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# COVID loan fraud suspect has history of such crimes

By JILL HARMACINSKI Staff Writer

Andover man charged with trying to obtain \$500,000

more than \$500,000 in for- ing to an affidavit. givable federal loans dur-

complained to an undercover D. Sanborn, was charged last and Rhode Island.

loans under the Paycheck Agent Christine Grady.

The Andover man charged agent about big businesses week with conspiracy and "In an ironic twist, (Stave- Protection Program saywith fraudulently filing for obtaining the loans, accord- bank fraud. He is accused of ley) complained about ing that 'the whole thing lying about having several reports of large businesses has become a little bit of a Sanborn, then 48, formerly of David A. Staveley, who pre- restaurants and dozens of being able to obtain (Small sham," according to an affi- Dracut, was sentenced to 27 ing the COVID-19 pandemic viously used the name Kurt employees in Massachusetts Business Association) davit filed by FBI Special months in federal prison in a

Federal court records show that in 2018 Staveley changed his name from Kurt Sanborn "citing religious reasons."

In December 2015, Kurt See SUSPECT, Page 2



Ben Kellman, left, and Steve Golden look like a couple hombres from the Old West as they maintain social distance on their return from a turtle-watching expedition at Pomps Pond in Andover on Wednesday.

# Walk, paddle, and ride – safely

Staff Writer

n a recent morning two Andover friends embarked on a search-and-enjoy mission looking for one of the world's more ornery critters: snapping turtles.

One friend mentioned, as they walked the road at Recreation Park, how this was the first day people had to wear masks in

public. "Even if you are outside?" the other fellow asked last Wednesday.

He tightened a string on his face covering. "Okay, if it's the law," he continued.

They reached the road's end and entered a path to Pomps Pond.

Fifteen minutes earlier, just above the road at a picnic table. Andover's health director, Tom Carbone, talked through a mask about this very topic, as well as how to think about coronavirus safety in the great outdoors.

The governor's mask order requires people to cover their nose and mouth in public when they're unable to keep 6 feet between them.

Whether you walk, paddle or ride, think about the probability not possibility – of infection, said

Andover's 32 square miles teem with open space to enjoy land,



Tom Carbone, Andover director of public health, demonstrates wearing a mask and observing social distancing when outdoors in the time of the coronavirus at Recreation Park in Andover.

Andover's 32 square miles teem with open space to enjoy land, water and road activities.

water and road activities.

Ultimately, good judgement is key, he said. This morning, en route to Recreation Park, Carbone passed five walkers in semi-rural settings. Four of them wore no mask.

Their risk of infection looked highly improbable, alone and with running," said Carbone, who now ample opportunity to maintain

social distance if they came upon another walker or a bicyclist or runner.

Had people been walking in a group, they might have been advised to wear masks, said the

Carbone recently stopped running. Studies indicate people who exert themselves may emit greater viral loads. The viral stream extends to surprising lengths. Runners, like others, may not know if they are infected.

"I just felt I owed it to people to not be doing that any more,

See **OUTDOORS**, Page 2

# Vispoli objects to proposed tax hike

# Town manager says money from 4.6 increase will be needed

By Paul Tennant Staff Writer

voted 4-1 to instruct Town March 14 to support his rec-Manager Andrew Flanagan ommendation. The annual to try to build a budget that Town Meeting, originally would require no more than scheduled for April 27 and a 3.65% increase in the real now tentatively postponed estate tax rate.

ever, Flanagan proposed a final word. budget that calls for a 4.6% pension liabilities, which he

estimated at \$150 million.

Despite the original instructions to Flanagan, Last June, the Select Board the Select Board voted 4-1 on until June 23 due to the coro-Much more recently, how-navirus threat, will have the

The lone dissenter, Alex tax hike. Flanagan said the Vispoli, said the board additional money will go should have stuck with the toward the town's unfunded 3.65% limit, especially in See TAXES, Page 2

# Governor outlines Mass. process for restarting economy

By Christian M. Wade Statehouse Reporter

Gov. Charlie Baker outlined a road map this week limiting a possible resurfor recovering from the eco- gence of new COVID-19 nomic pain of the coronavirus cases," Baker told reporters. pandemic, laying out a stepby-step approach to restoring we take one step forward we business activity.

Businesses in an array of industries remain closed under executive orders, but the data on COVID-19 infec-Baker said the state could tions and hospitalizations, begin gradually easing those but the state isn't out of the restrictions as soon as next woods yet. Tuesday, when they are set to expire.

of reopening will depend on 5,108 deaths. public health data.

"The goal of the reopening

plan is to methodically allow certain businesses, services and activities to resume while protecting public health and "We have to ensure that when

don't take two steps back." Baker said there have been 'positive developments" in

As of Monday, there were 78,462 confirmed COVID-19 He cautioned that the pace cases in Massachusetts and

Baker said the state needs See **ECONOMY**, Page 2

# COLORFUL EFFORT

'The flowers were just amazing'

By JILL HARMACINSKI Staff Writer

In a very dark time in med- nized by the Islamic Center icine, a group of volunteers of Andover, founded by Faisal Obituaries......4 provided a bright spot for Ahmed. dozens of local nurses last

Beautiful vases of fresh



Faisal Ahmed, founder of the **Andover Islamic** Center, arranges fresh flowers in vases to be given to local nurses during Nurse **Appreciation Week** from May 6 to 12. Courtesy photo

said Melissa

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flowers and candy lollipops

were given to the nurses

courtesy of an effort orga-

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# **TAXES**

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view of the economic toll the coronavirus pandemic has taken.

"At the end of the day the reality is the Select Board approved, with my objec-

bilities, he said.

The increased value payer in future years." of new pipes installed The pandemic is forcing by Columbia Gas will the town to modify the probring additional money posed budget. to the town, according to

Flanagan said. While the said. Select Board voted last that figure if the addition years of tax increases. went toward reducing the he said.

the goals for the town man-sion liabilities. ager, according to Laura Gregory, chairwoman of the these liabilities," Select

bert expressed a similar senter in the June 2019 vote

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66 By taking this action now, it saves the taxpayer money in the long run. ??

Town Manager Andrew Flanagan

tion, a budget that will Board voted on last June impose a punishing 4.6% was very clear that a 3.65% tax increase to Andover increase could be exceeded residents and businesses if the extra funding was starting July 1. Now given used to address Andothe disastrous effects of the ver's greatest financial pandemic this increase is challenge: unfunded penunconscionable," Vispoli sion liabilities," Gilbert said. "The town manager's While the tax rate will proposed budget, which rise by 4.6%, the average we approved in March, real estate tax bill will actu- is consistent with this goal, ally be \$40 less in the next and the average tax bill will fiscal year, Flanagan said. still be roughly \$40 less than The higher tax rate will what was originally proenable the town to put an jected when we set the goal extra \$1.7 million toward in June. The alternative to the unfunded pension lia- this would create higher annual increases to the tax-

"The town manager is currently preparing a The Finance Committee revised budget to reflect unanimously supported anticipated decreases in Flanagan's plan in March. state aid and local receipts. "By taking this action However, the goal is for the now, it saves the taxpayer changes to not adversely money in the long run," impact taxpayers," Gregory

Select Board member June to keep taxes within a Chris Huntress said the 3.65% limit, members were 3.65% figure was based on agreeable to going beyond the average of the last 10

"That was a goal, but we unfunded pension liability, didn't set it as a mandate,' he said. He also said the Allotting additional town needs to take a more money toward unfunded aggressive approach to payliabilities is consistent with ing down the unfunded pen-

"We are on the hook for Board member Dan Koh Her colleague Annie Gil- said. Koh was the sole disin favor of limiting the tax "The goal the Select increase to 3.65%. He said the "arbitrary cap" could hurt the town's ability to deal with climate change and other problems.

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Tom Carbone, Andover director of public health, recommends wearing a mask and observing social distancing when outdoors in the time of the coronavirus.



TERRY DATE/Staff photo

The gate is closed at the entrance to Pomps Pond at Recreation Park in Andover. Town officials await guidance from the state before deciding on swimming regulations for the summer in this year of the coronavirus.

# **OUTDOORS**

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walks daily.

In the weeks to come, The Eagle-Tribune will accompany hikers, people engaged in water activities and cyclists, to report healthy practices for each.

The town has yet to reach a decision on rules for swimming at public beaches or the more than 20 pools it regulates. It awaits guidance from the state.

Meanwhile, on Wednesday, over about 60 minutes, visitors were enjoying Recreation Park and Pomps Pond.

They came to walk dogs, fish, skateboard, bicycle and spy turtles. Two shaggy dogs dove into the pond. The fishermen got skunked. And the turtle seekers - Ben Kellman and Steve Golden - saw no snappers.

Have a question on outdoors safety? Send it to Terry Date, 603-978-2373, or tdate@eagletribune.com.

# **ECONOMY**

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to see a drop in cases and deaths for at least 14 days before a stay-at-home advisory and business restrictions are lifted.

