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Gabrielle Aulson (Photo: Courtesy of Lexirose!)

GRADUATION: Senior Spotlight

by Lexirose Aulson

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Gabrielle Aulson is a graduating senior in the Georgetown Class of 2025. Like many of her peers, she has some impressive accomplishments—Honor Roll, Vice President, and Volleyball Captain. Yet, these achievements are not what truly define Gabrielle.

For those who don't know her, here's a little insight:

She's a proud, slightly crazy cat mom to her beloved girls—Pishoe, Esmeralda, and Bluette. She is a Harry Potter and Top Gun fanatic. She can guess anyone's astrological sign on the spot (she's an Aquarius, by the way). She's unbelievably

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'The Graduation Address I will Probably Never Be Asked to Deliver'

by Kevin McCormick

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Congratulations to all of you and thank you for having me here at one of your major life achievements. We humans need ceremonies to mark milestones but then we humans must move on. To the next thing. Whatever that is will certainly find you if you don't know what, when or where that will be.

As I stand here before you, gazing out on all of your faces, I now know what it must be like to host the Oscars. I'm looking at a roomful of stars, figuratively and literally. Shine on, shine bright. There is no technological substitute for the human spirit, nor will there ever be. Will there? We need to ask this question nowadays? Really?

But, seriously, enough platitudes, be they

perfunctory or pulchritudinous. You're now considered adults. Yeah, adulthood is great, but sometimes it ain't that great. Here are a few guardrails to keep you on the road of your newfound maturity:

- Don't whine. It won't help but most always will just escalate a situation. Shows weakness and defeatism, too. Do not do that.
- Do not leave the toilet paper roll empty.

This is one of the earliest but also one of the most important rites of passage you will ever be challenged with. Do you care about your family, friends, and sometimes complete strangers when they are at their most vulnerable and are in their hour of need? This is about a lot more than just paper products, this is about life, liberty

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Some of the volunteers at the First Parish Newbury Food Pantry (Photo: Stewart Lytle)

NEWBURY: Food Bank Turns 10!

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter

REGIONAL – First Parish Newbury Food Bank, which celebrates its 10th year this month serving needy households in the region, stands as a shining example of community spirit and volunteer-driven compassion.

Entirely staffed by volunteers, the food pantry boasts more than 200 members who dedicate their time to serving hundreds of others.

The food pantry has come a long way. Founded by church members Jane Merrow and Sue Boccuzzo, when Steve Fram, a Newbury health inspector, asked for help in relocating the food pantry at the closing Byfield Methodist Church, Merrow and

Boccuzzo persuaded the Newbury church leadership 10 years ago to adopt the food pantry as a mission. The challenge was where in the small church would there be space.

They pointed to the small church library, which had a couple of open shelves for a few cans of food. The first week it served only one customer.

Word spread and more clients showed up. The food came from a variety of

sources from local restaurants to backyard gardens. The pantry soon outgrew the library.

It soon created an online ordering system that has improved the ordering and fulfillment process and made it easier for families to get exactly what they need.

When Covid struck the region, the pews in the church sanctuary presented an opportunity. They created the peanut

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Town of
Boxford
Massachusetts

Select Board to Host Public Info. Session on Potential Membership in North Shore Regional 911 Center

BOXFORD – The Town of Boxford Select Board will host a public information session at its meeting on **Monday, June 16, 2025**, to discuss the Town's ongoing evaluation of potentially joining the North Shore Regional 911 Center (NSR911). The session will take place at Boxford Town Hall beginning at 6:30 PM, and residents are strongly encouraged to attend and learn

more about this important initiative.

The June 16th session will offer an overview of the NSR911 Center's services and operations, the potential benefits of regionalized emergency communications, and the process Boxford would follow to become a member community. The Town's public safety leaders and staff will be available

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NEWBURYPORT Adult and Community Education (NACE)

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

REGIONAL – Looking for a fun, maybe life-enriching experience this summer. Try learning to make pottery or fulfill that childhood dream of shooting a bow and arrow.

There is always try your hand at watercolors or decoupage oyster shell art. Maybe you wish you knew how to protect your email account from the cybercriminals. Or reduce your stress with meditation in Maudsley State Park or take a hike to discover some of Newburyport's wonderful hidden landscapes.

How can you do this? The Newburyport Adult and Community Education (NACE) offers these and other fascinating courses this summer. Classes run between June 19 and August 12.

“Have some fun, get creative, ignite your curiosity, clean up that cell phone or simply take a break from the crazy days of summer with some relaxing outdoor meditation and

stretching,” wrote Patty St. John, NACE director.

