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## Dufton Road eviction called into question Blighted property partially boarded up

By BILL KIRK  
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Deputies from the Essex County Sheriff's department evicted the first-floor tenants of 2-4 Dufton Road Tuesday, but the former owner of the property says the wrong apartment was cleared out. At around 10 a.m., three deputies working for the sheriff, accompanied by local police, arrived at the

property at the corner of Dufton and Burnham roads with a court order calling for the eviction. Joe Boyer, who had owned the property and continued living there after being foreclosed on several years ago, was ordered by police and the deputies to leave the property. His tenants were also ordered to leave. At that point, a company hired by the bank began

boarding up the windows on the first floor while another company began removing items from inside the first-floor apartment. Boyer said he went to Land Court in Lawrence to seek a temporary restraining order against the sheriff's deputies, but the judge denied the request. The problem, Boyer claims, is that while the order calls for the eviction of his tenants,

the moving company actually took all of his belongings out of the building. "Nancy and I live on the first floor," he said. "They have evicted me and my family when the levy (or eviction notice) was against those two." He said the tenants live in one of the two apartments on the second floor.



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo  
Joe Boyer, who owned the property at 2-4 Dufton Road and continued living there after being foreclosed on several years ago, stands in front of the home on Tuesday.

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## New Year — New School



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Kate Livermore, 5, smiles as she looks at a book with Will Vaill, 5, in their kindergarten classroom during an open house at the new Bancroft Elementary School on Tuesday. Schools in Andover opened for the new year on Wednesday.

### Bancroft Elementary opens its doors

By TIM LIMA  
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It's not easy to simultaneously impress 10-year-old twins and their father. But the new Bancroft Elementary School managed to do just that this week as the building officially welcomed its first roster of students to

class. While Wednesday marked the first day of school for students all across Andover, many Bancroft students were treated to a sneak preview of their new \$50 million school

on Tuesday. And they liked what they saw. "It's amazing!" fourth-grader Maddy Robertson said. "It's very big and great and I love it," said 9-year-old Ashley DiBenedetto, who called the media room her favorite part.

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## Historic Wood estate Casino to be rebuilt

By BILL KIRK  
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A casino is being built in the Merrimack Valley. But it won't have slot machines or blackjack tables, like the one proposed in Tewksbury last year. In fact, there won't be any gambling at all in this Casino, a building that was once the entertainment hub for the Wood family at its estate off North Main Street in Andover. The historic structure on the 63-acre Wood estate — or Arden as it is known — is being rebuilt after a devastating fire nearly leveled the building in early February. The cause of the fire,

deemed "suspicious" at the time, remains under investigation, according to Fire Chief Michael Mansfield. The building located at 276 North Main St. was so badly damaged as a result of the blaze that the town ordered the structure to be demolished as a safety measure, Mansfield said. The demolition occurred earlier this year and now the owner of the property, Rosalyn Wood, is in the process of building a facsimile of the historic Casino, as it was called. The Conservation Commission "permitted them (the Wood estate) to build

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## Missing contract muddies Merrimack dorm project

By BILL KIRK  
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As the Planning Board was poised this week to close discussions on dormitory expansion plans at Merrimack College, the Board of Selectmen is continuing to look at how, and whether, it can block or alter the project by delaying or denying approval to hook up to the town's sewer and water systems. According to Town Counsel Tom Urbelis, a 1948 Special Act of the State Legislature allows Andover and Merrimack College to enter into a contract enabling the town to provide sewer service to the campus. The only problem is, nobody can find the contract. During a selectmen's meeting last week, Urbelis told town officials and a handful of Merrimack College neighbors opposed to the dorm plans about how the search for the contract document so far has come up empty. "Merrimack College and the town of Andover are authorized to enter into a sewer contract directly," Urbelis said at the meeting. "I asked the attorney for the college to provide me with that contract. They've been unable to produce a contract." He said employees from the town's Public Works Department similarly are

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## An ally at AHS Students to Students aims to ease uncertainty of freshman year

By TIM LIMA  
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For incoming freshmen, the start of high school is often a time of nervous energy, anticipatory wonder and unanswered questions. How will they navigate the halls? Survive

ramped-up homework assignments? Make nice with upperclassmen? Now, some of those upperclassmen who they might otherwise have feared are about to become their greatest allies.

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TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Student ambassadors Lacey Kirks, front, and Jaime Street point out several hallways to new students while the lead a tour of Andover High School during Freshman orientation last week.



Student ambassadors Snantelle Batista, left, and Spurthi Kontham answer questions from new students during freshman orientation at Andover High School last week. A new Students to Students program gives freshmen a leg up on their classmates via a mentor who guides them through their first semester at the high school.

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## Veterans' graves to be marked Oct. 5

Michael Burke, director of veterans' services, has announced plans to replace 3,800 flags on the graves of Andover veterans on Sunday, Oct. 5, starting at 11 a.m. at Spring Grove Cemetery on Abbot Street. Andover veterans together with Boy, Girl and Cub Scouts and interested citizens are encouraged to lend a hand with the effort. Burke says the process

takes about 90 minutes and affords an opportunity to see parts of Andover's history up close. In case of severe inclement weather, the activity will be postponed until Sunday, Oct. 19, at 11 a.m. Flag placement will still take place in the event of light rain. For more information, call the veterans office at 978-623-8218 or email Burke at mburke@andoverma.gov.



The Casino on the Wood family estate on North Main Street that was destroyed by a "suspicious" fire earlier this year is being rebuilt.

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### From the publisher:

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## CASINO

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an exact replica" of the old building, conservation agent Bob Douglas said.

It is located in the same spot — on the bank of a pond on the property. But because it will be sited closer than what's allowed under the 50-foot buffer zone, ConCom approval was needed.

However, after a site visit and consultation with the Andover Preservation Commission, the Conservation Commission unanimously approved a permit for construction of the new building.

Building Inspector Chris Clemente said no permits have been pulled for the re-build, but he understood the goal is to "conceptually build in-kind from the original structure."

Tom Childs, a local builder who has done a lot of the historic preservation work on the Wood estate, said the building will "look the same" as the original structure.

"It will have the same shingles, windows, doors and roof shingles," he said. "We are going from photos from before it burned down to get accuracy. It will be as close to a replica as we can make it."

The project is consistent

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Tom Childs, builder

with other buildings on the property that have been replicated, Childs said.

A barn at the back of the property was built as an exact replica to the one that was there 100 years ago, Childs said. Old photos were also used to create as close a match as possible.

That project, which is nearing completion, will be used by Wood as a private office as well as for storage of items from the property.

Wood said Monday that the barn project was delayed when excavators installing the foundation uncovered an old dump that had been used by the property's previous occupants.

She said they found old milk bottles that date to when the property was a dairy farm owned by the Dove family. They also found old license plates and a sink.

"That place had been used as a dump," she said. Most of the material that was found was carted away in Dumpsters, she said, although some of the keepsakes will be displayed in the newly rebuilt barn.

As for the Casino, she said that while the exterior of the building will look the same, the interior will be slightly altered to make way for advancements in technology such as heating and electrical service. But the stage that was in the old Casino, used by the Woods for entertainment during parties and other events, is included in the plans.

She noted that the original building did have a previous life — as part of Frye Village — before it was moved to its present location.

In 1833, a blacksmith shop was built near the intersection of Routes 28 and 133 in a small enclave known then as Frye Village. Later, the shop was expanded into a wagon-building factory. It was during this era that the building came to be a stop on the Underground Railroad. Runaway slaves would be hidden in the false bottoms of the wagons and taken to New Hampshire, bringing them one step closer to freedom, according to Don Robb, a local historian.

When American Woolen magnate William Wood purchased the land and buildings of Frye Village, he renamed it Shawsheen Village and constructed housing for middle- and upper-management of his global textile manufacturing firm.

In the process, he moved the wagon factory to his estate on the other side of Route 28/North Main Street, where it served as the entertainment hub for generations of the Wood family.

Rosalyn Wood, who now lives in the main house on the property, said she hoped the reconstruction will begin by next month.

She said that while nobody has been arrested in connection with the fire, there was a "person of interest" who had been seen walking quickly away from the property the night of the blaze.

Earlier, he had been seen peering in the windows of another building on the property. Someone else from town said they had encountered the same man earlier in the day and that he had been asking for a ride to Lynn.

"He was last seen walking toward Lawrence pretty fast," Wood said, adding that the old Casino hadn't been occupied in years. Furthermore, there were no utilities on inside the building. She surmised that the fire could have been started either inside or outside.

Firefighting efforts, she said, were hampered because a hydrant on the property was not working. She said it had not been properly maintained by the town.

Instead, firefighters had to tie into a hydrant on North Main Street and then use a pumper truck to bring water up the long driveway to the scene.

She said the building, once it's rebuilt, will be used for private functions, but will still be called the Casino.

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A worker on Tuesday uses a dolly to move boxes past boarded-up windows on the first floor of the house at 2-4 Duffton Road in Andover. The man whose family has been living in the property despite a foreclosure says the wrong people were evicted from the home.

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Tuesday's action is just the latest in a series of events surrounding the property.

Boyer, who has owned the three-family home since 1988, has been the focus of attention of banks, courts, town officials and neighbors for years because he refuses to leave the foreclosed property. His property is now littered with items ranging from railroad ties and a truck trailer to old tents and tarp-covered sheds.

Neighbors have complained that it is a blighted property. Town officials have tried getting him to clean up the property, but until recently he has refused, saying he won't clean it up until he owns it again. Recently, he did remove some old appliances and large water containers that were on the sidewalk out front. But many other items remain.

The bank has been trying to have Boyer evicted, but he keeps appealing. His most recent court action was an appeal of a lost appeal.

This week's eviction is the most concrete action



A worker on Tuesday boards up a window on the first floor of 2-4 Duffton Road.

— from a legal standpoint — in years at the property, and even that was cast in doubt by Boyer, who claims he now has grounds for a lawsuit against the bank because it cleared out the wrong apartment.

Based on observations at the scene, it appears that while the first floor was boarded up and was being cleaned out, the second floor was left untouched and would possibly remain accessible.

According to Maurice Pratt, spokesman for the sheriff's department, the eviction was levied against

the residents of the first-floor apartment.

"We executed an eviction of the residents of apartment one," Pratt said. "It was based on an order from the Northeast Housing Court. We were ordered to evict these individuals."

There was no eviction order for the two, second-floor apartments.

"I can't speak to the rest of the building," Pratt said. "We take our direction from the court and the court instructed us to address the two individuals in apartment one, so that's what we did."

As police and deputies stood by on Tuesday, Boyer returned from court and conferred with his tenants. He noted that the items being taken out of the first-floor apartment belonged to him, not the tenants.

"They can't levy against me," he said. "They are kicking me out, which is what they've been trying to do for five years."

The tenant, who didn't want his name used, said, "they're not moving our stuff."

Boyer agreed.

"The only order is to move everything out of the first floor," he said. "That's my stuff. And we are under appeal. We are in appeals court. It's unbelievable. Our lawyers said we can sue. My lawyer said the eviction order was against the tenants, not me."

Neighbors of the property were uncertain exactly what was going on, but were happy that something was happening.

"It's progress," said Ted Teichert, who lives at 5 Duffton Road, across the street from Boyer's house. "I don't really care about the foreclosure issue. I just want the property cleaned up."

## DORMS

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going through town records, but have so far come up dry.

College spokesman James Chiavelli confirmed that the college is combing through its records.

"We are still searching our archives," he said last week. "We are going through them, box by box. We assume the town is doing the same with their records."