The guidelines he rolled out Monday make clear that country will be drawn out ers and customers. over months, and that social future.

ing plan could a last a month, operations. or longer, depending on progress in reducing the number of COVID-19 cases.

the state would allow "lim- widespread availability of a apart. ited industries" to reopen COVID-19 vaccine.

**66** The goal of the reopening plan is to methodically allow certain businesses, services and activities to resume while protecting public health and limiting a possible resurgence of new COVID-19 cases. >>

Gov. Charlie Baker

the hardest hit states in the restrictions" to protect work- board led by Lt. Gov. Karyn not to have to close their

other controls will remain reopen "with restrictions during each phase." in place for the foreseeable and capacity limits," while

a third would let higher- reopen would need to pro- nesses are eager to reopen Each phase of the reopen-risk companies resume vide masks and other pro- and help lead the way to ecotective gear, install signage nomic recovery.' The fourth and final phase, about preventing spread of which the Baker admin- the virus and require custom- the Massachusetts Stateistration called "the new ers to practice strict social house for North of Boston During the first phase, normal," would require the distancing by staying 6 feet Media Group's newspapers

Employees must also cwade@cnhi.com

practice good hygiene and allow employers to monitor their temperatures.

Business groups welcomed the guidance and said they hope the first phase will get underway next Tuesday, when the state's restrictions are set to expire.

"Because if it is delayed much longer, many will run a return of activity in one of for business with "severe" A 17-member advisory out of cash, and they hope Polito will issue a report next doors forever," said Christo-A second phase would week outlining which busi- pher Carlozzi, Massachusetts distancing measures and allow more businesses to nesses can initially reopen state director of the National Federation of Independent Any businesses that Businesses. "Small busi-

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# **SUSPECT**

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New Hampshire, according use his name. to records.

in Wayland. Additionally he pleaded to Grady's affidavit. guilty to stealing \$284,000

Staveley also used the crimes, the Department of

name of his brother, Gregg Justice announced. Sanborn, according to the

On Tuesday, Staveley be charged with SBA loan Rhode Island.

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Sanborn told an IRS agent seek forgivable loans guar- setts or Rhode Island for bank fraud case in Concord, he gave Staveley consent to anteed by the SBA, claiming court purposes or meetings "... This was done so that ees earning wages at four is also not allowed to obtain Also, Sanborn was previ- his brother could purchase different business entities a passport or other travel ously charged with harass- and run the restaurant with- when, in fact, there were no documents while the case is ing a woman he was dating out having to disclose his employees working for any pending, Almond ordered. criminal history," according of the businesses," authorities said.

from Diamond Action Inc., and another businessman, tial appearance before U.S. was redacted in federal court the company that owns the David Butziger, 51, of War- Magistrate Judge Lincoln records. Lowell Spinners baseball wick, Rhode Island, were Almond on Tuesday in U.S. team, according to published the "first in the nation" to District Court in Providence,

unsecured bond of \$10,000 Stanley and Butziger were and his travel is restricted federal court records. Gregg charged with "conspiring to to the states of Massachuto have dozens of employ- with his attorney. Staveley

> Per court order, Staveley must now live in Dracut Staveley made an ini- with a person whose name

While he was deemed financial unable to hire a private attorney and appointed He was released on an a public defender, Staveley was also ordered to undergo mental health treatment at his own cost, according to court documents.

Staveley is also not allowed to carry at firearm or other weapon.

If convicted on the federal fraud charges, he faces a maximum sentences of five to 30 years in federal prison and fines of \$250,000, according to court records.



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# LOCAL Koh will not run for Congress

# By Genevieve DiNatale

Staff Writer

Selectman Dan Koh has decided not to run for Congress again in 2020.

"I decided not to because I think defeating the coronavirus and Trump are the big., Dan Koh gest priorities for the year,

mer chief of staff for Bos- everything in his power to eral counsel of Catalant ton Mayor Marty Walsh, get Trump out of office. attempted to fill the void left recount.

Board and won. He's been friends, knocking on doors said.



Koh says In addition to being on

by retiring Congresswoman crats need to focus on mak- expecting a baby girl this Nikki Tsongas in 2018, but ing sure that we don't have July. lost the 3rd Congressional four more years of Donald Months later, Koh ran for of us as voters, get involved in time. a seat on Andover's Select in this election, calling

on the Select if we are allowed to, and Board for doing anything else to get over a year as many people to the polls as possible.'

he's going to the Select Board, Koh is work closely currently the chief operatwith those ing officer of HqO, a softwho were on ware company in Boston. his congres- He lives on Windemere sional campaign, as well as Drive with his wife, Amy Koh, who is the for- his friends and family to do Sennett, who is the gen-Technologies, also a soft-"I think that we as Demo- ware firm. The couple are

And while he may not be Democratic race to Lori Trump," he said. "So, I think running for office this year, Trahan by 145 votes after a it's important that we all, Koh says he plans on renot just Democrats, but all entering the political arena

"I absolutely hope to," Koh

# Advocates seek expanded sick time for frontline workers

By Christian Wade

Labor advocates are sick leave law. pushing to expand a voteroutbreak.

effect in 2015, requires Mas-sick," said Rep. Tram Nguyen, been infected, placed under sachusetts businesses with D-Andover, one of the bill's a quarantine order, have more than 11 workers to pro- co-sponsors. "We need to do COVID-19 symptoms and are vide 40 hours of paid sick leave more to support these people." awaiting test results, or have a year. Businesses with 10 or fewer employees must provide Raise Up Massachusetts, a 40 hours of unpaid sick leave coalition of labor, social jus-

off isn't sufficient, especially November 2014 ballot. with self-quarantine rules that force people stay home at least may have been exposed to 14 days if they believe they're COVID-19 should be able to

tum on Beacon Hill would Fastino, the group's co-chair. add another 10 work days, "But many workers can't or 80 hours, of paid sick time miss work to care for themto the law for use during the selves or their family because pandemic.

Backed by more than 100 to make ends meet." lawmakers, the bipartisan proposal would apply to work- who request time off would ers at private companies with be paid by their employmore than 500 employees and ers at their regular rate, up those working at health care to a maximum of \$850 per or nursing facilities that aren't week. Employers would be

# Rep. Nguyen one of bill's sponsors

approved paid sick leave law care, nursing home and gro-during the current or future to give frontline workers more cery store workers on the front states of emergency. time off during the COVID-19 lines of the battle against this

The effort is being led by to care for a family member. tice and faith groups that put Advocates say the time the sick leave question on the

"Anyone who feels sick or stay home and avoid exposing A proposal gaining momen- others to the virus," said Deb they'd lose the pay they need

Under the proposal, those

covered by a new federal paid reimbursed by the state.

The additional 10 hours of "We're talking about health sick leave could only be used

The benefits would be virus who lack the ability to available to employees if they The law, which went into stay home with pay if they are can't work because they're

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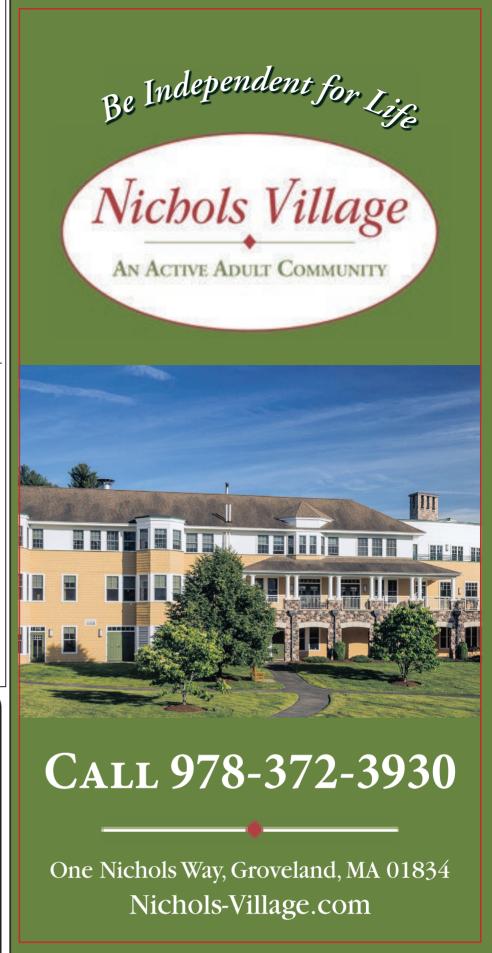
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# OBITUARIES

# Thelma (Zack) Loeb, 93

May 16, 1926 - May 10, 2020

NORTH ANDOVER, MA Thelma (Zack) Loeb, 93, formerly of Andover, passed away peacefully May 10, 2020, at Edgewood Retirement Community.

Born on May 16, 1926, in Lawrence, she was the daughter of the late Pearl and Morris

She was the beloved wife of the late Gerald F. Loeb with whom she shared 43 wonderful years of marriage.

