are located at 3 Wabanaki Way, Andover, MA in an SRB District as shown on Assessor's Map 114 as Lot 40.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT (SEAL)

Case No.: 394840 To: Charles J. Weber Jr. and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. BAC Home Loans Servicing L.P. f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing L.P. claiming to be the holder of a Mortgage covering real property in North Andover, numbered 429 Massachusetts Avenue given by Charles J. Weber Jr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. dated June 26, 2006, and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 10252, Page 22 and now held by the plaintiff by assignment has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act as amended and you object to such foreclosure or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before SEP 14 2009 or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, KARYN F. SCHEIER, Chief Justice of said Court on July 30, 2009

Attest: DOROTHY J. PATERSON RECORDER 200902-0863-GRN AT - 08/20/09

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FIDUCIARY'S ACCOUNT

To all persons interested in the estate of John R. Begley of Andover in the County of Essex - a mentally ill person. You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the first and final account of Kathryn E. Begley as Guardian (the fiduciary) of person and the property of said John R. Begley has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Salem on or before the fourteenth day of September, 2009, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request be registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account. If you desire to object to any item of said account, you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days

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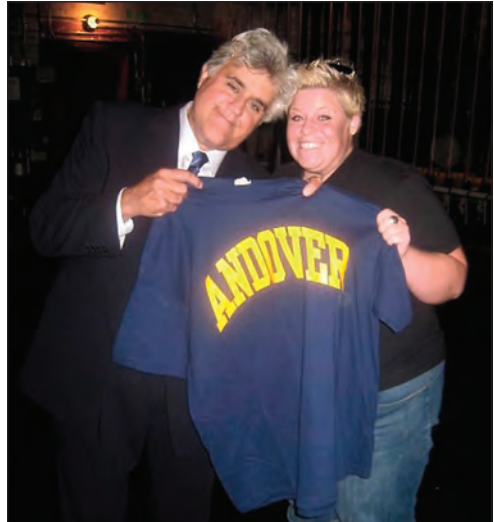
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## TOWN TALK



Courtesy photo  
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:

- Increase flexibility
- Improve muscle strength and definition
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- Increase feelings of well-being

Wondering how to get started in tai chi? Register for two free introductory tai chi workshops offered in September at Yang's Fitness Center & Martial Arts. Yang's offers Beginners' tai chi classes approximately every 3 months.

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