For the full schedule and to register online, visit newburyportadulted.org. Classes are available to anyone in the Greater Newburyport region and southern New Hampshire, ages 15 and older.

Classes are limited in size and can fill up quickly.

If you have a skill and experience you would like to share, NACE is also accepting class proposals for the fall semester. If you are interested in exploring teaching a course, submit a proposal on our website for consideration.

NACE is a self-supporting program, whose budget is funded primarily from course fees. Additional funding is made available from grants and individual donors. It operates under the auspices of the Newburyport Public School system but receives no public support.

For more information, contact Patty St. John, director, at 978-465-1257. ♦

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FOOD PANTRY, YR. 10

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butter and Mac & Cheese pews, along with designated space for pet food and toilet paper.

When the church reopened after COVID, the pantry moved to a donated three-room garage that once stored a classic car collection, while they broke ground on the current building.

Where? At the rear of the church, another underutilized spot.

Each week, the food bank now supports between 675 to 725 individuals in 285 to 312 households. Last week alone, the pantry served 36 adults, 147 children, 214 seniors and two homeless, walk-in guests.

The pantry's reach spans well beyond Newbury to serve Georgetown, Ipswich, Newburyport, Rowley, Salisbury and West Newbury.

It offers a selection of 350 to 400 different food items. Guests can choose from fresh, canned or frozen fruits and vegetables, as well as pastas, beans, rice, cereals, dairy, frozen meats and sauces.

And it caters to specific dietary needs, offering gluten-free and low-sodium items, incontinence products and pet food.

On average, the pantry distributes between 45,000 to 50,000 pounds of food every month, brought in from a wide variety of sources, led by the Boston Food Bank, but assisted by.

Food distribution is both at the pantry and delivered, with more than 185 households receiving orders each Friday morning from volunteers who drive their own cars to make the deliveries and do a wellness check on the client.

Each week, volunteers call more than 130 households to assist the computer illiterate in placing orders. These calls often lead to meaningful and lasting relationships. One client said it was the best call she got every week, Merrow said.

Volunteers collect food donations from local businesses seven days a week, ensuring that edible items are rescued before going to waste. On Fridays afternoons, volunteers also visit local schools to recover food.

In schools, mini-pantries are stocked by

the pantry volunteers to ensure students have enough food, allowing them to focus on their studies without their stomachs growling.

Families with children make up a significant portion of those served. Volunteers make a point to provide kid-friendly foods and essentials that help parents stretch their budgets.

“Working here is therapy for every single person who walks through this door,” Merrow said. “Even for me.”

She also calls the team a family, a sentiment echoed by other volunteers.

The pantry receives donations from a wide range of sources including Shaw's Grocery Store, Middle Street Foods, Olive's Bake Shop, the Lions Club, Amazon, which distributes pallettes of dry good and pet food.

And there is Loretta's Restaurant in Newburyport. Ted Epstein, owner of Loretta's in downtown Newburyport, donates a percentage of the restaurant's profits every second Wednesday to support the pantry. His donation each month is in the thousands of dollars, which helps buy food products that are not donated.

Thursdays are especially busy as volunteers prepare for the massive Friday delivery and distribution. The food bank is currently in need of more delivery drivers to keep up with demand. Anyone with a few hours to spare can make a real difference, Merrow said.

A free farmers market is planned for mid-June.

The pantry is now in its sixth month of participating in the Wellness Study, a two-year project sponsored by the Greater Boston Food Bank and Massachusetts General Hospital. The study aims to better understand how food pantries can support healthier choices among clients. Color-coded labels help guide decisions, with green indicating healthier options and red marking foods high in saturated fat, sodium and added sugars.

White labels are used for non-food items and foods that haven't been ranked. The researchers are conducting interviews to help assess how much the color-coding system influences healthier food choices. ♦

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NEWBURYPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

Monday, June 9th at 7pm: FOL Spring Gratitude Event (IN PERSON). All 2025 FOL Members and past Book Sale Volunteers are invited to register. Please join us in the Program Room anytime between 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Refreshments will be served. Door prizes will be drawn every 30 minutes, giving everyone a chance to win! Each attendee will also receive a gift as a token of our appreciation for your support. Registration required.

Monday, June 9th at 7pm: The History of Measles & Measles Vaccination (VIRTUAL). Join Professor Elena Conis and MDPH Senior Epidemiology Advisor Hillary Johnson for a discussion about the history of measles and the development of its vaccine. Virtual registration required.