Thelma was a loving and devoted mother to Ina (Loeb) Jaffe and her husband Keith of Bradford, Ernest S. Loeb and his wife Rita of Fulshear, Texas, and Judy (Loeb) Smith unteering for the American

She was a cherished grand- math teacher's aide. mother to Evan Paul Jaffe and his wife Nicole, Heather Dawn in February of 1948 and raised Jaffe, Lyle Martin Smith and their three children in a loving Austin Gerald Loeb; and a home in Andover. great-grandmother to Stefanos Edward Jaffe.

via Zack and she was adored Hadassah Society. by her niece, Myrna Promer Seabrook, N.H.

Thelma graduated from Lawrence High School in 1943. distancing restrictions, services at her parents store Zack's Valyst and spent many years vol- Goldman Funeral Chapel, Malden.



and her husband, Martin of Red Cross and the Andover Middle School District as a

She married Gerald F. Loeb

She was a member of Temple Emanuel in Andover for A dear sister to the late Eva 74 years as well as a member Weisner, Harold Zack and Syl- of the Temple Sisterhood and She loved classical music,

and her family of Portsmouth, had a weakness for sweets and N.H.; and nephew, Robert always wanted to be near her Weisner and his family of family who loved her dearly and will miss her very much. ARRANGEMENTS: Due to social

She often worked after school and memorial week will be private. In lieu of flowers, expressions of riety on the corner of Park and sympathy may be made in her hon-Eutaw Streets in Lawrence. or to Temple Emanuel 7 Haggetts After high school she worked Pond Road, Andover, MA 01810. for Western Electric Company For online condolences go to: www. for 10 years as an Order Ana- goldmanfc.com. Arrangements by

# Jung Sun Park, 83

April 1937 - April 28, 2020

ANDOVER, MA — Jung Sun Park, 83, of Andover, passed away on April 28, 2020, at Lawrence General Hospital. She was born in Seoul, Korea, and immigrated to the United States in 1975.

She and her late husband, Suk Man "Suki" Park, were founding and active members of the North Boston Korean United Methodist Church in Andover. The children of the congregation referred to them as Church Grandma and Church Grandpa. Jung Sun served as a deaconess and Suk Man as an elder. Both were actively engaged with the Boston Korean community. She of North Andover Massachuworked for many years at Digi-setts; brother-in-law Charles tal Computers and retired in Park of Palisades Park, New the early 1990s.

she is survived by her sons, church friends. of Eugene, Oregon; grand- Church in Andover and a date will granddaughter Mina Park; resume. sister-in-law, Kumok Hashem



Jersey; and many nieces and A devoted wife and mother, nephews, cousins, and close

Woo Jin "Jim" Park of Buf- ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial falo, N.Y., and Sung Jin Park service will be held at the North and his wife Erin Tucholke Boston Korean United Methodist son, Adam Picard-Park; and be announced when gatherings

# 1918 duck cloth mask mirrors current reality

By Terry Date Staff Writer

In 1918 – as now – men, Lawrencians. women and children wore masks in public to seek pro- of more than 100 people each tection from a pandemic.

later. It was worn during the according to health records. 1918 influenza by a young Shaukimiene.

covering to Jonas Stundza, a a Lawrence mill. fellow member of the Lithuanian American Council.

everyone in Lawrence was the Bread and Roses Strike. wearing a mask during the - just like today.

The 1918 virus would even- ever scene. tually infect somewhere He thinks it was made from between a third and a half cloth manufactured at the the world's populations, Lawrence Duck Mill.

killing 50 million, about 675,000 of them Americans. including more than 600

In Boston it took the lives day between Sept. 24 and At least one of those old Oct. 12 (many days the nummasks remains, 70 years ber approached 200 deaths),

Shaukimiene, who was a Lawrence millworker of religious person, died around Lithuanian heritage: Juze 1989. Three years earlier, in 1986, when she gifted Stun-The Lawrence woman dza the mask, she also gave made a gift of the duck cloth him a vintage water cup from

As a little girl, in 1912, Shaukimiene worked in the Stundza, 66, says Shau- Everett Mills during the kimiene told him that most Great Strike, known today as

Stundza gifted the 1918 deadly flu outbreak and that mask to Lawrence History many people made their own Center. It's a rarity, he says, being the only one he has

This 102-year-old mask, made from a canvas-like material, duck cloth, likely from the Lawrence Duck Mill, is folded and under a water cup that came from a Lawrence mill. The mask, held by Lawrence researcher Jonas Stundza, was worn in 1918 by a local Lithuanian woman.

TERRY DATE/Staff photo



# ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

# Odd Fellow's anniversary; narrow escape; new Public Safety Center

## Susan McKelliget

OBITUARIES/NEWS

Andover Center for History and Culture

Editor's Note: The following items were taken from past editions of the Townsman.

100 Years Ago — May 14, 1920

The 101st anniversary of Odd Fellowship was fittingly observed by Indian Ridge Rebekah Lodge Friday night in Odd Fellow's Hall. A bountiful banquet was served in the G.A.R. hall at 7 o'clock and 100 covers were laid. Thomas F. Rhodes catered and served the following menu: cold meats, hot mashed potatoes, chicken pie, peas, rolls, coffee and cake and ice cream. An address of welcome was given by N.G., Mrs. Ira Buxton and a very interesting sketch of Odd Fellowship from the time of Adam, was given by Frank L. Brigham.

The hall in the new community building in Shawsheen village was used for the first time on

last Saturday afternoon when nearly three hundred children of Shawsheen Village and West Parish were entertained at a May party given by Mr. and Mrs. William M. Wood. A punch and Judy show from Boston delighted the children. Games arranged by Miss Genevieve McNally principal of the Richardson school were played until five o'clock.

An alarm from box 52 on Wednesday called the fire department to a slight blaze on the roof of Buchan and McNally's stable on Park street. The damage was slight.

75 Years Ago - May 10, 1945 A 9-year-old boy narrowly escaped serious injury Saturday afternoon when he was dragged nearly 76 feet through the square by an Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway bus. According to police reports, Robert Best, 9, 4 Argyle St., had attempted to board the bus and the door closed on his foot thus throwing him off balance when it moved on.

A fire caused by a flooded

oil burner resulted in approximately \$500 damage and threatened to demolish a two-story building at 24 Dufton Road on Sunday. Box 641 was sounded at 1:42, and when firemen arrived, the kitchen was a mass of flames and smoke was pouring from the building, as the oil had run over the floor.

Andover has had an increase in population of about 800 in the last five years, according to the results of the 1945 state census which have not yet become official.

Andover celebrated V-E day on Tuesday with its traditional calm. Mills and factories closed during the morning and the stores closed during the afternoon with even the drug stores closing before sundown. Schools closed at noon after holding appropriated exercises during the morning. The operation of the liquor establishments was left in the hands of the police chief by the selectmen with the recommendation that if in his opinion the situation

was getting out of control, they be closed.

50 Years Ago — May 14, 1970 The Public Safety Center on North Main Street is now substantially complete and plans for moving in are underway. But traffic lights to control vehicles

on North Main Street as emergency vehicles enter the thoroughfare will not be installed until possibly the fall. Town Manager Austin is now tracking down the whereabouts of about a half dozen desks ordered for the building. As soon as they are found and a delivery date given, plans will be made to move the Police Department to its new quarters.

The Reichhold Chemical Company has been notified by the Division of Water Resources that it is discharging inadequately treated wastes into the waters of the Shawsheen River, in contravention of the standards of the Clean Waters Act of 1966.

A photo shows several mothers and other participants who took part in a Mothers March for Peace Sunday in downtown.

### **■ POLICE LOG**

### THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Suspicious activity, a man-Road, 7:49 a.m. ager at CVS reported three the scene found two cars. she wanted to make sure it meeting up and have been from the bicycle. No medical Main Street, 4:29 p.m. sent on their way, Main help was needed, Johnson Street, 9:13 p.m.

Tree branch hanging over roadway, South Main Street, 5:18 p.m.

Dog complaint, a man Road, 2:40 p.m. reported that he lost his dog 7:03 p.m.

had gone through the house. Marigold Lane, 4:29 p.m. Osgood Street, 10:58 a.m.

road Street, 12:16 a.m.

# **SATURDAY, MAY 2**

Suspicious activity, a cou-Road, 4:52 p.m. ple of youths had entered bury Street, 10:30 p.m.

with New Hampshire plates p.m. driving erratically, Dascomb Road, 9:45 p.m.

Street, 12:12 p.m.

reported that he/she was Lowell Street, 10:49 a.m. being harassed, Topping

Accident, a caller reported Road, 2:37 p.m.