The search for the contract is the latest sideshow in what has become one of the biggest controversies of the summer: The college wants to build four new dormitories for an additional 400 students along with a community center on land that neighbors say has always been open space and should remain open space.

Residents of Rockridge Road in particular are opposed to the construction of the three-story buildings, proposed to be erected directly across the street from where they live.

So far, the issue has been the purview of the Planning Board, which is governed by a limited set of criteria based on what is known as the Dover Amendment, which allows educational institutions to ignore zoning regulations in order to expand.

As The Townsman went to press Tuesday night, the Planning Board was scheduled to continue and possibly close its public hearing on the project. The next step would then be a vote, which was being anticipated for the next board meeting.

Meanwhile, selectmen have continued searching for a way into the fray, since the board also serves as the town's Water and Sewer Commission. As such, selectmen must approve so-called "Inter-Municipal Agreements," or IMAs, which allow buildings in one town to be hooked up to water or sewer systems of another town.

In this case, most of the new dorms are being built in North Andover, while Andover would be

providing the water and sewer service. During a meeting earlier this month, selectmen raised the question of whether an IMA would be needed with North Andover for the dorm project to proceed.

Last week, Urbelis said it appears an IMA is not needed for the sewer service due to the existence of the special act of the Legislature and the supposed contract between the two entities. However, an IMA may be needed for water service.

"An IMA with North Andover is not required to connect to the sewer," he said, adding, however, that he has requested attorneys for the college to "provide agreements that authorize a tie-in to water and whether an IMA is required to tie into water. They were unable to provide any agreement."

Chiavelli said the college has been tied into the town's water system for more than 60 years.

"Since the late 1940s, we have been connected to the town's water system," he said. "I can't believe the town would connect us illegally for 60 years."

Last week, some selectmen said they doubt any agreements exist on water or sewer.

"We suspect it never happened," Selectman Paul Salafia said.

Selectmen Chairman Dan Kowalski, however, noted, "It would seem appropriate to have a contract governed by payment, terms, rates, things that are similar to an IMA."

He said town officials needed to reach out to North Andover to discuss creating an Inter-Municipal Agreement for water service.

Neighbors of the college are also hoping to meet with Andover police and have reached out to the department to set up a meeting to discuss how to ensure the safety of the neighborhood in the event that the dorm project does go through.

Police Chief Patrick Keefe said late last week that he was working to set up a meeting as soon as possible.

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## Mary Teresa (Hanlon) Small, 88 Years

October 22, 1925 — August 22, 2014



ANDOVER — Mary Teresa (Hanlon) Small, a longtime resident of Andover, died at Wingate Healthcare Center on Friday, August 22. Her daughters were at her side. Born in North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, on October 22nd, 1925, she was the youngest daughter of the late Patrick and Margaret (Rodgers) Hanlon. Known affectionately as “Babe” to her family, Teresa was a graduate of St Paul’s Nursing School Vancouver, Class of 1949. She went on to become a stewardess for Air Canada, where she flew on the DC3s. Her route was the Maritime Provinces, plus Boston. At that time, it was an airline requirement to be a registered nurse before receiving your wings. She met and married William L. “Lefty” Small in 1953. They raised their children in Andover, where she was active in St. Augustine’s School Guild and occasionally filled in as school nurse. She had a deep love for all things Irish and Canadian. She was an avid reader and music lover. Even in her later years, she would continue to correct her children’s grammar. Mom had a wonderful, quirky sense of humor, a beautiful smile, and great laugh. She was known for her warmth and concern for others. She was a member of St. Augustine’s Church in Andover.

She was the loving mother of Patrick L. Small of Haverhill, Edward S. Cote-Small and his wife, Linda, of Belfast, Maine, Eileen M. Small of Barrington, R.I., Margaret M. Small and her husband, John P. Fenton of Barrington, R.I., and Mary Kate Small and her husband, David Dodson of Camden, Maine. Also surviving are her four beloved grandchildren, Ned P. Small of Stoneham, Mass., Alyssa Heffernan and her husband, Ryan, of Arlington, Va., Aislinn Renee Cote-Small of San Francisco, and Mairead Small Staid of Ann Arbor, Mich. She had many adoring nieces and nephews, as well as her sister-in-law, Therese Hanlon MacMillan. She was predeceased by her infant daughter, Anne Marie Small.

A deep bow of gratitude to the all the wonderful staff at Wingate Health Center.

**ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends were invited to a funeral Mass on Wednesday, August 27, at 10 a.m., at St. Joseph’s Church, 20 High Vale Lane, Andover. Friends were invited to call on Tuesday, August 26, from 4 to 8 p.m., at the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bread and Roses Soup Kitchen, Lawrence, MA, or Creative Living Inc. of Andover. For additional information, please visit, www.burkemagliozi.com.**

## Walter McKertich, 76

10/31/1937 — 08/13/2014

SCARBOROUGH, ME — Walter McKertich, of Scarborough, Maine, died on August 13, 2014. He was 76-years-old. Walter was born to Rose Chopoorian and Joseph McKertich. Walt grew up in Wattertown, Mass., the younger brother of Vahan and Lillian.

In high school he was co-captain of Wattertown’s championship football team and was later inducted into the Wattertown Football Hall of Fame. After high school, Walt joined the United States Marine Corps and did his tour of duty in the Mediterranean. Upon returning to the U.S., Walt graduated from AIC in Springfield, Mass. He was then employed by Honeywell Corporation as a production manager.

Walt married Glenda (Glenny) Silon and they had three children, Lisa, Edward and Robert. Wanting a change from corporate life, Walt and his wife opened a natural food store in Andover, Mass. in 1976. The store was an instant success and grew in size and stature becoming a shopping and social destination for many people in Andover.

Always interested in the world around him, Walt became active in local political causes especially in the Clamshell Alliance. Throughout his life, Walt enjoyed many pastimes from ballroom dancing to golf to creating stained



glass pieces and sparring in the boxing ring. But his greatest passion and joy was for his family. Walt adored his wife, his children and his grandchildren.

In 1999, Walt and Glenny sold their store and “retired” to Portland. Never one to be idle, Walt worked part-time at the Woodlands Country Club in Falmouth and later, wanting to serve his country after 9/11, he became a TSA employee. Walt and Glenny also began to travel and enjoyed many trips, both in this country and abroad.

Even in illness, Walt never lost his sense of humor, making his hospice nurse smile. He will be terribly missed by his family and his many friends. He will always be remembered and loved.

## Wayne Thomas Murphy, 26

October 7, 1987 — August 23, 2014

ANDOVER — Wayne Thomas Murphy, a lifelong resident of Andover and beloved son of Janet M. Volker of Andover and Daniel J. Murphy of Farmington, N.H., peacefully went to join his grandfather, the late Robert T. Volker, on Saturday, August 23, 2014. He was 26-years-old.

He was born in Melrose, Mass., on October 7, 1987. Wayne had a talent with electronics and loved to travel around the country. He also enjoyed restoring ATVs and flipping items. Above all, he loved his baby boy, G.

He will be missed by his two brothers, Gregory D. Murphy and Kyle R. Murphy, both of Andover; his grandmother, Dorothy Volker of Andover and all his other brothers.

**ARRANGEMENTS: Come celebrate Wayne’s life with his family on Thursday, August 28, 2014, at the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover. Call-**



**ing hours will be held that day from 4 to 7 p.m., followed by a short service at 7:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to “The Wayne T. Murphy Foundation” in care of Janet M. Volker at any TD Bank location. For additional information, please visit, www.burkemagliozi.com.**

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## Officials believe drug overdose caused crash

By BILL KIRK

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Firefighters had to use Narcan to revive a heroin overdose victim who drove his car into a gully in the median strip of Interstate 495 north late last week, police and fire officials said.

According to State Police, the 26-year-old man from Acton drove his car off the highway near the Route 28

exit ramp around 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 22.

Fire Chief Michael Mansfield said that when firefighters arrived, they found the man was suffering from a drug overdose.

Narcan was administered, bringing him out of the overdose, Mansfield said. Narcan is the brand name for the drug naloxone, which interrupts an overdose and temporarily restores regular

breathing. Andover police officers and firefighters now carry Narcan to treat people who are overdosing.

Drug paraphernalia including a needle and heroin were found in the car, according to a state trooper. State Police said they intended to summons the man on charges of operating under the influence of drugs and negligent operation.

“This is getting out of control,” Mansfield said. “This isn’t the first time this has happened. People are so in need of a fix that they can’t wait to utilize the drug. They get in their cars and use it while they’re operating the vehicle.”

State Police said the operator of the car also had minor injuries and was taken to Lawrence General Hospital.

### ■ POLICE LOG

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#### Monday, Aug. 18 Incidents

A caller from Henderson Avenue reported at 9:05 p.m. that there was a bat in the house. Animal control officer Wayne Nader responded.

A Lavender Hill Lane resident reported at 9:09 p.m. that she had a cat in her yard for the past week. Animal control officer Nader reported that the cat was healthy and that no service was needed.

#### Tuesday, Aug. 19 Arrests

Emily A. Defilippo, 33, and John P. Williford, 31, both of 369 School St., Boylston, and Chad A. MacBrian, 31, homeless, were all arrested and charged with possession of a Class A substance. MacBrian was also charged with wanton or reckless behavior to a child. The three were arrested together at 80 Corbett St. at 2:30 p.m.

#### Incident

A caller from Elm Street

reported at 7:08 a.m. that a male was trespassing on her property, staying in a tent in her backyard. The responding officer stated that it was a misunderstanding with a previous tenant and that the man had left.

#### Thursday, Aug. 21 Incident

A caller from Muirfield Circle at 11:01 p.m. reported that her house was broken into sometime since June. The caller said she arrived home the previous day and hadn’t been in the basement until then. The officer reported that nothing was missing and it appeared to have been an oversight by the house cleaners.

#### Friday, Aug. 22 Incident

A resident from Colonial Drive at 1:21 p.m. reported a shooting at his property. The caller claimed that a group of men who he didn’t know came in his house and he got nervous and had to defend himself. The caller also stated that he might have been dreaming, but was not

sure. The officer reported that nobody was in his home and there were no signs of someone being hurt. The officer reported the caller had just woken from a dream.

#### Saturday, Aug. 23 Arrest

Wilfredo Colon Jr., 38, of 22 Maurice Ave., Lawrence, was arrested at 100 River Road and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and also on charges stemming from a warrant out of Lawrence District Court.

#### Sunday, Aug. 24 Incident

A caller reported an elderly woman walking with a walker on River Road over Interstate 93. An employee of the Mobil Gas Station store on River Road reported he gave the woman a ride back to her house on North Street after she got what she needed from there.

#### Monday, Aug. 25 Arrest

Michael J. Rossi, 29, of 28 Chestnut St., Apt. A,

Rochester, N.H., was arrested on Haverhill Street on a warrant at 3:17 p.m.

#### Incidents

A caller from Bristol Lane reported a bat was in his daughter’s bedroom, and that nobody had come in contact with the bat. Patrolman Timothy Hagerty was able to remove the bat from the house.

A caller staying at a campsite at Lorraine Park Campground on Jenkins Road reported at 10:21 p.m. that a man staying next to him was attacking him with a pointed stick and chasing him. The responding officer reported that the occupants of both campsites had too much alcohol intake, and things had settled down.

A caller from High Plain Road reported at 10:47 p.m. that a bat was in his home. Because an animal control officer was not working at the time, the caller received advice on how to get the bat out on his own.