Tuesday, June 10th at 6:30pm: Teacup Flower Arrangements (IN PERSON). Join local florist Jennifer MacLaren of the Dew Collective to learn the art of flower arranging and take home your very own teacup flower arrangement. Registration required.

Thursday, June 12th at 10am: A History of Women's Work: The Evolution of Women's Working Lives (VIRTUAL). Author Janet Few discusses her new book "A History of Women's Work: The Evolution of Women's Working Lives". This book delves into three main areas of women's work: household tasks, home industries, and paid employment outside the home. Virtual registration required. VIRTUAL programs require registration to get the Zoom link. People can register online via the library website events calendar or by calling 978-465-4428 x2. Some in-person programs in June require registration.

Ongoing Discussion Groups:

Wednesday, June 4th at 2pm: Next Chapter Book Group (IN PERSON at the Senior Center). The Next Chapter Book Group invites you to join our monthly book discussion on the first Wednesday of the month. We will be meeting at the Senior Community Center. This month's title is "The Secrets We Kept" by Laura Presscott. No registration required.

Thursday, June 5th at 4pm: Case Closed Book Group (VIRTUAL). Do you enjoy mystery, thriller and true crime novels? Come join the Case Closed Book Group on the first Thursday of the month! We read a variety of mystery, thriller and true crime books; fiction and non-fiction! New readers are always welcome. We also do not discourage those who were unable to finish the current title from attending! This month's title is "The Return of Ellie Black" by Emiko Jean. Virtual registration required.

Tuesday, June 17th at 3pm: Classics Book Group (IN PERSON). Join NPL's Classics Book Group! This group meets in-person on the third Thursday of every month in the Director's Room. This month's title is "Invisible Man" by Ralph Ellison. Registration required.

Other ongoing programs:

Once a month: Home Delivery Services! Are you unable to come to the library? Let the library come to you! Any Newburyport who is possession of a library card and meets one of the following conditions is eligible for this program: (1) A disability and/or health issue which prevents an individual from visiting the Library, (2) Mobility issues which prevent an individual from visiting the Library, (3) Temporary physical limitations (or illness) which prevent an individual from visiting the Library for a minimum of 3 months and a maximum of 6 months. Please contact a Reference Librarian at the second floor Reference Desk by phone 978-465-4428 or email info@newburyportpl.org with any questions

about the service.

Tuesdays at 8am: Yoga and Mindfulness (VIRTUAL). Improve your physical and mental well-being by joining Registered Yoga Teacher Ree Coleman for yoga and mindfulness practice. Classes will be held online for the rest of the winter. No registration is necessary. The Zoom link and meeting ID can be found on the Library website's events calendar.

2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm: NPL Art Hive (IN PERSON). All skill levels are welcome. Please bring in your own supplies and projects to work on. The Library will also provide coloring pages, color pencils, and origami. Suggested art hive projects include knitting and crocheting, collaging, small-scale watercolors and/or drawings.

Thursdays (bi-weekly) at 5:15 pm: Spanish Conversation Group (IN PERSON). All levels are welcome! However, it may be best suited for those who have a basic knowledge of Spanish or above. Please note, this is not a class, but it can be a great way to practice your Spanish conversational skills and connect with others who have an interest in the language. The group is led by a Spanish-speaking librarian. Registration required.

Mondays & Thursdays from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm: Drop-In Tech Time (IN PERSON). Bring your simple technology questions for a drop-in session. We can help

with the basics for your phones, laptops, tablets, and e-readers, including accessing library resources, adding Libby to a personal device, basic computer navigation, and general internet instruction. Sessions can last up to 30 minutes and will be run with available staff on a first come, first served basis. Contact info@newburyportpl.org or call us at 978-465-4428 x 2 with questions.

Fridays at 2pm: Summer Movie Matinee (IN PERSON). Titles are posted on the Library website's events calendar.

Drop-In Social Services Support (IN PERSON). The City's licensed professional social worker Trish Boateng offers regular drop-in hours at the Library for any Newburyport resident who may need assistance. Get connected with assistance for food, housing, transportation, health, child care, or other necessities. Meetings are offered on a first-come, first-served basis every Tuesday afternoon at the library, 1:30-2:30 pm.

Council on Aging Outreach Services Drop-In Hours (IN PERSON). Outreach Specialist from the Council on Aging, Ann Freeman, is available at the Library to residents interested in learning more about the outreach services provided by the Council on Aging. She is available at the library biweekly on Thursdays from 10-11am. Please see the Events calendar for exact dates or call us at 978-465-4428 x2.