### SUNDAY, MAY 3

Parking complaint/violaafter it ran after a deer in the tion, caller reported that 5:14 p.m. woods, Reservation Road, 12 cars were parked along the street, one of which was been kicked in and someone kids were told to move along, Way, 5:19 p.m.

harassing her daughter, Rail-chickens. Officers report the 8:35 a.m. dog was chasing the animals,

Suspicious activity, a caller the Andover Country Club's reported a suspicious white parking lot even though a male walking in the road, sign had been posted saying wearing a white T-shirt, the area was closed, Canter- blue shorts and a baseball hat. Officers checked the 6:20 p.m. Erratic vehicle, there were area and didn't find anyone, reports of a pickup truck Haggetts Pond Road, 10:22

reported 30 to 40 people on Keystone Way, 6:36 p.m. Car accident, there was a motorcycles in the parking flight was diverted to Lowell report that they were out Street, 6:17 p.m. General Hospital, Lowell for a group ride and stopped ing mailboxes in the area got gas at the Mobil Station, disposal, South Main Street, a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 4

the back parking lot. The car with a bicycle. Informathat her husband threatened Argyle Street, 4:01 a.m. officers who responded to tion was exchanged, but her, Shirley Road, 4:27 p.m.

Officers reported those in was on record. There was a reported a low-speed crash windows of his car were brothe parking lot were just minor bump on the car left between two vehicles, North

Trespassing, a manager at Bank of America reported that there was a homeless

of a condemned home had not social distancing. The up after himself, Woodview Tech Drive, 9:41 p.m. Neighbor issue, caller

Dog complaint, a caller reports someone had been car's window had been bro-

but didn't attack them, there reported that they had p.m. were no injuries, Glenwood construction boxes broken Road, 7:16 a.m.

# TUESDAY, MAY 5

Motor vehicle stop, verbal, one way, North Main Street,

reported that her 3-year-old him for 36 hours, High Plain son was missing, the child Road, 12:07 p.m. Gathering, a caller was found four minutes later,

rollover crash on the high- lot of Hamilton Green who reported that he saw a sick walker, then kicked her in way. The southbound travel were not wearing masks or turkey in his yard, police the foot, and returned to his lanes were shut down, a med social distancing. Officers didn't find anything, Lincoln room. He then returned to

in the parking lot so as not caller reported needles a piece of broken furniture. Officer request, a DPW to block the gas station's on the ground, an officer He was transported to Holy worker who was remov- lot while some of their crew removed the needles for Family, Morton Street, 5:41

Motor vehicle vandalism, a caller reported that a Domestic incident, a window was broken in their cars and four to five kids in that a child ran into her woman called 911 to report vehicle about an hour ago,

Motor vehicle vandalism. Car accident, officers a caller reported that the ken the night before, Glen Meadow Road, 8:11 a.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

Well-being check, a visitwoman in the building who ing nurse from Lawrence Tree on wires, Bannister refused to leave, officers General Hospital checkadvised her not to be around ing on a 70-year-old corothe business, Main Street, navirus patient said the patient wasn't answering Family offense, a caller the phone or her door. The reported that she was hav- Fire Department reported to Building check, an officer blocking their driveway and ing trouble with her 22-year-police that the patient had reported that the front door the kids from the cars were old son who is not cleaning refused medical treatment,

Motor vehicle vandalism, a caller who reported her Harassment, a resident reported that a dog off its shooting BB guns at the kenthe day before reported is concerned a neighbor is leash attacked her dog and windows, Andover Street, that one of her windshield wipers had been removed B&E dwelling, a caller as well, Argyle Street, 10:38

Car accident, multiple 911 into and items stolen, River callers reported a two-car, roll over crash. No one in the accident was injured, Lowell Street, 2:11 p.m.

Missing person, a walk-in reported that her brother had been missing and she Missing Person, caller had not made contact with

Assault, staff reported that a patient assaulted Animal request, a caller another patient with his the nurses' station where he Community policing, was striking the wall with

# **FLOWERS**

■ Continued from Page 1

Marrama, Ahmed's wife, who is spearheading numerous charitable efforts during the COVID-19 coronavirus

Some 75 vases of flowers were given away on National Nurses' Day, May 6, to nurses who were nominated, as well as to local nursing and adult care centers. Nursing and adult care

centers have been hard hit by COVID-19, which can cause minor symptoms in some, but is often fatal to those with underlying health conditions. Marrama noted 60 percent

of COVID-19 deaths in Masdents of nursing and adult Andover volunteers last week. care facilities.

ers, Marrama said. white-and blue stickers Nightingale. that read "COVID-19 Super

to raise awareness of the important to people.



sachusetts involved resi- Vases of lollipops were also given away to nurses and front-line healthcare workers by

In additional to flowers, 75 important role they play front-line healthcare work- of National Nurses Week, which ends on May 12, during the pandemic. The candy vases had red-the birthday of Florence

the outstanding efforts by other locals including Darcie National Nurses' Day is nurses during the corona- Nuttall, Alex Bromberg and celebrated annually May 6 virus crisis is even more Bridget Shaheen.

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vases of candy lollipops were in society. Nurses' Day to be part of an ongoing local planner, said she's "very also given to nurses and also marks the beginning effort to support healthcare passionate about helping "This is truly a commu-

nity effort," she said, prais-daughter, Sophia, 13, who This year recognizing ing the volunteer efforts of attends the Pike School.

Marrama, who works

Marrama said she's proud professionally as a financial workers and those in need the elderly, those in nursing homes and veterans."

She and Ahmed have a

Please recycle this newspaper.



Alex Zeng plays the tuba he made out of PVC pipe and other materials as school Superintendent Shelley Berman listens. Zeng was one of many Andover High seniors who displayed and discussed their projects at last year's Capstone Program, which was held at the Cormier Youth Center. This year, due to COVID-19, the program will be held virtually May 18 and May 19.

# AHS seniors to present virtual Capstone projects

By BILL KIRK Staff Writer

It will be virtually impossible to admire the capstone projects created by high school seniors at the Andover Youth Center, as in years past.

But thanks to the magic of technology in the era

site: https://sites.google. The Andover High School and their work. com/k12.andoverma.us/

two more presentations at through field research, 6, two more at 7, and a final a formal inquiry paper, a

works, members of the pub- For the past three years. lic will be able to watch and Capstone Students have participate as live panels of students present overviews of their year-long research projects and take questions from viewers.

Each student will give a five-minute "ignite" presentation and will then take questions from the viewing audience. Topics are drawn from a wide variety of fields including health care, the arts, education, sustainability, and politics.

Organizers said that with COVID-19 restrictions in place, it was necessary to

take the show online. "It has been heartbreaking for many Capstone students to realize that they are not going to have those celebratory moments of accomplishment that the annual showcase and The

## Groups team up to provide meals to healthcare workers

Andover Cares, The Knights of Columbus, and other local civic organizations have come together to form Fuel The Fight, an initiative to provide a catered breakfast, lunch, and dinner for healthcare workers at Lawrence General and Holy Family Hospitals.

According to the Eventbrite announcement of Fuel The Fight, signed by the organization's directors, "75% of all (tax deductible) donations for Fuel The Fight made through Andover Cares will support feeding healthcare workers providing front-line support for citizens in our region. Any remaining donations will support this, or other local causes related to health and wellness in our community, which Andover Cares sponsors.'

The goal of this fundraising campaign is twofold. It's designed not only to help healthcare workers, but the participating restaurants that are preparing the food for them.

If you would like to donate go to fuelthefight.eventbrite. com.

# Andover hires new COO for public school system

Nembirkow leaving CFO job with Greenfield schools

By Genevieve DiNatale gdinatale@andovertownsman.com

After several rounds of interviews, the Andover

Public School system has hired a new chief operations officer.

The search began with interviews conducted by a screening Stephen committee comprised

meeting.

of about 12 people from the school district.

Nembirkow

Ultimately, Superinten- at Knoxville. dent Sheldon Berman made

attorney with more than 20

chief financial officer of "Steve is very, very well and finance. Szymanski is Greenfield Public Schools qualified," said School retiring.

66 Steve is very, very well qualified. It was clear from the interview he understands the complexities of the job very well and he seems like a nice person." School Committee Chair Joel Blumstein

2004, he was the business person." manager for the Chicopee Public Schools.

the University of Tennessee school's bills and budget, as

the recommendation to Steve as the chief operations todial work and bus routes. the School Committee that officer for the Andover Pub-Steve Nembirkow was the lic Schools," Berman said. system's budget, which was best choice for the position. "Throughout the interview especially tight this year, School Committee members process it was clear that Nembirkow said during his concurred in a unanimous his experience in municipal interview, "It's going to be a vote after interviewing Nem- finance and budgeting, com- tough six or seven months birkow during their April 30 bined with his community budget-wise. I was looking Nembirkow is a licensed well with our goals at APS."