### ■ TOWN BRIEFS

#### Sen. Finegold holding office hours

Sen. Barry Finegold, D-Andover, and his staff will hold their monthly open office hours on Friday, Aug. 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover. Constituents are invited to meet with Finegold and his staff in the library’s first-floor activities room. Finegold will also be having office hours that day at Lawrence Public Library

from 10 to 11 a.m., Parker Memorial Library in Dracont from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., and Tewksbury Public Library from 3 to 4 p.m.

#### A poetic ‘Something About Andover’

It’s almost September and “There’s Something About Andover” is going back to school. The show is welcoming poet Andrea Cohen to its studio to talk about poetry. Cohen, who is director of the Writers’ House at Merrimack College

in North Andover, will also share information on some upcoming community events.

The second segment of the program will feature a “Nature’s Fakers” presentation by Jane Cairn of the Andover Historical Society. “There’s Something About Andover” is produced by Andover Chroniclers, an all-volunteer group of seniors from The Center at Punched. The local-access show airs Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays at 9 a.m., Fridays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 7 p.m. on Comcast Channel 8 and Verizon Channel 47. The shows can also be

viewed via the senior center website.

Andover Chroniclers welcomes new members; prior experience is not necessary. Email [seniorcenter@andoverma.gov](mailto:seniorcenter@andoverma.gov) with the subject line Skip Wilkins if interested.

To learn more about the group and watch previous shows, visit [www.andoverseniorcenter.org/programs-activities/groups/andover-chroniclers](http://www.andoverseniorcenter.org/programs-activities/groups/andover-chroniclers). Anyone with suggestions on what they would like to see featured on the program can call The Center at Punched 978-623-8321.

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# State tab for water, sewer work runs more than \$20B

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
CNHI State Reporter

Massachusetts cities and towns have a big plumbing problem — and a hefty price tag to go with it.

Communities are raising taxes and borrowing hundreds of millions of dollars to upgrade water and sewer systems, many of them more than a century old, even as they cut day-to-day budgets.

The cost of upgrades statewide has been estimated at more than \$21 billion over two decades.

State officials say they're trying to help finance the work. The Legislature recently updated a low-interest, revolving loan program — Gov. Deval Patrick signed the changes into law this month — to offer zero-interest loans to municipalities, and in some cases loan

forgiveness.

"We face some major infrastructural challenges in coming years and this will save cash-strapped communities millions of dollars on upgrades," said David Cash, commissioner of the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Still, lawmakers failed to increase the annual subsidy for the loan program from \$62 million to \$138 million. Cash said that needs to be addressed in the Legislature's next session, which starts in January, though there is widespread support for the move.

Cash said the three directors of the state's Clean Water Trust Fund — the state treasurer, secretary of administration and finance and DEP commissioner — get scores of requests from municipalities each year for loans to pay for water and sewer projects.

"There's always more demand than supply, so it's important that the state provide additional money," he said.

Formerly known as the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, the fund was created in 1989 by then-Gov. Michael Dukakis to help cities and towns meet the costly demands of the federal Clean Water Act. Since then, it has leveraged nearly \$7 billion in low-interest loans to communities for drinking water and wastewater projects.

This year, it leveraged more than \$400 million in loans — including \$7 million for wastewater system upgrades in Haverhill and \$12 million to fix miles of aging sewer pipes in Lawrence.

Last year, Gloucester received a \$4 million, low-interest loan to upgrade its sewer

plant. Newburyport borrowed \$14 million from the program in 2012 to upgrade its sewer system.

The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, which provides water from the Quabbin and Wachusett reservoirs to 51 communities in eastern Massachusetts, has borrowed tens of millions of dollars for infrastructure in recent years.

But the annual funding is a drop in the bucket compared to the needs of many communities.

Gloucester, which has experienced several major water main breaks in recent years, has spent more than \$100 million on system repairs in recent years. It still needs another \$100 million to pay for long-term infrastructure upgrades.

Salem has similar needs. The city has been pouring an

average of \$4 million a year into water and sewer improvements using a mix of local funds, grants and low-interest bonds.

Two years ago, a legislative task force found Massachusetts towns and cities face \$21.4 billion worth of water and sewer upgrades in the next two decades, calling it "one of the biggest fiscal challenges" for local governments.

Geoff Beckwith, executive director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, said many communities are raising property taxes through overrides and increasing water and sewer rates to foot the bill.

"Right now communities are pretty much on their own for these projects," he said. "The state is providing some money, and so is the federal government, but most of the money is coming from taxpayers and

surcharges from ratepayers."

Beckwith said another key provision of the changes to the trust requires that the state use at least 80 percent of its bonding capacity each year. He said the trust has been holding back on borrowing.

"That has contributed to the problem by creating an even longer waiting list," he said.

Municipal leaders want lawmakers to authorize a \$2 billion, 10-year bond bill for drinking water, wastewater and storm water system upgrades. The proposed bond would provide \$200 million annually for local projects.

"The challenge is that the needs are just so enormous and there isn't enough money to go around," Beckwith said.

Environment groups say the upgrades are vital for communities to provide clean water and to grow economically.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING: MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY

The end of summer doesn't mean the fun is over. Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover, has plenty of fall programs lined up, including a new Discover Your Past Genealogy Club.

The genealogy club will meet the second Thursday of every month from 10 to 11 a.m. and welcomes novices to advanced researchers. For the kickoff meeting on Thursday, Sept. 11, local history and genealogy librarian Kim Lynn will talk about genealogy resources at the library and offer Google search tips. Participants are encouraged to bring up to three old family photos to share with the group. Register online at [www.mhl.org/eventcalendar](http://www.mhl.org/eventcalendar) or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31, for

more information. Other September events at the library include:

**Creative Café:** Monday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m. Grab your craft supplies for a fun, monthly craft night. Participants will meet other crafters while working on their own projects. The group is open to adults who knit, crochet, scrapbook and create other portable crafts.

**The Beehive - eBook How-To Sessions:** Wednesday, Sept. 10, at 10 a.m. and Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m. Learn how to download free, best-selling titles to read on a computer, iPhone, Android, Kindle or other compatible eBook reader. Participants should bring their own device, USB cord, library card and questions for the hands-on session with Overdrive. An

Amazon login and password is necessary for those who use Kindle and an Apple ID is needed for iPad users. Register at [www.mhl.org/eventcalendar](http://www.mhl.org/eventcalendar) and email [gdeyermond@mhl.org](mailto:gdeyermond@mhl.org) to notify the library which device will be used.

**Writers Group:** Thursday, Sept. 11, 7 p.m. Join other writers of adult fiction, nonfiction and memoirs for constructive advice and feedback on works-in-progress.

**The Beehive: Introduction to Microsoft Word 2010:** Tuesdays, Sept. 16 and 23, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Teen Room. Learn to create and format documents, work with images and graphics and more in this two-part course. Staff librarian Curtis Wyant will provide hands-on help; computers will be

supplied by the library. Class size is limited to eight people; participants must register for both sessions online at [www.mhl.org/eventcalendar](http://www.mhl.org/eventcalendar) or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31.

**Career Networking Group:** Thursday, Sept. 18, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Certified career coach Arleen Bradley leads the free group focused on expanding one's network of business contacts, sharing ideas and learning about effective job search strategies.

**Friends Fall Book Sale:** Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 18 through 21. The annual fall sale opens with Preview Night on Thursday, Sept. 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$20; current Friends members are welcome for free. The sale

opens to the community on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 19 and 20, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 21, from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

**Conversational English Fall Session:** Monday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m. to noon. The group is for non-native speakers of English who have studied formal English and would like to practice their speaking and listening skills; new members are welcome. To register in August, contact Stefani Traina at the library at 978-623-8401, ext. 49, or email [straina@mhl.org](mailto:straina@mhl.org). To register in September, call Carolyn Fantini at 978-475-4602.

**MHL's Monday Movie:** Monday, Sept. 29, 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a free monthly movie at the library

and then enter a drawing to win the DVD. For details on this month's selection, visit [www.mhl.org/mondaymovies](http://www.mhl.org/mondaymovies).

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# Doing good on a bad day

## AHS class looks to involve community in 9/11 effort

By TIM LIMA

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The students at Andover High School are working to remember something terrible by doing something wonderful, and they want the community to follow suit.

The goal is to collectively pay homage to victims of the Sept. 11 tragedy by doing great deeds on what will forever be a day of solemn remembrance and horrible memories.

Andover High social studies teacher Mary Robb said while those old enough will remember where they were on that day nearly 13 years ago, others too young at the time — like her students — will know the day primarily from the pictures and videos they see and the realization that they're growing up in a changed world because of it.

For the past two years, Robb has worked to build



Courtesy photo

**Andover High School juniors in Mary Robb's Democracy and Media Literacy class fed local police officers and firefighters breakfast at the Andover Public Safety Center on Sept. 11 last year as part of the "I Will" campaign for 9/11 Day. Participating students included, from left, Maureen Tyner, Nick Vaquerano, George Nicolakakis, Max Drew, Caitlin Patten, Paul Russo and Natalie Getty. Robb is working with students to encourage the entire community to carry out good deeds on Sept. 11.**

community involvement for an event called 911 Day — "the nation's largest day of charitable engagement,"

according to its website.

"We came across 911 Day and thought it was a good idea," Robb said. "We

started small by expanding it to the high school, but this year, we're trying to take it beyond our school to get

other schools and the town as a whole to take part."

Last year, Robb and students from her Democracy and Media Literacy class went to the Andover Public Safety Center and provided breakfast to police officers and firefighters as their good deed.

In the past, students have visited Atria Marland Place Senior Living Center in Andover to spend time with seniors, with some even playing cards and video games with the elder residents.

"Other kids have done smaller deeds, like cleanup projects around town," Robb said. "One student gave one of his baseball caps to his younger brother. Others chose to cook dinner that night so their mom wouldn't have to.

"Even the smallest of good deeds will have a positive impact."

Robb and her students want this year's effort to be

bigger, continuing a pattern of growth until it becomes commonplace to take part, all but making doing a good deed on Sept. 11 an afterthought.

"We want the community to make a pledge to do a good deed on 9/11," Robb said. "We have spoken to the superintendent, and on the first couple of days of school, students will be writing an email to other schools' principals, saying, 'This is what we are doing and this is how we'd like you to participate.'"

In continuing a recent trend of taking community service to social media outlets — as has been done with the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge — Robb's students are working on a Blog Spot account to videotape students' good deeds and post them to one collective place.

For more information on the project or to learn how to take part, visit [911Day.org](http://911Day.org).

## BANCROFT

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Zachary Chisholm, 10, was impressed with the art room, "because they have, like, clay spinning tables," while his twin brother, Jacob, just liked the overall design.

"It looks really nice," Jacob said.

The newness wasn't lost on their father, Mark Chisholm.

"I think it's awesome," he said. "I'm impressed with the layout, the natural light and the architectural detail. The kids are really psyched and can't wait for their first day."

You name it, the new school has it. But while Bancroft students and parents are sure to be excited by the new features, a sense of their old school that once stood next door, now demolished, still remains.

Major staples of the former building, including its old castle-like doors, have been retained to create a feeling of comfort and togetherness for students. The doors, which were installed in the 1960s when the original Bancroft was built, are now prominently displayed in the library next to a children's reading area and several iMac computers for quick catalog searching.

"The old building was designed to be similar to a castle," Principal Dr. Malcolm Forsman said during

a tour of the new school last Friday. "So when you walked in, you had a little foyer, then a ramp that went up to a media center that was the center part of the school. These doors were on the ramp, so they are an icon of Bancroft and to remember and honor the old Bancroft, we had these brought over."

