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## Moulton urges Israel to increase aid

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BOSTON — U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton is leading a group of House Democrats and veterans calling on Israel to allow more food and other aid to enter Gaza amid increasing warnings of a humanitarian disaster in the region.

In a letter to Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. Yechiel Leiter, the lawmakers expressed “serious concern with the dire humanitarian aid situation in Gaza” and called on Israel to “flood Gaza with humanitarian

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aid,” which they said would also help Israel deprive the terrorist group Hamas of the “leverage” it has gained in restricted aid to the region.

“As veterans of America’s counterinsurgency campaigns over the last 25 years, we believe Israel has a responsibility and moral obligation to

actively prevent harm to civilians, particularly children,” Moulton, D-Salem, and other lawmakers wrote. “Food scarcity has provided Hamas an opportunity to weaponize aid for profit and control.”

The lawmakers said if food is “abundant and easily available, it will deny Hamas the

– U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton  
ability to use it as an instrument of coercion” citing the examples of U.S. policies on humanitarian aid during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. “Not just restoring aid, but providing far more aid than in the past, will show Palestinians that their future is protected not by Hamas but by



Seth Moulton

the international community, and it will help pave the way to a ceasefire that includes the return of remaining hostages and, ultimately, a long-term political solution for lasting peace in the region,” they wrote. More than 100 aid groups working in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank have accused Israel of “weaponizing aid” with new rules for registering

groups involved in delivering humanitarian assistance to the region. The groups claimed the requirements are “designed to control independent organizations, silence advocacy and censor humanitarian reporting.”

“This obstruction has left millions of dollars’ worth of food, medicine, water and shelter items stranded in warehouses across Jordan and Egypt,” the groups wrote in an open letter.

The aid groups said most  
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The Merrimack Valley YMCA’s Camp Otter on Captain’s Pond in Salem, N.H., is a day camp providing a variety of activities that help each camper learn new skills and make new friends in an instructional but noncompetitive environment.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

## Summer camp, Otter style

A tradition like no other for many Merrimack Valley kids

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SALEM, N.H. — It wasn’t long after Timi Adesina started camp at Camp Otter that he knew one day he’d want to be a counselor.

In his last year as a camper, Adesina, who will start his freshman year at Bishop Fenwick in Peabody this fall, plans to come back next summer as a counselor in training to give the younger kids at camp the same experience he had.

“He’s winning the boy’s Camper of the



Joe Mastro of Methuen, second from left, a camp counselor for the last five years, plays the parachute game with campers, including Timi Adesina, 13, of North Andover. Adesina, who will be a freshman at Bishop Fenwick, was chosen the top male summer camper at Camp Otter.

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## GLTS awarded \$1.3M for training

By Angelina Berube  
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ANDOVER — Greater Lawrence Technical School received \$1.3 million in funding as part of the Healey-Driscoll administration’s efforts to expand career technical training opportunities.

The money was given as part of the Career and Technical Initiative Round 10 grant to expand training opportunities for adult learners seeking jobs in high-demand trade occupations. The administration awarded a total of \$24.2 million in CTI grants to 23 school districts to train individuals in high-demand occupations within the trades.

The CTI grant program, overseen by the Commonwealth Corporation, partners with Career and Technical Education schools to provide adult learners, especially unemployed and underemployed individuals from underserved populations and underrepresented

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HAVERHILL

## Farmers Market: More than just fruits, veggies

By Jonah Frangiosa  
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HAVERHILL — While it seems summer is rapidly coming to an end, the Farmers Market at 10 Church St. will continue through October.

While the market was founded in 1978 by Wally and Stephanie Lesiczka, who own Wally’s Vegetables in Haverhill, it is now run by husband-and-wife team Jeff Grassie and Lisa Marzilli.

Grassie is the modern-day manager of the farmers market, alongside his partner with help from Team Haverhill, a local volunteer action group that stepped in to assist the Lesiczkas.

What began as a small, relatively unknown shopping spot has blossomed into a weekend get-together with a rotation of about 50

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