Nembirkow signed a threeyears' experience in school year contract and will earn business and administration. \$160,000 a year. He starts his Szymanski, assistant super-Most recently, he was the job July 1.

from 2018 to 2020. Prior to Committee Chair Joel Blumthat, he was the director stein. "It was clear from the of business and finance for interview he understands the the Mohawk Trail Regional complexities of the job very Schools. And from 1999 to well and he seems like a nice

According to Blumstein, as COO Nembirkow will be He has a law degree from tasked with handling the well as the day-to-day man-"We are thrilled to welcome agement of food services, cus-

With respect to the school relations expertise, aligned at this. This is similar to the 2008 crash and the American Recovery Act."

Nembirkow replaces Paul intendent for administration

What: Andover High School Senior Capstone Program Where: https://sites.google.com/k12.andoverma.us/ahscapstone/

**IF YOU GO** 

Who: AHS seniors present overviews of year-long research projects

When: Monday, May 18 and Tuesday, May 19, 6-9 p.m. Note: Links to full-length student talks will also be provided.

Capstone Program is an ahscapstone/home, viewers advanced research class can click on one of two live open to high school seniors. 6 p.m. presentations, one of Capstone students spend two 7 p.m. presentations, the year conducting an and the 8 p.m. presentation. original investigation into The following day, the a question of their choice, schedule is repeated, with developing their project web-based portfolio, and a The way the technology community presentation.

of the coronavirus, it will CAPS Talks bring at the presented their culminat-be possible to view these end of an intense year," ing projects at the AHS remarkable creations said Capstone Program Senior Showcase, a popular virtually.

Coordinator Rebecca annual event hosted by the Starting next Monday at D'Alise. "We're glad to Andover Coalition for Edu6 p.m., the Andover High have found a way to procation that draws hundreds School Senior Capstone Pro- vide a live virtual experi- of community members to gram goes live -- on the web. ence that the community the Cormier Youth Center By going to the can participate in." to engage with students



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# Opinion (

A report last week showed a spike in traffic fatalities in April, even as the pandemic forced most commuters to stay home.

Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver said investigators believe speed or distracted driving were involved in most of the crashes that killed 28 people in April, one more than those who died on the roads in April 2019. Although the monthly death toll went up by only one, our roads were twice as deadly in light of traffic decreasing by half.

With the state of emergency declared by the governor on March 10, most businesses shut down quickly, and traffic volume plummeted. Anyone pulling onto a major highway saw much less traffic. They also saw cars flying by, often well above the speed limit.

Even so, the number of arrests by local and state police also fell dramatically, probably because police and court officers were reluctant to deal with people up close during the pandemic. According to the Registry of Motor Vehicles, citations for all reasons, including civil, criminal, arrest and warnings, dropped in both March and April compared to last year. In April, police wrote 4,385 citations -- less than one-tenth the 47,211 written in April 2019.

Traffic enforcement isn't all about tickets. The mere presence of police cars usually slows drivers, forcing them to pay attention.

So why did it take until April 25 for state police to implement a "speed reduction initiative?" According to spokesman David Procopio, troopers wrote 271 speeding citations within the first week or so of the program.

It appears it took more than a month for state police brass to recognize there were a lot of speeders and preoccupied drivers on the roads.

No one is suggesting troopers were idle during this difficult time. But when state officials release information pointing to a deadly situation on our highways, it calls for a crackdown, one that could have taken place much sooner.

# Some flowers for mom

A lot of symbolism was attached to the roses and hydrangeas many of us gave our moms on Mother's Day, and not just the usual kind. This springtime holiday, at least in Massachusetts, came with the few rays of hope represented by businesses beginning their long journeys back from COVID-19 closures.

Gov. Charlie Baker last week gave everyone's mom some flowers, figuratively anyway. In a quiet shift, he amended his order forcing non-essential businesses to close until May 18 to add a handful of new exemptions. Flower shops were among those included.

Florists didn't get a free pass to resume life as it was before the coronavirus swept across the land more than two months ago, leading to closures, cancellations and stay-home orders. Shops were allowed to "open," but only to fulfill phone and online orders. Customers still weren't allowed inside.

The state also limited the number of employees who may work at any time based on the square footage of the store. Florists and their workers must wear face masks, stand at least six feet apart, and not come into contact with customers. Also, shops must close for some period each day for cleaning.

The update doesn't just apply to florists. Other retailers, such as bookstores and even car dealers, may open under the same terms to do business remotely.

It's not an ideal arrangement. But it's more flexible than what was in place previously, and it's doubtless a preview of how our economy will return -- a process sure to be drawn out, as bandages of isolation and social distancing are slowly peeled away.

That's as it should be. Count us among those who see this new world with trepidation. On the other hand, the number of new coronavirus-related cases reported from one day to the next is no longer surging in Massachusetts, and businesses that can operate safely should be allowed

Baker had already carved out a long list of exemptions from his March 23 order closing much of the state's economy. The Retailers Association of Massachusetts pressed hard to expand the list to those included last week. We look forward not only to those coming back but others as well, provided that the public and their workers are protected.

Signs of that finally beginning to happen made a nice addition to the gifts we sent our mothers last Sunday.

# Speeders should not rule the roads Rabbit Pond: Fun, games and contemplation gather. Unfortunately, players an alum, "the boards fell through the ice, as did the

Andover Center for History & Culture

Tucked behind the Andover Inn on the Phillips Academy campus is a small pond that has been the site of a myriad of uses, both religious and secular.

Rabbit Pond first came of note during the early 1800s when students from the Theological Seminary walked to this spot seeking solitude. Facing the pond is Missionary Rock, installed at the 100th anniversary of the American Board of Foreign Missions. A plaque declares: "Here in the Missionary Woods' the first missionary students walked and talked, and on this secluded knoll met to pray.'

In total, 248 missionaries were trained at the seminary to carry the Gospel "to the heathen world.'

Also in the 1800s, at the same time students were praying, cows were mooing. as today's Bartlett Street, and continued until the surrounding fields were tapped for a different use.

In 1886, the town voted to spend \$10,000 to make the pond available for fire protection. About 7,500 feet of pipe were laid from the little pond to the center of the village, and 16 hydrants were installed.

With an idyllic view and a central location, Rabbit Pond next became the location of Andover's first golf course. Laid out in the 1890s, this land extended to Morton Street. By 1896, the town's interest in golf reached a fever pitch, and architect Alexander Findley was hired to lay out a nine-hole course.

Golf enthusiasts formed a club in 1897. As reported by the Townsman, "the course is very good for a natural one, but the advisory committee thought it best to make a few improvements on the green."

A small clubhouse was erected looking over the Rabbit Pond was one of three pond where members would interesting, and the site was closed in 1909, when the last match was played.

Lest you think too highly of the water in that pond, former Selectman Bill Dalton, who grew up in town, remembered that "tons of leeches lived in that water, and many of them introduced themselves to us when we were youngsters.'

While swimming was technically not allowed, Dalton described sneaking through the woods and noted, "it was certain that we'd have leeches attached to us when we exited the pond." (Getting those off is another story!) While Phillips Academy

no longer had its golf course, for several years the pond was used as the school's varsity hockey rink. Impossible to control the weather, many games were ultimately canceled.

In 1942, attempts were made to prepare the pond for the winter, and boards were erected along the perimeter. At one point, according to

horse-drawn plow and mechanized plow, the tractor sent to rescue it and, on at least one occasion, the puck, at a critical point in the game.'

By 1951, hockey was being played across campus on an indoor rink.

And, according to campus legend, a group of Humphrey Bogart's friends, incensed at his dismissal from Andover, tossed the innkeeper into the pond, thinking he had reported Bogart "for being too attentive to his daughter."

The truth was less interesting; Bogart had flunked out. By the 1970s, and with formation of the Natural History Club, the pond was the subject of ecological and environmental problems. When draining the pond, an island formed and became the seasonal home of Canada geese, mallards and, in the fall, Great Blue Herons.

The public today still has access to this site, and, if one is lucky, a Great Blue Heron may still happen by. (I don't know about the leeches.)

# Merrimack Valley shows resilience in the face of COVID-19

# Rep. Tram Nguyen



Recently we received encouraging news that Gov. Charlie Baker has established a Reopening Advisory

Board chartered to develop a strategy to reopen Massachusetts safely.

The board, comprised of public health officials and municipal and business leaders with various insights and experience, is to present its plan by May 18.

While this is a promising update, we must each maintain the personal discipline required to adhere to wearing masks and social distancing and to be ready for the potentially expanded protocols required for a safe reopening.

It is important to remember that we still have a long way to go to reach the point where we can safely reestablish our former daily

COVID-19 science and data are evolving in real time each day we become better equipped to contain and manage the virus. And it is this science and data from the experts that must drive the decision-making process.

As I write this, across the United States, over 1 million people have tested positive, nearly 60,000 have died, and more than 120,000 have recovered. Many states are already reopening, and the experiences in these locations should also influence Massachusetts' decision-making.