While the new Bancroft isn't designed as an open-concept school like the original, where classrooms freely flowed into one another to create one large community across all ages and grades, it does still offer a communal feel.

Tom Deso, the outgoing School Building Committee chairman, said his fellow members as well as school leaders were very sensitive to the unique qualities of the old Bancroft as they set out to build "a more standard school."

"We knew that in the new school, obviously, that we'd have classrooms with doors," Deso said. "First of all, this school is naturally a lot brighter than the old Bancroft School was; all of the classrooms have windows and we have skylights on the third floor. The wire hallways give the feeling of openness and make you feel like you're looking into something expansive."

Along with a spacious library and bright classrooms equipped with modern technology — such as projection screens and white boards, students will



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

**Maija Wood, 5, meets Karen Torres, left, who will be the instructional assistant in her kindergarten classroom with teacher Dianne Caravello during an open house at the new Bancroft Elementary School on Tuesday.**

also get the opportunity to take part in art and music classes.

Built with a studio-type approach, the art room features polished concrete floors and is equipped with electric pottery wheels, Deso said.

The hallway leading to the music suites has music notes painted on the wall — to the actual tune of the Bancroft song. Three pianos have been purchased — two for the music wing and one for the stage of the

cafeteria-auditorium.

For students whose favorite subject of the day is lunch, they won't be disappointed either. State-of-the-art kitchen equipment allows for mass production, so much so that prepared food will be transported on a daily basis to both Shawshen Elementary and West Middle schools. The equipment allows for up to 28 pans of food to be kept ready to serve. Barbecue chicken sandwiches and deluxe burgers were on the menu

for the first day of school.

"Everything in the kitchen is real top quality," said Gail Koutroubas, the director of food services for Andover Public Schools. "We're going to be smart about it and use some of the money that was invested here to service some of the other schools."

The cafeteria design also kept in mind the environment, with new dishwashers allowing reusable lunch trays to be put into action.

"We realized that we wanted to have dishwashers

*"I'm impressed with the layout, the natural light and the architectural detail. The kids are really psyched and can't wait for their first day."*

Mark Chisholm, parent

in our school, so we made a serious investment," Koutroubas said. "The kids will be using reusable trays. It's going to require a little more labor, but in the end, it's better for the environment so we're excited about that."

The school was formally issued its certificate of occupancy last Friday and crews were still busy early this week working on the finite details of the building several years in the making. Parking was scarce for Tuesday's open house as the main parking lot continued to be paved, leaving some to car pool and others to park along adjacent side streets.

But on Wednesday, teachers and staff successfully welcomed the 480 students who will trek through Bancroft's halls this year. While each grade has five classrooms assigned to it, only four will be used this year. When a redistricting plan takes effect next year, 625 students will call Bancroft home, putting it at 93 percent of its 700-student capacity.

## STUDENTS

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Enter their student mentor, who is about to show them the ropes of their new surroundings.

Andover High School social worker Abby Levin is the force behind Andover High's Students to Students Mentoring Program — an initiative she launched last year to help ease the tension for freshmen and incorporate them into their new school.

Through the program, participating freshmen are assigned a senior who they meet with once a week over lunch. The sessions, which continue throughout first semester, allow the first-year students to raise concerns, ask questions and gain some insider perspective.

"The academic structure from middle school to the academic structure of the high school is a big transition," Levin said. "Some of the kids who were involved last year were going through family situations, some weren't involved in sports or other programs and some were just on the quiet side. They're not kids who are in special-ed programs or who are learning disabled; they're just kids who might benefit from meeting with seniors."

When sophomore Hannah Johnson, 15, started Andover High last year, she said found herself with very few friends from middle school in her classes. Students to Students proved invaluable.

"I was really, really



**Andover High School Principal Dr. Chris T. Lord addresses students during freshman orientation last week at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts.**

anxious about coming into the high school," she said. "It's really big and I have anxiety so I was wicked afraid. I wasn't able to sleep and was having nightmares about coming into the school, so I just decided to do it so I could gain an understanding and know people in the hallways."

While most mentors are seniors, Johnson won Levin's approval to join this year's group of mentors as a sophomore. She was among the mentors leading a group of freshmen on an individualized guided tour of Andover High on Tuesday — one day before the school year

officially began.

"I think it's good to help the freshmen who don't know their way around," Johnson said. "I can relate to the feeling of being so scared and so helpless. I feel like I should really help them have a good first day."

"From the tips I received from seniors last year, like when to avoid a staircase or where to go, I felt like I had been here my whole life after just one week."

Levin said that's precisely the goal of Students to Students. She said for those unfamiliar with the building, the vastness of Andover High can be overwhelming.



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

**Molly Manuel shares a student's perspective during last week's Andover High School freshman orientation.**

"I've overheard one kid ask about the pool on the third floor of the school — we don't have a pool," Levin said. "It's a big school that can be confusing for freshmen who are new to it."

The mentoring program received a \$1,500 grant from The Andona Society of Andover, which pays for the weekly lunches.

"They come in and can get free pizza," Levin said. "It allows them to sit down and just breathe."

Seventy students — 35 seniors and 35 freshmen and other newcomers to the school, such as transfer students — took part in the mentoring program in its pilot year. This year, the program already has 40 mentors and 20 new students signed up — though the number of new students is expected to rise in the first few weeks of

the school year.

Recent graduate Kaitlyn Conte, who served as the student president of the program last year, said Students to Students is all about making freshmen feel more comfortable.

"I gravitated toward the program because I believed in what they were doing," said Conte, who is starting her freshman year at Worcester's College of the Holy Cross this fall. "It's a nice opportunity for freshmen to talk with seniors about school, get to know people and ask about teachers and classes."

This year's president, as chosen by Conte, is someone who knows firsthand how difficult it can be to transition into a new situation.

Ariel Leachman arrived in Andover four years ago from Bronx, N.Y., to begin her

high school career through the A Better Chance program. ABC provides opportunities for students in struggling areas to obtain a top education elsewhere.

Now a senior, the 17-year-old Leachman wishes she had been assigned a mentor to help ease her entry into Andover High.

"I identify with people having a difficult time making the transition into not only high school, but into a new community," Leachman said. "Suburban Andover is very, very different from New York City."

"Coming in as an ABC student, there are people in place to help that transition, but I still wish a program like this was in place when I first started. I'm excited to help incoming ninth-graders not have to go through that alone."

# BoomerVenture Campus for 50-plus returns to session

Andover kids aren't the only ones going back to school this fall. BoomerVenture Campus, the town's program for the vibrant 50-plus community at The Center at Punchard, is entering its eighth year as the go-to spot for fitness, seminars and connection for older adults throughout the region.

At the top of the to-do list for baby-boomers is leading an active lifestyle. So, it should come as no surprise that fitness is in season at BoomerVenture this fall, with classes like Energize With Exercise, Serenity Yoga and Boomer Zumba on the schedule.

But BoomerVenture has developed a variety of classes and activities for all interests, covering health, wellness and educational

topics that include Cyber Crime, Online Big Data and breaking the Sugar Merry-Go-Round.

BoomerVenture's Screening Room, meanwhile, airs award-winning foreign and independent films not generally screened elsewhere in the Merrimack Valley.

Program leaders say that as with many municipalities across the country, Andover has a strong interest in encouraging boomers to remain in town once their children have finished school.

If they leave, they not only represent a significant tax erosion, but a wealth of experience and commitment the town can ill afford to lose.

Since its inception in 2007, BoomerVenture has led the way in responding

to this challenge with activities and events designed to engage Andover's boomer population, stimulate interests inimical to their generation and broaden their involvement both with each other and Andover as a whole.

The new season of BoomerVenture classes begins Sept. 11 with the annual Boomer Bash featuring the music of The Jazz Disciples and a barbecue. Reservations are requested.

Here is a look at some of the highlights of the upcoming BoomerVenture season:

**Screening Room:** Every Thursday night at 6:30 starting Sept. 18.

**Energize With Exercise:** Fun, aerobic and weight-training workout, Mondays at 3:30

p.m. through Nov. 10, \$55; and Thursdays, Sept. 18 through Nov. 13, 6 p.m., \$50.

**Nordic Walking:** Cardio workout while hiking Andover Village Improvement Society trails with specialty poles; rated a top workout for mental fitness, Wednesdays, Sept. 10 through Oct. 15, 3:50 p.m., \$27.50.

**Zumba Intervals:** Weight training and cardio fitness as you dance, Thursdays, Sept. 18 through Nov. 13, 3:30 p.m., \$50.

**Serenity Yoga:** Gentle yoga with meditation, Thursdays, Sept. 25 through Nov. 13, 7:15 p.m., \$44.

**Thursday special interest seminars**

Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.; \$5 each or \$20 for the entire

series  
**Sept. 18:** Medicare Countdown presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield

**Sept. 25:** Vitamins and Minerals presented by nutritionist Art McDermott

**Oct. 2:** Sugar Merry-Go-Round presented by nutritionist Art McDermott

**Oct. 9:** Estate Planning Workshop presented by Patrick Curley, Esq.

**Oct. 16:** Work and Play Balance presented by registered nurse Karen Pischke

**Oct. 23:** ReServe, put your experience to work and making a difference, presented by special guest Sue Tucker

**Nov. 6:** Cyber-Crime, protect online identity presented by Greg Page

**Nov. 13:** Online Big Data (Is Big Brother Tracking You?), presented by Greg Page

To guarantee sufficient class size, registration is requested for all programs and activities. Fitness classes require a yearly health form. Classes may be audited for free for the first time and then joined late, pending space.

Individuals may sign up in person at The Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, first floor, or download a registration at [www.boomerventure.com](http://www.boomerventure.com) and send it to 36 Bartlett St., Andover 01810, c/o BoomerVenture.

The Center will be open late, until 8 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 28, to take registrations and show interested visitors around the campus.

For more information, call Karen Payne-Taylor at 978-623-8321.

## ON CAMPUS

Recent graduates **Emma Hauer**, a liberal arts major, and **Jill Saba**, an accounting major; incoming senior **Ariella Katz**, who is majoring in accounting; and incoming junior **Alexander Cain**, who is majoring in information technology, were named to the spring dean's list at Hofstra University in New York.

**Jillian Conway** and **Caroline O'Sullivan**, who attend Bates College in Maine, were awarded New England Small College Athletic Conference All-Academic honors for the spring 2014 season. NESCAC All-Academic honors go to varsity letter winners who have reached sophomore academic standing with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.35.

Conway is a member of the Bates women's lacrosse team. A 2011 graduate of Governor's Academy in Byfield, she is majoring in psychology.

O'Sullivan is a member of the Bates women's track and field team. A 2010 graduate of Phillips Academy,

she is also majoring in psychology. O'Sullivan was also named to the winter dean's list at the school.

**Gregory J. Joyce**, a recent graduate of the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, was named to the dean's list for the second semester of the 2013-2014 academic year. He majored in economics.

**Frank Borsetti**, a student in the biology program at Rochester Institute of Technology's College of Science in New York, was named to the spring dean's list.

Senior **Kaitlin Mara** and juniors **Christopher Arrigg**, **Kathleen McGinty**, **Michelle Ouellette** and **Peter Rizzo** were named to the spring dean's list at Providence College.

Three local students graduated from Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., this spring: **Barrett Flynn**, a geology and environmental studies major, Bachelor of Science; **Jacob Lebowitz**, a philosophy major, Bachelor

of Arts; and **Peter Theodorou**, an English major, Bachelor of Arts.