Rowley Public Library Seeks Your Input on Strategic Plan

Rowley Public Library Needs Your Input!

All are invited to participate in a 90-minute focus group on Tuesday, June 10, from 6 to 7:30pm. The ideas and perspectives gathered will be crucial in shaping the Rowley Public Library's Strategic Plan, guiding the future of the library's services.

The focus group will be an open conversation led by a strategic planning consultant, guided by a series of questions designed to explore how Rowley Public Library can best meet the community's needs and aspirations. The session will be

facilitated by Local Librarian Consulting to encourage candid and meaningful discussion.

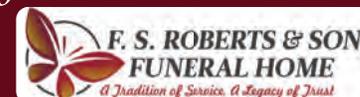
Please RSVP here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PTBND7L>, call the library at 978-948-2850, or sign up on the library calendar at <https://www.rowleylibrary.org/calendar/>.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts and contributions. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pamela Jacobson, Director of the Rowley Public Library.

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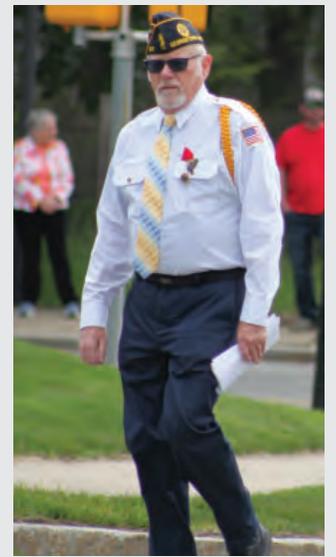
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Joseph Soucy (center front) carries the American Legion Flag which remains unfurled in deference to the American Flag



(L-R.) New Life Community Church Pastor Lierre Soares Júnior, Emerson Donahue with her dad Georgetown Selectman Mike Donahue, Georgetown Selectboard Chair Rob Hoover, and Georgetown Selectwoman Laura Repplier (Photos: Lonnie Brennan)



Georgetown Selectman Doug Dawes Leads the American Legion Memorial Day Ceremonies



Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts with members of Georgetown's Lancer Marching Band in background.



Police Chief David Sedgwick with Police Honor Guard



Members and supporters of the girl scouts give a big cheer/shout-out to Georgetown teacher Heidi Begin (photo below)!

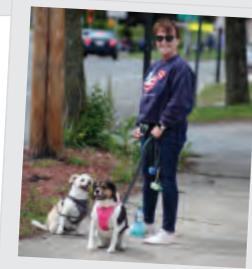


Heidi Begin



Johnny B. keeps ahead of the crowd setting up remote speaker systems

2025



Memorial Day Georgetown, Mass.



Former Georgetown Selectman Alan Auson of Great Rock Farm and Goats-to-Go provides transportation for fellow members of the American Legion

Upcoming Events

AMESBURY

2025 Chocolate Tour! Saturday, June 7th, 12 to 4 p.m. - an afternoon of delicious tastings, local charm, and community fun—all while supporting great local causes. Tickets include a chocolate sample from each participating shop and help fund our amazing beneficiaries: Tough Warrior Princesses, Greenstone Gives, and K9 Officer Meatball. Get tickets: <https://chocolatetour.org/tickets/>

BOXFORD

June 16th public information session on the Town's exploration to join the North Shore Regional 911 Center. See story, Page 1.

GEORGETOWN

The Georgetown Republican Town Committee has changed their June meeting day. Details next week. In the meantime, E-mail: GtownRTC@gmail.com.

*Lenny Mirra, Chair
Georgetown Republican Town Committee
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Dow Summer Arts Program - Tues-Thurs 10 am - 12 p.m. JULY! www.ipswichmuseum.com.

MERRIMAC

The Town of Merrimac is preparing to celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2026. The Select Board is seeking enthusiastic and civic-minded residents to join the Merrimac 150th Anniversary Celebration Committee.

This is a unique opportunity to help plan a year-long celebration that honors Merrimac's rich history, traditions, and community spirit. The committee will help shape events and activities, including historical exhibits, parades, concerts, family fun days, and more.

Those who have experience in event planning, a passion for local history, or simply want to give back to their town, are welcome to express their interest.

To express interest in joining the committee, or to request more information, please email the Merrimac Select Board at selectmen@townofmerrimac.com.

NEWBURY

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Graduation Spotlight

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strong-willed and most definitely an old soul.