The people of Massachuetts and the Merrimack Val ley have shown tremendous resilience and strength in following the protocols that

have kept so many healthy. Yet, nearly 60,000 of our fellow residents have tested

positive for the virus, and we have lost more than 3,000 The heartache for those who have lost loved ones must be an even greater

source of sorrow for them without the comfort of family and friends to share in the traditional ceremonies. I hope that one day soon we can acknowledge this loss with a statewide remembrance event. The kindness freely given

to family, friends and neighbors is comforting and should be a source of pride for all of us. Here in the Merrimack Valley, encouraging words chalked on driveways and sidewalks, signs thanking first responders, young people delivering groceries, buying pizza for Lawrence General Hospital's COVID-19 Tewksbury.

health-care workers and raising money for those in need, are occurring every day

People making hundreds of face masks, others making face shields with their 3D printers, Meals on Wheels continuing to serve our seniors, and the local YMCA distributing more than 10,500 grab-and-go meals show the spirit and compassion of the Merrimack Valley.

Through your determination, we have gotten this far. I know we can continue to step up and help each other until happier times return.

Until then, thank you for all you are doing. Please continue to stay safe.

Rep. Tram Nguyen, D-Andover, represents the 18th Essex District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Her district includes parts of Andover, Boxford, North Andover and

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Generous community in a safe way without hav- from the high school passed proud to be a part of this rallied behind family's food drive

Editor, Townsman:

to the entire community of Facebook pages. Andover and beyond for its spirit of giving.

The other weekend, our

or go inside any building to response was incredible. deliver items.

Our family would like to posted it on Facebook, and various other needed success, Lazarus House was extend our heartfelt thanks My kids posted it on their goods to Lazarus House. overwhelmed by the sup-

I am now.

family decided to host an posts on Facebook. Our mous, and so we can not alone they served over 850 informal food drive out of church posted it on its thank them personally. our driveway in response to website and passed it along a request for food and dona- to other houses of worship. tions that we received in an The principals at West Andover residents who had visit lazarushouse.org. email from Lazarus House. Middle School and Andover moved to California. We called it a "Driveway High School forwarded Drop and Dash" with the our request along to their dents of Andover and intention being that people students and staff. Clubs, the surrounding area is could just drop off donations sports teams and coaches astounding. We feel very

ing to interact with anyone the word along as well. The community.

We received over \$1,500 port of this one drive. If I was not a believer in dollars in monetary gifts

The generosity of resi-

Thank you to everyone In one short week we who opened up their pan-I wrote an email to some shuttled eight full carloads tries and their wallets to friends and neighbors and of food, diapers, wipes make this such a wonderful

The needs continue incredible generosity and the power of social media, for the Lazarus House. We to grow with the recent received 99 separate dona- increase in unemployment. Our friends shared our tions; many were anony- On a recent Wednesday families.

We even got five Amazon For more information boxes of food from former on how to help, please

> **AME MATUZA** AND THE NEPOMNAYSHY-**MATUZA FAMILY** Andover

# **WEB QUESTION**

Select Board members recently voted to support a 4.6% nagan to draft a budget raising taxes no more than 3.65%. The higher tax rate is needed to defray the town's pension this one will save taxpayers money down the road. liability, Flanagan has said. Otherwise Andover will wind up paying more down the road.

What do you think of the increase?

pandemic makes it especially bad for people who've lost considering an online graduation, with special provisions before making a call to cancel? A graduation in July or work or are already facing financial strain. There's never made for seniors and their families to come to the high August may be impractical, but better to have something been a more important time for the Select Board to keep its promises.

**STILL NECESSARY**: Circumstances have changed since last increase of no more than 3.65%. As painful as tax hikes are, it. (40 votes)

Last week's question

that are likely to cancel in-person graduation ceremonies two family members may attend, if any. (35 votes) BAD TIMING: A 4.6% tax increase is high, but the COVID-19 this spring. Instead, administrators and class advisers are think of the change?

SAD BUT NECESSARY: It's a disappointment for students and property tax increase in next year's town budget, despite summer's vote, and next year's average tax bill will actu-families who've been working toward this moment, but with a vote last summer asking Town Manager Andrew Fla- ally be less than what was projected last summer with an the real threat of COVID-19, there's no other safe way to do

DO IT WITH DISTANCE: Everyone can graduate and stay healthy, while keeping their distance. Hold the ceremony Andover High School is among a number of area schools on the football field or in the field house. Maybe only one or

WAIT AND SEE: Why not wait until later in the summer school to take photos in their caps and gowns. What do you less-than-perfect than yet another video conference. (30 votes)

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# TownsBeat



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Aya Murata, 49, of Andover is the associate director of college counseling at Philips Academy. While in quarantine, she's writing positive messages in sidewalk chalk for those passing her home on School Street.

# Messages of hope

# Woman spreads cheer with sidewalk chalk

By Genevieve DiNatale Staff Writer

Anyone who has passed Aya Murata's School Street home recently probably noticed her positive sidewalk-chalk notes.

Murata, 49, harnessed her creativity to write statements on the sidewalk.

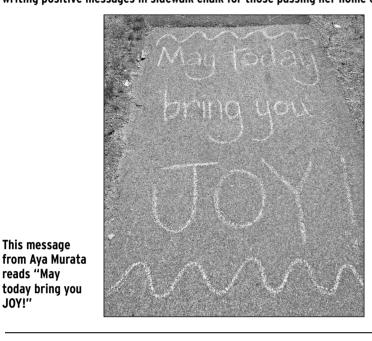
"May today bring you joy, love and hope," she wrote, and, "We will get through this together.'

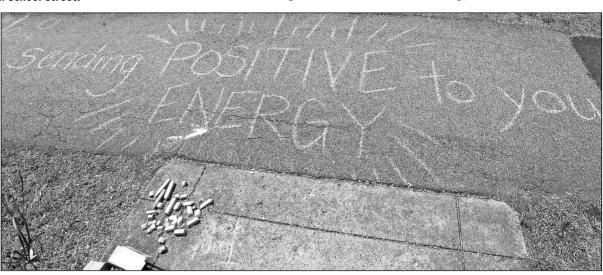
Murata, who is the associate director of college counseling at Phillips Academy, came up with the idea as she sat in quarantine staring out her window.

"I was thinking about the level of isolation that all of us are starting to feel," she said. "And as I looked out my window — School Street is a very heavily trafficked pedestrian street — I felt this may be a way to connect to others."

It's not just messages of kindness that Murata would like to share. She also makes notes that direct passersby to do a few jumping jacks and hopscotch.

"I think it's a way to deliver a message that might bring someone some extra joy to their day, maybe a little extra pep in their step," she said.





"Sending positive energy your way" is just one of the many positive messages Andover resident Aya Murata has been sending.



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Ted Teichert, an Andover-based DJ, appears with his traveling tiki bar.



Sheila Leaden, left, and Jackie Branscomb demonstrate how they do a social distancing party from Ted Teichert's tiki bar.



Ted Teichert makes an announcement from the tiki bar he attached to his trailer.



A sign on Ted Teichert's tiki bar trailer.

# 'We are just trying to spread the happiness'

By Genevieve DiNatale Staff Writer

Taking drive-by parties to the next level, local DJ and former Selectman Ted Teichert has been hitting the town in his tiki bar trailer.

"People are kind of cooped up. It's something to look forward to," said Teichert, a lifelong Andover resident who currently lives on Linwood Street.

"They can go dancing in the lawn; we can bring the dance party to you. We are all in this together, so

to say," he said. Donning a Hawaiian shirt and playing the music of Jimmy Buffett, Teichert has made the rounds in Andover recently.

Just last week, he drove out to West



Ted Teichert dances to the music as he demonstrates how he does social distancing parties from a tiki bar attached to his trailer.



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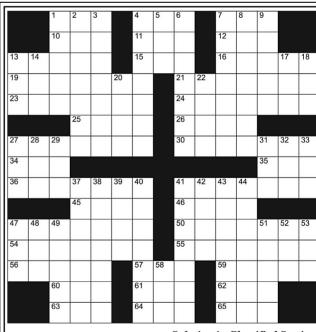
Andover where he went to the flower shops and

the music, I try to bring it socially distant apart," said Teichert.

Last Sunday, he went to the Whole Foods in town

and the Stop & Shop in North Andover and played some music for grocery "If people can't come see store employees who came out from the supermarket to them and we try to keep and danced in the parking

> "We are just trying to spread the happiness,' Teichert said.



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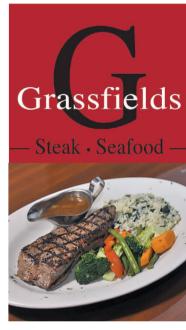


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We can't wait to see you... Again!