Local residents **Amanda Davolio**, **Heather Keating** and **Diane Kraffon** graduated from North Shore Community College in Danvers this spring.

**Margaret Catherine Cranney**, a junior majoring in liberal studies/education; **Mackenzie Dutton**, a junior majoring in nursing; **Morgan Karaline Manning**, a sophomore majoring in psychology; and **Nicholas Anthony Sarno**, a recent graduate majoring in business administration, were named to the spring dean's list at Endicott College in Beverly.

**Sarah Bresette** and **Anne Garvin** were named to the spring dean's list at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania.

**Sara Heath**, a senior at Assumption College in Worcester, was named to the spring dean's list.

**Glen Martin** was named to the spring dean's list at Wake Forest University in Winston Salem, N.C.

**Derek Franzese**, who is majoring in engineering; **Andrew Gray**, who is majoring in elementary education; and **Ashley Lamontagne**, who is majoring in marketing, were named to the spring dean's list at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I.

**Katherine Anne D'Innocenzo** graduated from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., this spring. She majored in economics and environmental studies.

**Colleen Stewart** graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in environmental studies from Carleton College in Minnesota this spring.

**Shannon Conway**, a junior at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., was named to the spring dean's

list.

Two students were awarded bachelor's degrees from Mount Ida College in Newton this spring: **Gabrielle Martinez**, Bachelor of Science

in hospitality management, and **Kaitlin Nadelson**, Bachelor of Science in veterinary technology. **Marina Norton** as well as **Gabrielle Martinez** were also named to the spring dean's list at the college.

## Your Dental HEALTH

by Nicholas T. Papapetros, DMD, FAGD

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Milestones are marked by feeling, not by calendar. Still, here they happily converge as I reflect on the approaching occasion of our 15 years of service...and the unending grace of those who have made it possible.

I think of my mother, just gone, and the sweet soul of my father, long departed...both breathing within me, still.

I think of my brothers, whose spirit and opened coffers so critically helped me to begin.

I think of my dearest, Michael, who in the darkness wills my heart on.

And my staff, Eric and company, the stiff backbone of our endeavor, who strive for our excellence.

And perhaps most of all, I think of you, our patrons, our friends, whose loyal custom humbles me beyond gratitude.

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*Mary Sullivan*

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# Opinion

## Let lawmakers stand up and defend taxes they take

The shattered bits of glass had barely been wiped off an unfortunate motorist's car last week before the usual suspects had grabbed and sensationalized the incident for their own political purposes.

"Committee for Safer Roads and Bridges Says (the recent) I-495 Bridge Incident is Evidence of How Ballot Question's (sic) Puts Public at Further Risk," screamed the headline that was sent out to media across the state.

What was all this about?

It's simple — various interests groups are trying to scare the public into opposing a ballot question that would undo an automatic annual tax hike on gasoline. It's a cheap stunt and only proves the point that Massachusetts voters should vote "Yes" on ballot Question 1 this fall.

Last year, state lawmakers passed a tax hike on gasoline. That's nothing unusual — Massachusetts drivers, like drivers in every state, pay several cents per gallon in state taxes. The money is supposed to be spent on maintaining our roadways. What was unusual was the language they slipped in — an additional tax increase is automatic each year, tied to inflation. There is no other tax on the books in this state that has this component in it.

But they didn't stop there. The tax doesn't decrease if we experience economic deflation. In other words, this tax that is allegedly tied to our economy only goes one way — up.

Here's why it is wrong: We hold our elected officials accountable for their decisions, and any one of them will tell you that one of the most difficult votes they take is to increase taxes. It forces them to closely examine how the tax will be spent, it forces them to hear from their constituents, it forces them to make a decision that they must stand behind. It makes life a little uncomfortable.

The automatic tax hike that was approved last year took all of that accountability and discomfort away. No longer do lawmakers have to explain why they approved a tax hike, no longer do they have to face voters on it. It just automatically ticks up and up.

This fall, voters will find Question 1 on the ballot, which seeks to undo the Legislature's tax hike. And we are sure that in the meantime, we will be bombarded with more stories like the unfortunate motorist who was driving down I-495 in Chelmsford earlier this month and had a windshield cracked by a piece of steel that fell off bridge. The motorist was frightened, but not hurt. The bridge, built in 1962, has been on the state's list of "deficient" bridges for years.

Do we need to fix our bridges and roads? Absolutely, it is one of the basic services that our government must provide. Problems with our state bridges are nothing new, and Massachusetts has been playing catch-up for more than two decades, despite several tax hikes that have been passed over the years. Indeed, many times in the past, we've been promised that this tax hike will be the one that gets us on the path to fixing bridges.

The real issue has nothing to do with bridge safety. It has to do with a cowardly move by our state lawmakers to pass a tax hike that holds no one accountable. If lawmakers want to raise taxes to fix bridges, they should do it the old-fashioned — and accountable — way.

## WEB QUESTION

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

As students return to class, a new report says youths, especially teens, need more sleep. Should the school day start later so students can get more shut-eye?

**YES.** Students will perform better if they are well-rested. They shouldn't have to rise before the sun does.

**NO.** If students need more sleep, they should get to bed earlier. Letting them sleep in won't make them any less tired.

**UNSURE.** With homework, sports and other extracurricular activities, students have too much on their plates. It's unfortunate they are sacrificing sleep to accommodate everything else in their packed days.

### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

With Strawberry Hill Farm poised to be developed into an elderly residential community, do you think there is a need for affordable senior housing in town? With 192 votes, the responses were:

**YES.** Seniors are a vital part of the community and Andover should be providing more opportunities for them to remain in town as they age. **92 votes, 48 percent.**

**NO.** There's plenty of affordable housing stock in town to accommodate the elderly. Andover doesn't need to be encouraging more residential developments, for seniors or any demographic. **79 votes, 41 percent.**

**UNCERTAIN.** Senior residential communities are a good thing for Andover, but Strawberry Hill Farm is the wrong location for such a project. **21 votes, 11 percent.**

## MAKING WAVES



DESI SMITH/Staff photo

A circa 1952, 18-foot Lyman Islander owned by Doug Bell and Mary Bogan of Andover drew interest from spectators at the Salem Antique and Classic Boat Festival on Saturday, Aug. 23, at Brewer Hawthorne Cove Marina in Salem. The boat was built by the Lyman Boat Company in Maine.

## ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

COMPILED BY  
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Here's a look back at what was happening in town this same week at key points over the last 100 years, exactly as reported in the pages of the Andover Townsman:

### 100 Years Ago Aug. 28, 1914

The six o'clock Reading-bound car split the switch and went off the track at Hidden Road turnout last evening, making the passengers half an hour late in reaching their destinations.

The work of changing over the present magneto system of telephoning in Andover to the common battery, or what is sometimes called the "light" system, is being pushed rapidly forward at the local exchange. When it is understood that practically the whole of the old telephone plant is being supplanted by new apparatus, the immensity of the undertaking can hardly be understood. The entire fittings of the central office in the Musgrove building

are being rapidly changed.

Miss Ethel Brown arrived in New York on the Campania on Saturday, and came to Andover on Monday. Her sojourn in England was not specially affected by the war, but reflected the interest of the people in all parts of the kingdom in the great conflict now so near to them.

### 75 Years Ago Aug. 24, 1939

Henry E. Miller, for 23 years in the shoe business in Andover, has sold out to William F. Reinhold. Mr. Reinhold entered the shoe business at the same time that Mr. Miller did. For the past eight years, he had been in business for himself with a store on South Union street, Lawrence. His is affiliated with the Odd Fellows and the Masons.

Idealism doesn't come very high in Ballardvale. Last Friday, five young ladies from the Vale spent considerable time bedecking themselves as "The Ideal Ballardvale Family," and do you know what prize their idealism won at the playground that night? "Funniest-looking," that's what the

judges thought of the Vale's idea. Everybody had a good time, as everybody usually does, when a costume party is held.

### 50 Years Ago Aug. 27, 1964

Extensive damage was done at Wild Rose Farm, Andover Street, early Wednesday morning when vandals smeared buildings and vehicles with a variety of paints. Walls and windows of the barn and other buildings were splashed with the paint while it was also applied to the windshields of two trucks.

Superintendent-Director James A. Booth of the Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School received strong support from a majority of the regional school committee at a meeting Tuesday evening at Methuen Central School. The salary schedule was proposed on Aug. 11, and the members took it under study. The proposed schedule calls for a scale of \$5,000 to \$8,600. There would be annual merit increases of \$300.

## Renewed focus for Andover Special Education Parent Advisory Council

### OUR VIEW

Change is good ... new beginnings, new starts as all of Andover embarks on a new school year this week. Your Special Education Parent Advisory Council is new this year, too. We have rekindled after last year's entire board retired and on behalf of the entire community, we thank them for all their efforts throughout the years. Our new SEPAC wants to tell the community who we are, especially if you are new to the school district and to update you all about SEPAC's activities over the last six months.

What's not known to most people is that since 1986, Massachusetts state law has required all public school districts to maintain a parent advisory council open to all parents of students identified as eligible for special education, as well as other interested parties. SEPAC is an advisory volunteer council of parents, and its mandated objective by law is "to advise the School Committee on matters that pertain to the education and safety of students with disabilities, meeting regularly with school officials to participate in the planning, development and evaluations of the School Committee's special education programs," Massachusetts Special Education Law, Section 3 of Chapter 71 B that pertains to PACs.

The goal of SEPAC is for ideas, concerns and recommendations to be shared

between Andover SEPAC and the Andover School District and collaborate to achieve these goals; and to always provide an environment for families and children with disabilities to have access to relevant information, training and emotional support and encourage an atmosphere of effective, open communication

Just to let the community know, SEPAC has been busy the last six months.

Last spring, SEPAC conducted, as mandated by law, its first Needs Assessment Survey; yes, the first one ever in Andover. All parents in the community were provided the opportunity to give their opinions on both general education and special education and how they felt services were meeting the needs for their children. The response was overwhelming — more than 881 responses were received. Families who identified themselves as part of the special education community contributed approximately 390 responses. We would like to thank the families for your invaluable contributions. The results of the full survey and the 115 pages of comments are saved on the [andoversepac.org](http://andoversepac.org) website and we want you to know that your compiled results and recommendations will be shared this fall at a SEPAC meeting, where you can comment on the draft report before it is formally presented at a School Committee meeting.

We have been building a

new layout on the website and have added new information to provide more detailed guidance to families as they navigate the legal world of special education. More information is to be added. Our new SEPAC logo is beautiful and updated to reflect the design of the times.

We believe that all modern methods of communication are needed for any SEPAC group to be successful in achieving a heightened awareness of how SEPAC can assist families within our Andover community and to provide you with real-time information from across the world that just might help you. SEPAC also has joined the social media age by creating a Facebook Page ([www.facebook.com/andoversepac.org](http://www.facebook.com/andoversepac.org)).

We encourage all Andover families and district staff to Like Us on Facebook, as much of the information will benefit the whole Andover community. Our website, [www.andoversepac.org](http://www.andoversepac.org), includes a calendar of current meetings. The Facebook page will also carry updated calendars. Tweet, tweet ... yes Andover SEPAC has a new Twitter account, too: @andoversepac.

We will have informal forums for families of children with disabilities to network and share information and ideas through "Wake Me Up Morning Coffees" and maybe even "Cocktails with a SEPAC Twist" at a member's house offered in the

evenings, so we can all get to know one another.