Gabrielle's best qualities run far deeper than any award or letter grade. It has been inspiring to witness how much she has grown into herself over the years.

To Gabrielle—and to all graduating seniors—my advice is this:

As you begin this next chapter of life, **choose yourself**. Make the choice that might not be the easiest, but the one that brings you closer to the life you dream of. No matter where you go, remember that it's your unique qualities that make you you—and that's something truly special.

Gabrielle, it feels like just yesterday we were sharing a room and making at-home movies, congratulations on graduating, I love you so much! ♦

House - Celebrating 10 Years. SUN. June 9th, 1-3 p.m., 20 High Road, Newbury (Behind the church). Refreshments, live music, pantry tours, activities for kids, raffles. Come See How We Have Grown!

NEWBURYPORT

Public Art Committee (PAC) would like to invite the public to attend the unveiling and ceremonial ribbon cutting for "SailTrace," a new public art installation by Portland, Maine, artist Aaron T Stephan.

The event will be held at Market Landing Park on Thursday, June 5, at 11 a.m.

NEWBURYPORT

Newburyport Art presents June Happenings at Newburyport Art - Fri. June 6 to Sat., July 5. The galleries are free and open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 11:00am-5:00pm and Sunday from 1:00pm-5:00pm. Newburyport Art is closed on Mondays. The ground-floor Hills Gallery has an accessible entrance. More information, as well as an online gallery is available at newburyportart.org

ROWLEY

Rowley COA's Annual Barbeque on Thursday, June 5th from 12pm-2:30pm at the Rowley Country Club.

WEST NEWBURY

Art in the Garden. It is a celebration of gardening as art and the six gardens (3 in West Newbury and 3 in Merrimac) will not only show the personal expression, skills,

and energy of the gardeners, they will also have visual artists creating and musicians performing.

A special treat is a tour at one of the gardens of a 1710 house, built originally in Concord, MA and moved about twenty years ago to Merrimac. The tour is from 10-4 on June 14.

Advance tickets (\$25) are available at the West Newbury Food Mart, the West Newbury Memorial Library, and on Eventbrite. Tickets will be available on June 14 at the gardens and at the West Newbury Town Hall for \$30.

SALEM, NH - DOGS!

Tuscan Village is going to the dogs – literally! Join us for Woofstock 2025, a paw-sitively heartwarming event bringing together local animal rescue organizations and dog lovers for a day of adoptions, tail wags, and community fun.

Guests can meet adorable adoptable pups from beloved local shelters and rescue groups, learn more about fostering and adoption, and enjoy pet-friendly activities, giveaways, and pup cups. It's the multi-mutt celebration of compassion, connection, and second chances.

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BOXFORD 911

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to answer questions and provide context on how membership could impact emergency response in Boxford.

"Joining the North Shore Regional 911 Center could bring significant benefits to the community," said Town Administrator Matt Coogan. "The Center is fully staffed, uses the latest emergency communications technology, provides access to accurate and timely data, and has the potential to reduce dispatch times — all at no cost to the Town. It's an opportunity to modernize our public safety infrastructure and strengthen emergency response."

Boxford's exploration of regional dispatch services follows a key recommendation in the Hanifen Report, a recently completed comprehensive assessment of the Town's emergency response operations. The report, commissioned by the Town's Emergency Response Advisory Committee, strongly endorses joining NSR911 as a way to improve service quality and long-term sustainability.

The findings of the Hanifen Report were presented publicly on May 21st, and both the presentation and video recording are available on the Town website at: <https://www.boxfordma.gov/684/Exploring-Membership-in-the-North-Shore>

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In January 2025, the Select Board signed a Letter of Intent with the North Shore Regional 911 Center and the State 911 Department to conduct a feasibility study to evaluate whether and how Boxford could join the regional center, located in Middleton. That study was completed this month and confirms that Boxford can successfully join the Center, which currently serves eight communities, including neighboring Tri-Town partners Topsfield and Middleton. The center is fully funded by the State, and Boxford could become a member without any local cost or fees. The full feasibility study and a recording of its public presentation are also available on the Town's project webpage.

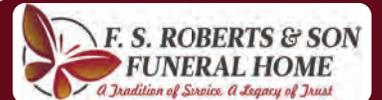
"We hope residents will take the time to review these materials and join us on June 16th," said Select Board Chair Margaret Chow-Menzer. "This is a critical decision for the future of public safety in Boxford. The more our residents understand the process and benefits, the better informed our community will be moving forward."