By Mike LaBella

Staff Writer

For over 60 years, the Andona Soci-

ety has hosted a carnival in Andover's

town common to welcome spring and bring joy to local families. The event,

called Clown Town, is always held the weekend between Mother's Day and

Andona announced in a statement

will be postponed to Oct. 16 and 17, due

recently that this year's Clown Town

However, families are still encouraged to get creative Friday, May 15 and

Saturday, May 16, by participating in

Suggested activities include light-

ing candles or strings of lights Friday evening, decorating your sidewalk or

to decorate with children, which can be

found at andona.org. The finished prod-

Andona members encourage people

to take pictures of their Clown Town

andona.org, or share it to social media

with the hashtag #virtualclowntown. Participants will be entered to win a

Clown Town is Andona's biggest

ships, camper-ships and direct funds

raises and distributes \$50,000 to the

relies on money raised to offer scholar-

fundraiser of the year. The group

to schools, teams and enrichment

In an average year, Andona

spirit and send them clowntown@

driveway with chalk Saturday, and printing a Clown Town coloring sheet

ucts can be hung in windows.

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Memorial Day.

# Churches make case for reopening

By Christian M. Wade Statehouse Reporter

knit congregation has been were not." worshiping remotely every

sing hymns and practice Haverhill. their faith.

nology can't replace."

begins that process.

ing masks," Dyer said.

navirus. The rules deemed parishioners. churches "non-essential" ings of 10 or more people.

tors who signed a letter to keep their congregants safe. the Baker administration calling for churches to be ing the guidelines for social "swiftly and publicly" recommended ognized as "essential" and by the Centers for Disease allowed to reopen after Control, just as other busi-May 18, when the Baker nesses Massachusetts has administration is expected deemed essential," the pasto unveil its plans to reopen tors wrote. "We are able to the state's economy.

unlike roughly half the ers have taken.' have been disappointed cwade@cnhi.com.

that while marijuana dispensaries, liquor stores and abortion clinics were Pastor Chris Dyer's tightly deemed essential, churches

The pastors represent Sunday since the state various denominations. ordered churches to close with churches in several their doors two months ago. north of Boston commu-But Dyer, a pastor at the nities including St. John Fellowship Bible Church in the Baptist in Peabody, the Methuen, said live-stream- South Lawrence Assembly ing services just isn't the of God, North Shore Bible same as seeing his parish- Church in Essex and the ioners fill the pews to pray, Renaissance City Church in

Next Tuesday, the Baker "Out church is like a fam- administration is expected ily and we were meant to be to unveil its plans for gradutogether, not to be isolated," ally reopening the economy he said. "There's a face-to-provided that the rate of face dynamic that the tech- COVID-19 infections is subsiding. While Baker's He says the 150-member emergency orders expire congregation is able to prac- May 18, state officials have tice social distancing and is cautioned that not all busicapable of reopening safely nesses and entities will be when the state eventually allowed to reopen in the initial phases.

"If and when we get the Bans on public gatherings OK to open up, we'll be just have fueled confrontations as responsible as everyone in Massachusetts and elseelse and plan to continue where between religious social distancing and wear- leaders and local and state officials.

Churches and other In Worcester, the pastor houses of worship have been of Adams Square Baptist shuttered since mid-March Church was fined \$300 last under Gov. Charlie Baker's week when city officials emergency orders to pre-said he held a Sunday servent the spread of the coro-vice with more than 50

The pastors said their and banned public gather- churches, if allowed to reopen, will follow "strict Dyer is one of 260 pas- distancing guidelines" to

"We are capable of followtake the same precautions "It is upsetting that, that their staff and custom-

states across our nation, Christian M. Wade covers churches in Massachusetts the Massachusetts Statewere not deemed 'essen- house for North of Boston tial' at the outset," the let- Media Group's newspapers ter reads. "Faith leaders and websites. Email him at

# Benefits could keep workers on sidelines

By Christian M. Wade Statehouse Reporter

federal and state payments one's regular wages. than they normally make on back to work.

Massachusetts already ment of those rules. provided some of the most response to the outbreak has paychecks. boosted weekly payments substantially.

additional \$600 a week for up coronavirus. to four months, and extended another 13 weeks.

also get the extra \$600.

That means some Massa- Development chusetts workers could get

capped at \$823 per week.

Jon Hurst, president of the Retailers Association of employers from the combined Massachusetts, said the pay- federal and state unemployments could make it hard to ment benefits was raised by bring some workers back as a handful of Republican lawthe economy reopens.

people who would just as soon that generous benefits would sit home and collect the extra incentivize people not to \$600 than return to work," he return to work.

of whom have taken federal back. loans to stay afloat.

Massachusetts are capped at who are working through 30 weeks, though most people the crisis," he said. "Mostly only qualify for 26 weeks.

in most cases, at the end of the the workplace.

How much someone gets from unemployment Generous unemployment depends on a number factors, benefits are giving some laid- but the weekly benefit generoff workers more income from ally amounts to half of some-

Those collecting it are supthe job, which some business posed to return to work when groups warn could make it able, but Hurst and other busiharder to bring those people ness leaders say they don't expect aggressive enforce-

The state Department of generous unemployment Unemployment Assistance benefits in the country prior couldn't say how many workto the coronavirus pandemic. ers are making more in ben-A federal law approved in efits than they earned in their

More than a quarter of the state's workforce filed for The CARES Act, a \$2 trillion unemployment benefits in the relief package signed by Presi-past month, as officials forced dent Donald Trump in March, a swath of industries to shut gave unemployed workers an down to prevent spread of the

More than 780,000 workers payments for those who've have filed for regular benefits exhausted regular state since the outbreak began in unemployment benefits by mid-March, while another 185,000 have filed for special The new law also provides benefits now available to peobenefits for self-employed and ple who wouldn't otherwise "gig economy" workers for up get unemployment, accordto 39 weeks. Those workers ing to the state's Executive Office of Labor and Workforce

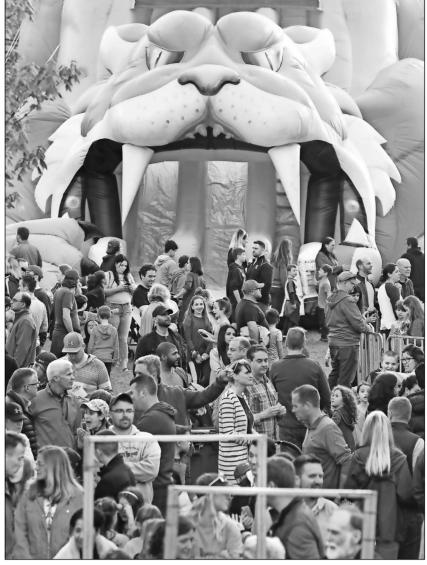
The state's unemployment \$1,423 a week, including ben-rate, which was 2.5% in Februefits from the state, which are ary, has skyrocketed to about 25%, according to state data.

The potential downside for makers as Congress debated "There's going to be a lot of the CARES Act. They argued

Chris Geehern, executive Hurst said the problem vice president of Associated is already affecting some Industries of Massachusetts, employers who've been said employers are trying allowed to remain open, many new ways to draw employees

"Some companies are pay-Unemployment benefits in ing bonuses to employees they're trying to make work-The federal topper expires, ers feel safe to come back to

# Postponed Clown Town goes virtual this week



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

A cloudy day with off and on showers didn't damper the festivities as Andona's 63rd annual Clown Town last year. The event has been pushed to October this year, but people can participate in some virtual fun this week.



Mariella Forde and Colton Murray, both 3 and from Andover, share a ride on the Funny Car ride at Andona's 63rd annual Clown Town last year. The event has been pushed to October this year, but people can participate in some virtual fun this week.

community. Organizers continue to welcome new Clown Town sponsors and volunteers. Visit andona.org for more information.

Noah Morse, 3 of North Andover, uses two hands to enjoy his vanilla and strawberry swirl ice cream at Andona's 63rd annual Clown Town last year.

# Mask mandates could lead to shortages

By Christian M. Wade Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — With face masks now required in public, and more businesses seeking to reopen, experts say competition for protective gear could lead to new shortages.

Gov. Charlie Baker issued an executive order two weeks ago requiring masks in grocery stores, taxis, public transit and other places where social distancing isn't possible. A plan to gradually reopen the state's economy unveiled Monday says businesses must require workers and customers to cover their

Baker has said masks need to "become the norm" as the state continues to battle the COVID-19 outbreak and takes baby steps to reopen the economy.

To be sure, officials stress the use of face coverings and homemade masks for the public, not surgical masks or the N-95 respirators worn by medical workers. While evidence is mixed on whether non-surgical masks prevent infection, experts say they improve a person's chances of not getting sick or infecting others.

But the mask mandate means that small businesses will be competing in the global marketplace against large corporations and state and local governments for higher quality protective gear that has been in short supply.

Darren Ambler, chairman of the North Shore Chamber of Commerce, said business owners are struggling to find new supply chains for protective gear. "It's going to be one of the biggest problems

put a safety road map together for their busi- Environmental Engineering. "From a supcan't get the equipment to fulfill it.' Ambler said the chamber is weighing a

shared purchasing plan for North Shore businesses to buy protective gear.

manufacturers have shifted to making masks, production. gowns and other personal protective equipment. The state has made \$10 million in grants masks for frontline health care workers available to local companies to produce the remains a pressing issue that has been com-

Supply chain experts say with many manufacturers and distributors operating below capacity, the market for protective gear ben-medical workers," Sheffi said. "And it's not efits big players.