Our chairperson attended a SEPAC state forum run by the Federation of Children with Special Needs and in conjunction with FCSN as moderator, SEPAC had a wonderful open meeting with Andover district staff to create our next year term goals.

Our first 2014-15 meeting for SEPAC is Sept. 2 at noon at 36 Bartlet St., third floor. It is open to the public. Evening SEPAC meetings are new this year, as requested by you the community in the April survey. We will have speakers lined up and already have scheduled Amy Reece, the interim special education director, to attend an evening meeting on Oct. 2 and participate in a question and answer with the community.

SEPAC 2014-2015 looks forward to all the new, positive changes and commitment that can be provided through sharing of ideas and open, transparent communication in our community. We welcome everyone from the community to join our group as we all have a role to play to offer up positive ideas in making sure no child gets left behind ... especially the most vulnerable.

To join our email list, please opt in by emailing us at [andoversepac@gmail.com](mailto:andoversepac@gmail.com).

We look forward to hearing from you this school year — at a meeting, on Facebook or through Tweeting.

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# A NEW BANCROFT



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo  
The hallway walls leading to the music room have the notes of the Bancroft song on them.



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo  
The doors from the old Bancroft School were installed in the library of the new school.



ABOVE: Paula Frithsen is starting her 17th year at the Bancroft School. She gets her second grade classroom ready for opening day.



AT LEFT: Nate Homer, front, and Corey Robbins from Graham Windows replace a screen in one of the classrooms at the Bancroft School last week.

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AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo  
Next to the office at the Bancroft School is a place to sit with cutouts representing children.

# SCHOOL OPENS

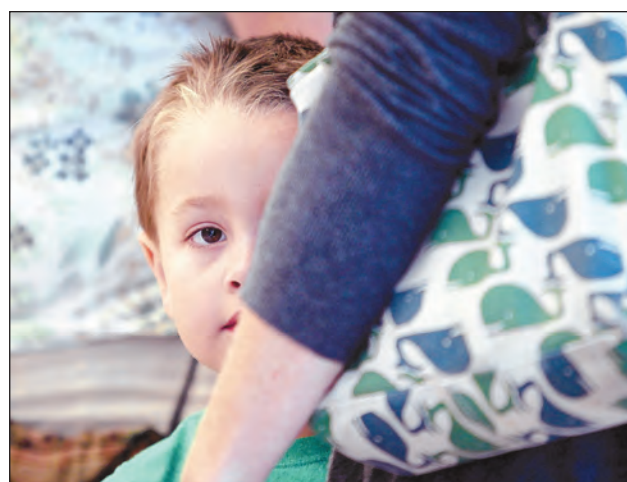


ABOVE: Alexandra Cohen, 5, and kindergarten classmate Matt Robinson, nervously survey their new surroundings in their classroom during an open house, the day before school starts, at the Bancroft Elementary School.



ABOVE: Kindergarten classmates Matt Robinson, 5, and Alexandra Cohen, 5, play with dress up clothes in front of a mirror in their classroom during an open house.

AT RIGHT: Parents and incoming students explore the new Bancroft School during an open house.  
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AT LEFT: Henry Wall, 5, peeks out from behind his mom's bag in his kindergarten classroom during an open house.  
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# Local GRATEFUL GATHERING



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The Rev. Peter Gori, OSA, and Karen Miller, the business manager at St. Augustine Parish, watch the ceremonial burning of the mortgage for the church's seven-year-old parish center.

## Feast Day celebration for St. Augustine

It was certainly a cause for celebration this past weekend as St. Augustine Parish on Essex Street marked the dedication of its Assembly Hall, burning of the mortgage for its parish center as well as the centennial year of its parochial school.

The parish community came together Saturday to name the parish center's Assembly Hall in honor of The Rev. Henry B. Smith, OSA, who was the longest-serving Augustinian friar in the history of St. Augustine's. Smith guided the church for 35 years before passing away in 1963 in Andover at the age of 58. He is buried in the parish cemetery.

In addition to the dedication of the hall, current pastor The Rev. Peter Gori, OSA, carried out the happy ritual of burning the mortgage on St. Augustine's seven-year-old parish center for education and ministry.

A large crowd turned out for the celebration, with community members joining parishioners for the occasion, which coincided with the Feast Day for their patron saint, Augustine.

The festivities began with a Mass at 4 p.m., followed by a Family Festival featuring food, activities and more in the church parking lot and parish center. The event included a cookout staffed by the Knights of Columbus, a cookie bake-off, live music, raffle baskets, games, contests and local vendors.



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Jerry Fox of the Knights of Columbus mans the hamburger grill for the celebration.



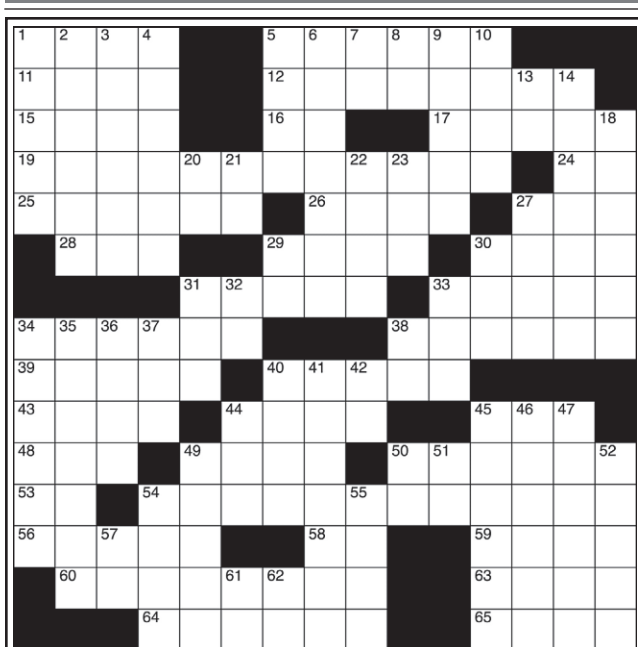
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Luke Struthers, 11, tests out his limbo skills at the Family Festival.

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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Nuclear near reach weapon
5. Delicately beautiful
11. Queen of the gods
12. Reordered letters
15. Representation
16. 24th state
17. Irritated
19. Large black dog breed
24. Atomic #18
25. Followed
26. Ivy University
27. Equal, prefix
28. Cablegram (abbr.)
29. Affront
30. 7th Hindu month
31. Competed
33. Slur over
34. Shape before marketing

### CLUES DOWN

1. Emit light
2. Not long past
3. Casually inspect
4. Masculine
5. Wish harm upon
6. Capable of soothing
7. Farm state
8. Initials of HLN legal host
9. Planets 120 degrees apart
10. An enclosed field
13. Initials of one of the Olson twins
14. Coastal
18. Remote control aircraft (pl.)
20. Oersted (abbr.)
21. Blue Hen school
22. Praise
23. Vestment
27. Egyptian goddess
29. Atomic #21
30. Boxer Muhammad
31. Fast gallop
32. Indicates position

Solution in Classified Section

38. Comes into being
39. White House architect
40. Brazilian dance
43. Somalian supermodel
44. Yield
45. Electric Cobra model 80
48. Local area network (abbr.)
49. Substitution
50. "Thornbirds" actress Ward
53. Not out
54. Male ice dancing champion
56. Tops of birds' heads
58. Carrier's invention
59. Children's author Blyton
60. Anise liqueur
63. Listing
64. Adult females
65. Yellow Dutch cheese

33. Geological time
34. Elizabeth's Prince
35. Balkan nation
36. Israeli politician Abba \_\_\_
37. Indicates ability
38. Universal recipient blood group
40. Clairvoyant
41. Blandish
42. Of I
44. Former OSS
45. Deviously plan
46. Polished shoes
47. Visual processing membrane
49. Tibet's capital
50. 2nd musical tone
51. Expression of sympathy
52. Bog Labrador-tea
54. To furnish with a ceiling
55. Frosts
57. Natural logarithm
61. \_ \_ denotes past
62. Atomic #22

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Jacob Blanchette, 5, pulls a fish out of a bucket to win a prize. It was one of the children's games available during St. Augustine Parish's first Family Festival last weekend.



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Eva Derendorf, 7, and her brother Klaus, 4, enjoy some fresh-spun cotton candy.

### RELIGION BRIEFS

#### Congregation Beth Israel hosting two open houses

Congregation Beth Israel, 501 South Main St. (Route 28), Andover, is hosting a synagogue and religious school open house on Thursday, Sept. 4, from 6:15 to 8:30 p.m. There will be a tour of the facility and guests will

have the opportunity to meet Rabbi Howard Mandell, office administrator Amy Sherr, religious school Principal Esther Kaufman as well as religious school teachers, board leaders and members of the congregation. The religious school provides classes and programs for all children, from toddlers through 12th-graders. Refreshments will

be served. Registration is requested.

A second open house will be held on Friday, Sept. 12, beginning at 7 p.m. with Shabbat Chai, a family-friendly service featuring musical accompaniment by the synagogue group Bashert. Dinner will follow. The event will provide new and prospective members an opportunity to learn more about Congregation Beth Israel, which is the only conservative congregation in the Merrimack Valley, and meet the rabbi and other synagogue leaders. The synagogue is offering a special registration promotion

for new members.

The cost for dinner is \$10 per person, or a maximum of \$25 per family. Children under 13 and prospective member guests are welcome for free. Reservations for the Shabbat dinner service are requested by Sept. 9 by calling Amy in the synagogue office at 978-474-0540. Visit [www.bethisraelmv.org](http://www.bethisraelmv.org).

Does your church or synagogue have a special event coming up or is it launching a new program or activity? Share your news with the *Townsmen* by emailing [townsmen@andovertownsm.com](mailto:townsmen@andovertownsm.com).

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# Townspeople

## Ready to row

### Local paddler returning to Merrimack for annual Great Stone Dam Classic

Longtime Andover resident and veteran canoe racer Shawn Burke is putting the final touches on his fifth annual Great Stone Dam Classic Canoe, Kayak and Stand-up Paddleboard race, which will be held on Sunday, Sept. 7, on the Merrimack River in Lawrence.

Burke, together with Francisco Urena, started the flat-water races five years ago with the goal of bringing back paddling sports to the Merrimack Valley.

Calling it a "great day on the water," Burke says in a release that he's been fortunate to attract veteran flat-water canoe racers from all over New England and New York state, ocean kayak racers, recreational paddlers from the Merrimack Valley and young enthusiasts to the event.

This year, the Achilles International Kayak Team will once again bring a contingent of disabled paddlers to join in the fun.

He hopes to top last year's turnout, which saw participation by nearly 100 paddlers from across New England, including past national champions.

The event begins at 11 a.m. from the Abe Bashara Boathouse in Lawrence. The Great Stone Dam Classic is one of the largest flat-water races in New England. Last September's race drew nearly 100 paddlers from all over the Northeast, including past National Champions.

To accommodate all levels, three courses will be available — an 8.6-mile, two-loop racing course;

a 3.5-mile recreational course, and a 1K kids race. All boat classes and paddlers are welcome, including stand-up paddleboarders.

Free technical T-shirts will go to the first 100 adult registrants. Top finishers will receive engraved medals, plus there will be door prizes and goodies for all.

After the race, competitors are invited to enjoy a cookout and music overlooking the Merrimack River. The cost of the after-race festivities is included in the registration fee.

The entry fee is \$20 for adults, with a \$5 discount with a donation of a small bag of nonperishable food for the Lazarus House Food Pantry in Lawrence. Youths 16 and under may sign up for \$5. Registration runs from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. on race day.