For more information and to access all project documents, visit the Town's dedicated project page:

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The Spats

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Out on a Limb

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Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Broken stone for paving
 - 8 Big petroleum company of the past
 - 15 Actress Talia
 - 20 Erstwhile empress of Russia
 - 21 Very narrow, as a road
 - 22 Got the lead out?
 - 23 Decision to award Eris' apple to Aphrodite
 - 25 Blah feeling
 - 26 NHLer Bobby
 - 27 Upset infant's sound
 - 28 "Look, mice!"
 - 29 Least severe
 - 31 Stein drinks
 - 34 Original lion-logo film studio
 - 38 Arriver's declaration
 - 40 — buco
 - 41 A Nixon daughter
 - 44 City northeast of Toronto
 - 48 To wit
 - 54 Cascara and red ash are members of it
 - 58 Deem worthy
- DOWN**
- 59 Poet Rich or actress Barbeau
 - 60 "Yang Yang" singer Yoko
 - 61 Painting in the Louvre
 - 63 San Luis —
 - 64 Doc bloc
 - 66 Shoveled
 - 68 Boots out
 - 69 Hardware pieces for attaching shelves to walls
 - 74 Wrinkly-faced dog
 - 77 Wallach or Manning
 - 78 Outlaw
 - 79 Similar to
 - 82 Diner offering
 - 84 Ancient
 - 86 Sits to appear on the cover of, say
 - 90 Pest control company
 - 91 Hovel
 - 94 Shredded, as Parmesan
 - 96 Takes care of
 - 97 1980s game consoles
 - 98 Honolulu site
 - 100 Snazzily dressed
 - 103 2011 Steve Carell rom-com
 - 111 Sphere
 - 115 Port near Buenos Aires
 - 116 "Louisville Lip" of boxing
 - 117 Jeff Lynne's rock gp.
 - 119 "Is that true about me?"
 - 120 Scope of influence
 - 121 The "AA" and "BB" of an AABB scheme
 - 127 Din
 - 128 "Hamilton" composer
 - 129 City grid parts
 - 130 Lace snarls
 - 131 Ends of sonnets
 - 132 Phrase with no repeated letters (like each of this puzzle's seven longest answers)
 - 10 Skunk Pepé of cartoons
 - 11 Like crumbly plecrusts
 - 12 Rowing blade
 - 13 Reggae's — Kamoze
 - 14 Best Musical before "Phantom"
 - 15 Silvery fish
 - 16 Dharma follower
 - 17 Private
 - 18 Recycle
 - 19 Fixes up text
 - 24 Son of Odin
 - 30 Holy relic
 - 32 Lake of TV talk
 - 33 Hit hard, biblical-style
 - 35 Novelist Uris
 - 36 "— get it!"
 - 37 Sacred song
 - 39 Violinist Hilary
 - 41 Kind of ski lift
 - 42 Very impolite
 - 43 2012 hit for Flo Rida
 - 45 Calif. air hub
 - 46 Advertising leaflets
 - 47 Stevie Wonder's "My Cherie —"
 - 49 "Stop!," asea
 - 50 Stags, e.g.
 - 51 Film director Kazan
 - 52 Intense desire
 - 53 "For" votes
 - 55 Doing Atkins, say
 - 56 Do-fa linkup
 - 57 "Get what I'm saying?"
 - 62 Atlanta-to-Akron dir.
 - 65 Suffix with pent-
 - 67 Chitchat
 - 69 Apple or pear
 - 70 Offer a view
 - 71 Permit
 - 72 Sphere
 - 73 Mafia bigwig
 - 74 Hazy air stuff
 - 75 Mister, in Münster
 - 76 "Lonely Boy" singer Paul
 - 79 At a distance
 - 80 Sets of points, in math
 - 81 Torah holders
 - 83 — pork (Chinese entree)
 - 85 Sleuth: Abbr.
 - 87 Purse part
 - 88 Nitrate, e.g.
 - 89 Ration
 - 92 Pick- (refresher)
 - 93 Bygone bird
 - 95 Verb before "thou," perhaps
 - 99 Words after man or sergeant
 - 101 With, to Luc
 - 102 House speaker after Ryan
 - 103 Metallic sound
 - 104 Navarro of silent films
 - 105 H.S. science class for college credit
 - 106 Roster of least-sought-after celebs
 - 107 "Eleni" director
 - 108 "— your disposal"
 - 109 Group trying to sack a QB
 - 110 Swiss chocolatier
 - 112 Like — in headlights
 - 113 Ton of, informally
 - 114 Bette Midler's "Divine" stage persona
 - 118 Alibis, e.g.
 - 122 Go quickly
 - 123 Divs. of eras
 - 124 Propane, e.g.
 - 125 In favor of
 - 126 Knee's place

Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦ Moderate ♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Salome's Stars

you in need of a little breathing space, and you'd be wise to take it. In other news, close family members should have an explanation about an emergency situation that just passed.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An insensitive act makes a difficult situation more so. But try not to waste either your physical or emotional energies in anger. Move on and let others fill the clod in on the facts of life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It's a good time to look into a training program or college course you've been considering. You might have a good place to use these sharpened skills sooner rather than later.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Education dominates much of your aspect during this week. You might want to start checking out summer session courses that could help advance your career plans.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Making progress often comes by fits and starts. But at least you're moving straight ahead with no backsliding! You should soon be able to pick up the pace and reach your goals in due time.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be wary of a deal that gives confusing answers to your questions. Remember, it's always risky swimming in unknown waters, so you need all the help you can get to stay on course.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of bringing people together and creating close friendships wherever you go. You're considered to be the rock in many of your relationships.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might not like some people's ideas of surprises. But you could be in for a pleasant shock when someone finally sends a reply to a request you made so long ago that you almost forgot about it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a time to expect the unexpected. So, don't be surprised if a decision that just recently seemed final suddenly opens up and leaves you with another chance to make an important choice.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Taking a different tack on a work project might rattle some colleagues. But the positive results of your innovative course soon speak for themselves. Celebrate with a fun-filled weekend!

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Meeting new associates can be awkward, even if you're in a high, positive phase right now. Best advice: Make them feel comfortable, and you'll soon forget your own discomfort.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good time for you social Lions to blow-dry your manes, polish your claws, and look like the Fabulous Felines you are as you make new friends and influence the influential!

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Expectations run especially high this week, and you should feel confident in your abilities to take advantage of what might be offered. Meanwhile, a colleague has some advice you might find helpful.

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GRADUATION SPEECH

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and the pursuit of happiness. If you will commit this heinous act, then what's next? Leaving shopping carts in the middle of the parking lot where regular people just trying to park and get on with their day drive into them and knock them asunder subsequently causing a ten-car pileup? Don't do that.

- Do not re-invent the wheel. We have plenty of hexagons already, though there are very rarely ever a call for them. Some are really, really, nice hexagons, you say, and I get it, sure, but still, don't do that. And before you ask, no hendecagons, either. Just keep the wheel, and preferably keep it rolling.

- Murphy's Law was actually written by Murphy's second cousin twice-removed who was also named Murphy. It will take some critical thinking to figure this out, but I'll get you started: Something went wrong at the worst possible time when Murphy was writing his law and...

- Nothing is easy. You can read those three words two different ways. Think!

- The first word of the First Amendment of the Constitution of The United States is "Congress." I'm looking out at all of you and what I see is a roomful of puzzled faces. Why?

- Get to know the squirrels in your area. On one hand, they are some of the most brilliant problem solvers ever to walk the earth. A "squirrel proof" bird feeder will be rendered totally useless in an hour. Infiltrated and emptied. Smart. But, on the other hand, you're driving down a country road completely alone -nobody in front or behind you- and a squirrel will run right out in front of you and risk certain death. Dumb. Why would something that smart do something that dumb? Don't ever let that question be asked of you.

- Remember what it was like to be a kid just as fifth grade was let out for the summer? You had big plans. You were going to have fun with your friends and laugh with the kid who blew milk out of his nose when he laughed with you at lunch. Yeah, it went by way too quick, but there were thoughts of not wasting a moment. Ten whole weeks. A half a lifetime. That was pretty cool, sure, but now you're an adult. Try to laugh at least once a week for ten weeks, and you'll find those ten weeks will disappear in the breeze. Time flies, whether you have any fun or not, so have fun, whether you like it or not.

- You're allowed to keep your head in the clouds as long as you keep your feet on the ground. See, adulthood can be anything from a baby's fart to a clap of thunder but it's essentially like walking around in Jello all day. You really won't get too far in a day's time but you'll be worn out for trying. You are never moving at a nice jaunty pace, you're more or less just slogging along with your

head up just enough to breathe, converse, and if you're lucky enough, daydream. On rare days, it's that really nice Jello, you know, key lime, with the pineapple pieces and cherries inside, whipped cream on top that you wear like a fedora with a feather sticking out of the hatband. Great, but most days it's just the generic red Jello. Red. What flavor is red? Strawberry? Raspberry? Cherry? See what I mean? Keep your head up. Breathe. Dream.