All proceeds benefit the Greater Lawrence Community Boating Program, an organization providing safe, affordable boating opportunities to Merrimack Valley residents. The program has taught thousands of kids and adults to sail, row, canoe and kayak over the last 30 years.

The Abe Bashara Boathouse has a limited number of canoes and kayaks, paddles and personal flotation devices available for free use by race participants who don't have their own gear. Use of those items is on a first-come, first-served basis; no reservations are possible.

For more information, visit [www.greatstonedam.com](http://www.greatstonedam.com).

## Andover Inn team rappels for the cause

A two-person team from the Andover Inn went "Over the Edge" for charity this summer by rappelling off the 22-story Hilton Hartford in Connecticut.

General manager Stephan Amesoeder and restaurant server Alyson Traficante raised \$1,000 apiece for the chance to rappel as part of the Shatterproof Challenge.

Shatterproof is a national organization committed to protecting children from developing addiction to alcohol or other drugs and ending

the stigma and suffering of those affected by the disease.

It co-partnered on the Hartford challenge with Waterford Group Charitable Foundation, an extension of the national hotel and convention center management company, Waterford Hotel Group, which manages the Andover Inn, located on Chapel Avenue at the campus of Phillips Academy.

"We are so thankful for the Andover Inn team's support of me and Alyson's participation in the Shatterproof Challenge," Amesoeder said in a

release. "The funds raised will help us to support addiction awareness and treatment, as well as the mission of the Waterford Group Charitable Foundation, to support the community in which our associates live and work."

In all, 115 individuals rappelled down the Hilton Hartford during the event, raising more than \$300,000 for the cause. The Shatterproof Challenge is currently supporting key addiction policy initiatives at the federal and state levels and education through events, public



Courtesy photo

**Andover Inn general manager Stephan Amesoeder and restaurant server Alyson Traficante rappelled off the Hilton Hartford in Connecticut as part of this summer's Shatterproof Challenge.**

service announcements and digital and social media.

## British invasion Andover Sister Towns set to welcome UK visitors

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
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Little did Judy and the late Ed Goonyep of Andover know that their U.K. vacation back in 1981 would turn into a long-standing tradition for their hometown.

But when the Goonyeps met Joan and Jack Taylor of Andover Hants, Hampshire, U.K., on that trip, they set their hometown of Andover on the road to international exchange.

The Taylors were active members of the Andover Town Twinning Association in the U.K., which sponsored exchanges with towns in other countries, notably Goch in Germany and Redon in France.

The essential idea behind the association was the promotion of goodwill and cultural ties between towns in the U.K. and the continent in the post-war era.

The program got the Goonyeps thinking: What about setting up a similar exchange with their own community and its counterpart in the U.K.?

The two couples became friends and an informal exchange was born that ultimately formalized in 2000 with the first official trip and the creation of the Andover Sister Towns Association.

Next week, the local Andover plays host to a new group of British visitors from the U.K. Andover. About 13 guests will be treated to eight days of activities that organizers say are, well, fit for a queen.

"The Goonyep-Taylor friendship led to these exchange visits," said Nan James of Andover, who is organizing next week's itinerary with her husband, Bob. "Correspondence between these newfound friends was maintained for years."

There has been an exchange trip between the two Andovers every few years, with North Andover joining in the experience in recent years, too.

Over the years, the local

Andoverites have treated their British counterparts to Boston Duck Boat tours, museum outings, a lunch cruise on Lake Winnepesaukee and a trip to Plimoth Plantation. The British side of the exchanges has featured tours of Winchester Cathedral, Windsor Castle, Blenheim Palace (Churchill's estate), a special tour of Parliament in London, a visit to the University of Oxford and pub crawls.

The last exchange trip occurred in the spring of 2012 with locals traveling to the U.K. to visit Salisbury Cathedral and Hampton Court, followed by round-trip ferry channel crossings to Normandy and the World War II beachhead memorials.

"Jack Taylor was an excellent tour guide and minivan driver and weather was superb," Nan James said.

The British visitors will arrive Tuesday, Sept. 2, and be in town through Sept. 9. They

will be staying with various host families.

Their stay will include a Sept. 3 welcoming reception at Arden on the Wood estate in Andover, a visit to Fenway Park and Boston museums, Boston harbor cruise as well as other day trips, a tour of the North Andover Historical Society and the Phillips Academy campus in Andover, an outing to Portsmouth, N.H., and its Strawberry Banke Museum and a farewell barbecue at the Andover home of Frank and Belva Hopkins.

It remains to be seen whether the hosts can top a particularly memorable British visit to town in September 1996, when a group of U.K. soccer players visited Andover, Mass., in an athletic exchange among high school-age teams, with soccer families acting as hosts.

"The game score results were judged a draw," Nan James said, laughing.

*Drivers are needed for the day trips planned during the exchange. Contact Diane Huster at [husterd@aol.com](mailto:husterd@aol.com) for more information.*

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Marilyn Fitzgerald

## MS. FITZ'S FIGHT

Champion Andover swim coach battling new cancer diagnosis

By DAVID WILLIS  
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Her smile is legendary, her enthusiasm and zest for life irreplaceable.

Marilyn Fitzgerald — now heading into her 23rd year as head coach of the Andover High girls swimming and diving team — remains a beacon of optimism, as thrilled for a preseason meeting as she is for the chance to add another state title to her dazzling resume.

So few would imagine that the 72-year-old Fitzgerald has once again been fighting a battle for her life.

In May, Fitzgerald was diagnosed with Paget's breast cancer — her third bout with cancer. Caught early, the disease has an 85 percent survival rate, which is the case for Fitzgerald, whose prognosis is excellent.

“I honestly appreciate every day,” Fitzgerald said. “I have so much to celebrate. I am a very grateful woman. I could never sit here and feel bad for myself. Not that this news wasn't a slap in the face, but you do what you have to do to continue.”

Following surgery, she is responding very well to radiation treatment for the disease while continuing to coach.

“My mother is such a trooper and is doing very well with the treatments,” her daughter, Patty Spring, said. “She is someone who is never going to let anything stop her. She will not let you pity her. She is very enthusiastic, very caring.”

“Her greatest concern is not being there for her swimmers during the preseason.”

### The road to diagnosis

The veteran coach's breast cancer fight began when she discovered an unusual bump.

“It was so unexpected,” Fitzgerald said.

She immediately called her primary care doctor, who was not available that day, and saw the on-call doctor instead.

“She told me, ‘I don't know what it is, but I will set you up with a surgeon to identify it,’” Fitzgerald said.

Reaching a diagnosis proved complicated. Paget's is a rare form of breast cancer and some health sources say it is often misdiagnosed as eczema.

“Five days after seeing the first doctor, I saw the surgeon,” Fitzgerald said. “He also didn't recognize it.”

She was then sent to Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston for an ultrasound.

“The tech then told me that he didn't recognize it and told me to see a specialist,” she said.

It was then that Fitzgerald decided to contact a good friend who had just undergone breast surgery. The friend connected Fitzgerald with her doctor and



MIKE SPRINGER/Staff photo

Marilyn Fitzgerald, the beloved state championship swim coach at Andover High, continues to smile in the face of breast cancer. She will continue to lead the Golden Warriors while undergoing daily treatments.

she set up an appointment. Within minutes, he had a diagnosis.

“He told me most doctors would never see a case of Paget's in their entire career,” said Fitzgerald, whose plans for a summer vacation she had been putting together quickly came to a halt. “I was very fortunate that each doctor pushed me forward to another and hadn't just passed it off as a skin condition.”

Six days later, Fitzgerald underwent “invasive” surgery for the disease, which has an average age of diagnosis of 62 years old in women and 69 in men.

The news stunned many, including her daughters, Patty and Linda, and son, John.

“It was absolutely out of the blue,” said John Fitzgerald, an electrician now living in Lawrence. “I had just started a new job and was driving home from my first day when she called. She said, ‘You have good news, and I have some bad news.’ I was in my truck and drove right to her house and we talked for a long time.”

### Past health battles

Fighting cancer, unfortunately, is nothing new for Fitzgerald, who graduated from Andover High in 1960.

She twice beat thyroid cancer, first 25 years ago then 12 years later.

“The first time, it had already advanced to my lymphatic system so it required major surgery,” she said. “I had growths on my carotid artery and needed dangerous surgery on the (right) side of my neck. They think it could



STAFF FILE PHOTO

Marilyn Fitzgerald, seen being thrown into the pool after the Andover High swim team won the state title in 2007, has retained her energy and enthusiasm despite a new cancer diagnosis at the age of 72.

have been growing for 15 years. I also had radioactive iodine treatment.”

When the disease returned, she once again needed a “therapeutic” dose of radioactive iodine, but she had no intention of it halting her life.

“While I was being treated, my grandson (Bruce Brown) had a big showdown in track that was all over the papers,” she said. “I was determined to see the race because it was so big.”

“Now, I was literally radioactive. So I found a place on a little hill away from the track and I went there to watch it all by myself. Kids were walking over to me and I had to tell them to go away because it was dangerous. But it was worth it to see Bruce run.”

### No time to slow down

While Fitzgerald must undergo radiation treatment five times a week, she said she was very fortunate to avoid the need for chemotherapy.

“I had a 50/50 shot of needing to undergo chemo,” she said. “Breast cancer patients undergo a (Oncotype) DX test which assesses if chemo is necessary. Anything 1 to 18 is no, 18 to 31 is maybe and anything over 31 is a definite yes.”

“I was right in the middle, and I was prepared to undergo chemo, as devastating as it is. But fortunately, due to a lot of factors, including my ‘advanced’ age, I didn't have to. There is some discomfort in radiation, but the biggest side effect is exhaustion. I came home from a treatment and took a nap,

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## Andover High Fall 2014 Sports Schedule

### FOOTBALL

Sept. 5 at Cambridge Rindge & Latin 7 p.m.  
Sept. 12 North Andover 7 p.m.  
Sept. 19 Methuen 7 p.m.  
Sept. 26 at Central Catholic 7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 2 at Chelmsford 7 p.m.  
Oct. 10 Billerica 7 p.m.  
Oct. 24 Lowell 7 p.m.  
Oct. 31 MIAA Tournament TBA  
Nov. 7 MIAA Tournament TBA  
Nov. 14 MIAA Tournament TBA  
Nov. 27 Central Catholic 10:30 a.m.

### BOYS SOCCER

Sept. 4 at North Andover 7 p.m.  
Sept. 9 at Methuen 3:45 p.m.  
Sept. 11 Lawrence 7 p.m.  
Sept. 16 Dracut 7 p.m.  
Sept. 18 Tewksbury 7 p.m.  
Sept. 20 at Newton North 11 a.m.  
Sept. 22 St. John's Prep 7 p.m.  
Sept. 30 at Chelmsford 4 p.m.  
Oct. 2 at Haverhill 7 p.m.  
Oct. 7 Billerica 7 p.m.  
Oct. 9 Lowell 7 p.m.  
Oct. 11 Somerville 7 p.m.  
Oct. 14 North Andover 7 p.m.  
Oct. 16 at Dracut 3:45 p.m.  
Oct. 18 at Central Catholic 11 a.m.  
Oct. 21 Haverhill 7 p.m.  
Oct. 23 Central Catholic 7 p.m.  
Oct. 28 Lowell 6 p.m.

### GIRLS SOCCER

Sept. 4 North Andover 7 p.m.  
Sept. 6 Lincoln-Sudbury 7 p.m.  
Sept. 9 Methuen 7 p.m.  
Sept. 13 Winchester 3:30 p.m.  
Sept. 16 at Dracut 7 p.m.  
Sept. 18 at Tewksbury 7 p.m.  
Sept. 20 Central Catholic 7 p.m.  
Sept. 27 Canton 3 p.m.  
Sept. 30 Chelmsford 4 p.m.  
Oct. 2 Haverhill 7 p.m.  
Oct. 7 at Billerica 3:30 p.m.  
Oct. 9 at Lowell 6 p.m.  
Oct. 11 at Danvers 6:30 p.m.  
Oct. 14 at North Andover 7 p.m.  
Oct. 16 at Chelmsford 6:30 p.m.  
Oct. 18 at Medford 10 a.m.  
Oct. 23 Central Catholic 7 p.m.  
Oct. 28 Lowell 7 p.m.

### FIELD HOCKEY

Sept. 4 at Bishop Fenwick 3:45 p.m.  
Sept. 6 Danvers 1:30 p.m.  
Sept. 10 Central Catholic 7 p.m.  
Sept. 13 Chelmsford 3 p.m.  
Sept. 17 Haverhill 7 p.m.  
Sept. 19 at Tewksbury 3:30 p.m.  
Sept. 21 at North Andover 12 p.m.  
Sept. 22 at Lawrence 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 26 at Dracut 3:30 p.m.  
Sept. 29 Lowell 7 p.m.  
Oct. 1 Tewksbury 7 p.m.  
Oct. 6 North Andover 7 p.m.  
Oct. 10 at Methuen 3:30 p.m.  
Oct. 12 at Walpole 1 p.m.  
Oct. 15 at Central Catholic 1 p.m.  
Oct. 18 Beverly 2 p.m.  
Oct. 22 at Chelmsford 6:30 p.m.  
Oct. 24 at Danvers 4 p.m.

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Sept. 5 Haverhill 6 p.m.  
Sept. 10 at Dracut 7 p.m.  
Sept. 12 Chelmsford 6 p.m.  
Sept. 15 Billerica 6 p.m.  
Sept. 17 North Andover 6 p.m.  
Sept. 23 at Masconomet 5:30 p.m.  
Sept. 24 at Lowell 6 p.m.  
Sept. 26 at Central Catholic 6 p.m.  
Sept. 29 Lawrence 6 p.m.  
Oct. 1 at Methuen 5:30 p.m.  
Oct. 2 at Reading TBA  
Oct. 8 at Tewksbury 5 p.m.  
Oct. 10 at North Andover 5:30 p.m.  
Oct. 18 Winchester 2:30 p.m.  
Oct. 20 at Masconomet 5:30 p.m.  
Oct. 24 at Methuen 6 p.m.

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FILE PHOTO

Azita Bakhtyari is a proven star for the Andover girls volleyball team, which has a new coach this fall.

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## FITZGERALD

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which is unheard of for me.”

Fitzgerald credited her children and Ernie Calverley, her longtime “partner” and significant other, for helping her work through the challenges of her treatments with a smile. She also points to the memory of her parents as her inspiration.

“My children have been amazing and Ernie has just been aces,” she said. “He is the only one I will complain to. My son, John, who has had to fight through so much, is my rock. I have received so much love from past and current athletes as well.”

“I think my parents had the greatest influence on my nature of being a happy person. You don’t live as long as they did, to ages 97 and 98, without a great outlook. I never saw them complain. My mother beat lung cancer at 90. Her doctor told her there was a 30-percent chance of survival, and she looked right at him and said, ‘I’ll be one of your 30 percent.’ And she was.”

Her son said his mother’s bravery has been crucial in his life.

“She has always looked

at the glass as half full,” he said. “I have been sober for 20 years and I never could have done that without her. She was there for me the entire way. When my house burned down earlier this year, she was the first person I called.”

“I talk to her every day. She is my rock. She is everyone’s rock.”

John Fitzgerald believes that one of the reasons his mother is still alive today is that she is so active.

“I remember wheeling her in for surgery for thyroid cancer,” he said. “She looked up at me and said, ‘John, I really don’t have time for cancer.’”

### Still leading her Warriors

As for coaching, Fitzgerald is back at the pool preparing her team for the start of the regular season, while also juggling her treatments.

“She truly loves to coach,” daughter Patty Spring said. “I don’t think she will ever slow down. She loves it. She loves being busy and being social. I don’t see her leaving coaching anytime soon. She loves the kids. She is so easy to talk to and very intuitive. She is also very proud of her athletes and family.”

Fitzgerald, who became

## FITZGERALD’S FAMILY

Here is a look at Marilyn Fitzgerald’s family, who she credits for providing her great strength.

**Children:** John Fitzgerald, Patty Spring, Linda Yancy

**Grandchildren:** Sally Brown, Bruce Brown, Connie Jeffery, Michael Spring, Riley Spring, Colin Spring

**Great-grandchildren:** Justus Jeffery, Vera Brown

**Partner:** Ernie Calverley (24 years together)

emotional while discussing her passion for coaching, hopes her presence around the pool can be a positive influence to others.

“I love coaching, believing that I can make a difference in someone else’s life,” she said. “I think I can make them do something they never thought they could. I want them all to know that they can do something special.”

“The best example I could set for my athletes is that I am out there dealing with everything. I am so grateful to be here and be around these kids. I love it.”

David Willis is a sports-writer/videographer for The Andover Townsman.

For more Sports news, see page 21

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## FALL SPORTS

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### GOLF

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| Sept. 3 at Belmont           | 3:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 4 Tewksbury            | 3:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 9 at Central Catholic  | 3:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 10 Billerica           | 3:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 11 Lowell              | 3:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 15 at Chelmsford       | 3:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 17 at Central Catholic | 3:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 18 Haverhill           | 3:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 23 at Dracut           | 3:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 29 at Methuen          | 3:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 30 North Andover       | 3:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 2 Chelmsford            | 3:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 6 Haverhill             | 3:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 7 at Billerica          | 3:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 9 Central Catholic      | 3:30 p.m. |

### BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

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|---|------------|
| Sept. 6 Clipper Relays (Newburyport)        | 10:10 a.m. |
| Sept. 10 Haverhill                          | 3:30 p.m.  |
| Sept. 13 Frosh/Soph Meet (Lowell)           | 3:30 p.m.  |
| Sept. 17 at Billerica                       | 4 p.m.     |
| Sept. 24 at Dracut                          | 10 a.m.    |
| Sept. 27 at MSTCA Frank Kelley Invitational | TBA        |
| Oct. 1 at Tewksbury                         | 3:30 p.m.  |
| Oct. 4 Bay State Invitational               | 10 a.m.    |
| Oct. 8 Chelmsford                           | 3:30 p.m.  |
| Oct. 15 Central Catholic                    | 3:30 p.m.  |
| Nov. 1 State Coaches Meet                   | TBA        |
| Nov. 8 Sectional Meet                       | TBA        |
| Nov. 15 State Meet                          | TBA        |

### GIRLS SWIMMING

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Sept. 4 Brookline/Melrose | 4 p.m.    |
| Sept. 9 Notre Dame        | 2:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 12 at Methuen       | 2:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 19 Central Catholic | 3:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 26 Haverhill        | 3:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 30 Billerica        | 3:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 3 Lowell             | 3:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 6 at Belmont         | 4 p.m.    |
| Oct. 11 at North Andover  | 3:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 15 at Acton-Boxboro  | 4 p.m.    |
| Oct. 17 Dracut            | 3:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 24 at Chelmsford     | 3:30 p.m. |



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Jacquelyn Leone brings a scoring touch to the Andover field hockey team, which will contend for the Merrimack Valley Conference title this fall.

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# Andover Girls Softball scores strong season

A shift in seasons led to some big numbers for Andover Girls Softball League this summer.

Moving the 8 and Under and 6 and Under age divisions from the summer to the spring, in addition to new pitching, fielding and hitting clinics, helped to increase player participation by almost 25 percent compared to last year, according to Rob Zdunczyk, league vice president.

The changes paid dividends, with Andover teams winning both the regular season and tournament titles in the 14U Quad Town League, which consists of a dozen teams from Andover, North Andover, Lawrence and Haverhill.

Along with a season of great play, Andover Softball donated time, money and resources to improve conditions at the softball fields at Doherty Middle and West Elementary schools.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Despite having the youngest roster in the Quad Town League, the Andover Gold 14U won the regular season title with an 11-1 record. The team includes, front row, from left, Ashley Cocchiaro, Anneliese Ziegenbein, Emma Ganci, Gia Bramanti, Anna Zdunczyk and Paige Gillette and, back row, from left, coach Rob Zdunczyk, Scarlett Gillette, Margaret Mahan, Megan Zalanskas, Hannah Wilen, Michaela Spampinato, coach Greg Zalanskas and coach Joe Spampinato. Mazzie Fraser is missing from the photo.



The Andover Blue 12U won the Andover in-town, end-of-season round-robin tournament. The team includes, front row, from left, Angelina Archambault, Kerri Palmer, Olivia Stuart, Olivia Chapman, Sara Carleo and Ally Keenan; middle row, from left, Sara Beth Boese, Concetta Archambault, Anna Higgins, Grace Wright and Abby Sleeper; and, back row, from left, coaches Bob Carleo, Jerry Sleeper and Mike Stuart.



The Andover Blue 14U team captured the end-of-season tournament for the Quad Town League with a come-from-behind, 14-7 victory over neighboring North Andover in the championship game. The league is comprised of 12 teams from Andover, North Andover, Lawrence and Haverhill. The Andover Blue 14U includes, front row, from left, Brooke Fleming, Caroline Condon, Grace Condon, Abby Myers, Caleigh Schmitt and Maddy Wagner and, back row, from left, coach Allan Livingston, Julia Gordon, Kate Gregory, Alicia Valeri, Allison Wright, Maggie Livingston, Alexandra Scott and coach Angela Gordon.



The Andover 12U Gators claimed the in-town regular season championship. The team includes, front row, from left, Iliana Brouillette, Danielle Silva, Sara Folan, Juliann Alpert and Heather Graham; second row, from left, Mackenzie Thomas, Claire Mondejar, Kate Uluatam, Catherine Dankens and Sydney Gregory; and, back row, from left, coach Dan Folan, manager John Graham and coach Donna Silva.

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The Townsman wants to spotlight the triumphs, and tragedies, of Andover's local sports teams and athletes.

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The new fall household hazardous waste collection will be held Saturday, Sept. 13. The spring household hazardous waste collection will take place on Saturday, May 16, as planned. The additional fall collection for X-ray, camera and cathode ray tubes as well as electronics is set for Saturday, Sept. 27. The spring CRT collection will occur

on Saturday, June 6, as planned. Residents should refer to the town's Recycling/Trash Guide for a list of items that will be accepted and more detailed information regarding any applicable fees. The town reminds participants that lines of individuals waiting to drop off items will not be allowed to form early at any of the collections.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in town:

- **1 Arcadia Road:** Derek S. and Betty-anna L. Donahue to Megan Bernstein and Scott Katz, \$765,000
- **21-23 Balmoral St.:** Meredith L. Borstell to Balmoral Development LLC, \$449,900
- **24 Florence St.:** 24 Florence Street LLC to James Nyhan, \$539,900
- **541 Lowell St.:** Karen Chateaufort and Michelle Decker to Vincenzo Marcella, \$275,000
- **4 Nollet Drive:** Michael D. Norton M&A LT and Michael D. Norton to Eric and Lisa Pearlman, \$765,000
- **18 River Road:** 18 River RT and Michael Courtney to 18 River Road RT and Christopher B. Cronin, \$200,000
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