- When bad things or unfortunate circumstances happen within your sphere of existence, eventually you'll have to get used to whatever happened so that you can move on. Yes, you need to get used to it, but you don't have to get over it. Getting over something life-changing means you've made some sense out of it, which, for the most part, never happens. The only direction we have is forward. Reverse doesn't exist. Park and neutral can be used sporadically, but the shift lever of life has no 'R.'

- "Strive for perfection, not excellence." Or is it, "Strive for excellence, not perfection?" Huh? What does either one of those mean? How about just always trying to do the best you can, while keeping this in mind: In any first aid class, the first thing they'll try to impress upon you is to be aware of your surroundings before you put yourself in danger. This is important to remember, be it a situation where you're the first on the scene of a car wreck or if you need to anticipate something that will happen, for instance, if the guy in front of you at the coffee shop is obviously in a hurried panic and he will surely turn around and spill all that hot coffee on you. Keep a wide berth, give ten seconds of assessment, then make a rational judgement. Practice that until it is second nature. Work, home, relationships, late night parking lots, whatever. Practice makes perfect-or is it excellence? Oh, who cares...just be aware, and be careful, okay?

- How is daylight saved? We humans rely on labels with the result being that everything is relative to us. Sometimes these labels are important and necessary but oftentimes their use reveals laziness and complacency. Does daylight savings time control the sun's nuclear fusion, or our orbit around it? Thinking for yourself is tough, isn't it?

- Occam's Razor. Obfuscation. Huh? Occam's Razor basically says there are a million ways to do something but the easiest way is usually the best. Obfuscation is deliberately making something complicated and unclear. Consider which way you would like to do things, or, more importantly, how you'd like people with authority to do things. You should be well aware that there are many people who effortlessly cruise through their entire lives by being experts at obfuscation. A lot of the time, all they are doing is comparing apricots to kumquats. How can

they make a living that way, you ask? We're paying them! Don't let your guard down on this one.

- "Leading experts are baffled." Expert: 'X' is the unknown quantity. 'Spurt' is what happens when you are fighting to open one of those ketchup packets while wearing a white shirt. Just so's you know.

- Change is constant, but only worry about what you can change. Oh, don't worry, that'll keep you busy enough.

- Never ride in the back seat of your own bus. Here you are, cruising down the road of life, all your gear, talent and ambition in the bus with you, then the inevitable traffic jam looms ahead. Oh, you will have to deal with many of those over the years and that's okay; it's just part of it and you may as well just get used to it. You can always ask for directions, though, but only -and only- from people you trust. Beware when a random someone says, "You know what you should do? Well, blah, blah." They want to take the wheel and have you ride in the back seat of your own bus. Next thing you know, you're in a ditch somewhere in the pucky brush and it's up to you to change two flat tires without any help. The genius who got you there has already left. "See-yah!" Ever try to change the tires on a bus with no help, alone in the middle of a lifetime? Don't put yourself in that situation.

- Two wrongs don't make a right. We've all heard that, right? Just for a second, though, let's ponder what you can do with two rights. Even better, consider what two Wrights did. If it's right for you and right for someone else, you just might build something that will get off the ground. Right? The Wright Brothers had a partnership but I just described a coalition. Someday you will be called upon to build one. A coalition, not an airplane. We have enough airplanes.

- Most likely, someday you will have a family of your own and you will be faced with making decisions for the good of their well-being. What do I do and which way do I go? Simple. If you can't see the way forward, put yourself and your desires last. The pathway will then show itself.

- Are you a glass half-full person or a glass half-empty person? Before you ponder this age-old conundrum, consider this: If you have your own glass, and it's under your control, be thankful. You're on the right track.

And I'll close with this final, fabulous message:

Never listen to the Bee Gees. Never. Did you not hear my first gem of advice? No whining! The Bee Gees, musical hitmakers though they are, sound like they're whining. Whining to music! Those nasal falsetto runs..."ah, ah, ah, ah... stayin' aliiiiive!" Whining. Whining to music and what's worse than that? They are whining to disco music. DISCO! Have you no shame? Don't do that, dammit! ♦

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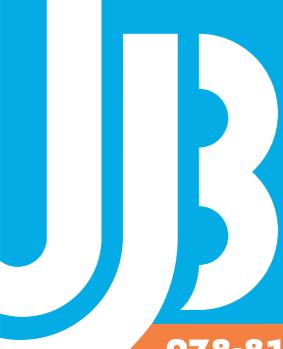
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