"They're focusing on big orders -- not just future."



STAFF FILE PHOTO

Weinan Qiu of Andover donned a white headto-toe protective suit and medical-grade mask while in line at the Market Basket in North Andover.

because of profits -- but because that's how you serve the most people," said Yossi Sheffi, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute as businesses try to reopen," he said. "They of Technology's Department of Civil and ness that includes wearing masks, but they ply chain perspective, it's absolutely the right

Sheffi, director of MIT's Center for Transportation and Logistics, said he expects those kinks to be worked out as manufactur-Amid shortages, dozens of Massachusetts ers bring back more workers and ramp up

But he said the shortage of respirator pounded by a lack of coordination by the federal government.

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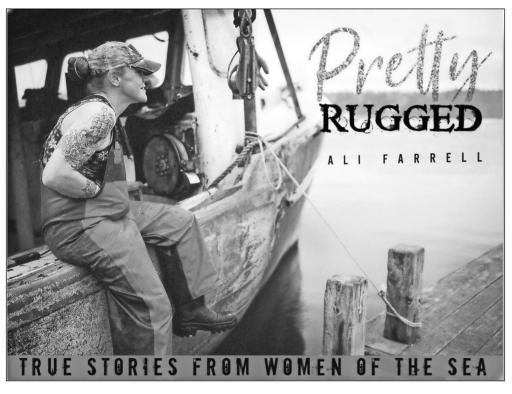
# LENDING A HAND

# Former Andover standout Ali (McCoy) Farrell giving aid for Maine's fishermen



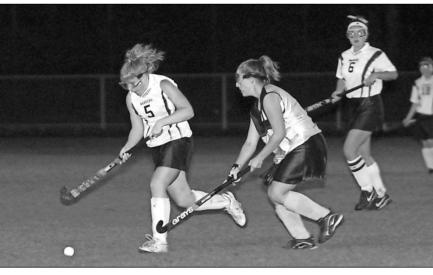
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Ali (McCoy) Farrell, a former standout Andover High athlete, has settled in nicely in Maine.



Ali (McCoy) Farrell's third book, "Pretty Rugged," is due out in June. Doing research on the book motivated her to help struggling fishermen during the coronavirus

Courtesy photo



By Dave Dyer Staff Writer

Ali (McCoy) Farrell chuckled at the question. All things considered,

does the longtime Andover resident now consider herself a Mainer? "I don't think you're

allowed to be called a Mainer unless you were born and raised here," said Farrell, a 2004 Andover High graduate who, as Ali McCoy, was a standout in both field hockey and lacrosse for the Golden Warriors. "But I would say

The way Farrell has immersed herself in Maine society since moving to Camden, Maine, three and a half years ago would certainly justify that affirmative.

Since moving to Maine, Farrell has written a novel, "Pretty Combat," a solutionbased book that addresses issues of a personal nature with a Maine slant. She also has two books written that are due out soon, "Pretty Rugged — Women in the Fishing Industry" and a children's book, "Lobster Girl Can," both of which deal with Maine's fishing issues

She is also owner and founder of Sea Street Publishing and a photographer working for herself under Ali Farrell Photography.

But what has probably made her most beloved by Mainers is her current project in which she founded, "Maine's Working Waterfront — Seafood Connect," that connects fishermen directly to consumers.

"While writing my book ("Pretty Rugged"), I got close to people in the fishing industry and I found how they have been struggling, but the coronavirus has made it much worse," she said. "They (fishermen) export so much and rely on restaurants to buy from them, and now that's been taken away from them.

"They have lobsters in their traps, but since everything has closed down, they have no buyers and no outlets. I figured if I could act people the food they need while keeping the fishermen going.'

'What we've been doing (through the 'Working Waterfront — Seafood Connect') locally is eliminating the middle man. Through our Facebook page, we've

been placing fishermen up and down the coast in certain locations and they sell the fish from their cars. It's a drive through situation and people can find through Facebook where and when to buy."

Thus far, the transactions have been primarily for lobster, but Farrell anticipates widening the selection to include more crab, scallops, clams and haddock.

Within one day of starting that Facebook connection, Farrell said she took in orders for 960 pounds of lobster from nearly 49 interested buyers.

"So far, it's gone really well with a great response, but this is just a start," said Farrell. "The fishermen need a lot of help.

That Farrell reacted quickly to the coronavirus impact on fishermen is of no surprise to her former field hockey coach at Andover, Maureen Noone. She responded to the situation like she played as a midfielder.

"She was super aggressive and very quick to the ball," said Noone. "She was our Coaches Award winner and played a big role in our MVC championship team.

Moreover, Farrell has always been proactive. She still remembers going around Andover with her mother as a middle schooler to circulate a petition to start a lacrosse program at Andover High. The effort proved successful because the program started when she was in the eighth grade.

With the background in two sports in high school, with coaches like Noone, Farrell believes it's helped her achieve things that, at first, don't seem quite possible.

"I feel sports are so important and can teach you so much, that no matter how hard something is, you can get there," said Farrell. "I remember she (Noone) pushed us really hard and it was tough for us at times, but later you realize why she did it.'

Farrell is hoping that the same lessons will be learned by her two children, as a connector, we could get 7-year-old daughter MacKenzie and 4-year-old son Callan. So far, they have two attributes that are dear to their mother's heart.

"They like to be active ... (and) they love to eat fish," said Farrell. "I was the same way (growing up) in Andover.

Ali (McCoy) Farrell (5), heading downfield as a senior, was aggressive and had quick reactions as an Andover High field hockey and lacrosse standout.

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10 Questions with people from the world of sports

# 10 questions with pro golfer Rob Oppenheim of Andover

BILL BURT Staff Writer

Andover native Rob Oppenheim is now a veteran on the PGA Tour.

Since becoming a professional golfer in 2002, Oppenheim has become a top competitor on the Web. com Tour and regular on the PGA tour scene.

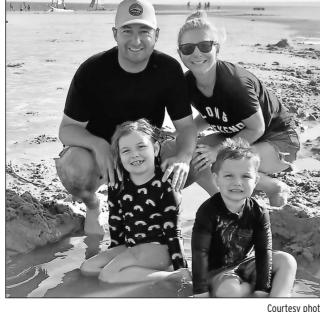
Oppenheim starred for the golf, basketball and baseball teams are Andover High (class of 1998), and later became a star at Rollins College in Florida, leading them to a Division 2 national title.

Now a resident of Orlando, Fla., with his wife and two children, the 40-year-old Oppenheim is thrilled for golf to finally be returning.

Oppenheim took the time to answer questions about how he's doing during the coronavirus outbreak:

### 1. How has the shutdown of time with my family. sports affected you personally?

the PGA Tour. Golf courses how are they doing? have been closed, so I wasn't



at the beach in Florida. His wife, Lacey, is top right with daughter, Zoey, and son, James.

even able to practice. How- with the virus. Thankfully, ever, it's been nice being both seem to be doing well. bed, and spending quality into the spring and how have they changed?

2. Do you know anyone person-I'm not able to compete on ally inflicted with the virus and the PGA Tour. I need to find devastating in so many ways. try. Praying this ends soon. coronavirus crisis?



home, sleeping in my own 3. What were your goals coming is it?

Yes, I know two people FedEx Cup standings and nitely be better prepared if or March Madness how are you Tour.



Associated Press

Andover native Rob Oppenheim, facing the camera, has been a consistent competitor as a pro golfer for nearly two decades.

that's always one of my top anything like this happens in goals. ... Currently, I'm 119. the future. Nothing has really changed goal wise, it's just the uncer- about the people and this virus? tainty of what's going on and I think now, people are when our season will start taking this seriously. Iniup again. My main focus is tially though, I don't think Little Greek and Seito Sushi to stay strong physically and that was the case. Stay at have been our go-to take out mentally and be ready to go home! whenever the season gets

# 4. If there has been a positive

cult to say anything positive tion they have, to make the In order to keep my job on about this virus. It's been best decisions for our counish inside the top 125 in the All I know is that we'll defi-

5. What makes you most upset place?

# ment of our political leaders?

This is truly an unprecthing come out of this virus, what edented time. I believe our show to stream? leaders are doing everything Right now, its really diffipossible, with the informaseason 3 of Ozark on Netflix.

### getting your sports fix these days? (Had to put the PGA Tour in your question)

With school being from home now, I've become the phys ed teacher. I have two kids, Zoey (7) and James (4). We've been playing basketball, baseball, soccer, tag, dodge ball, hide-andgo-seek, basically any game we can think of. I also have a putting green in my backyard and we've been having chipping and putting contests. It's been fun.

## 8. Have you been ordering out at all, and if so, what is your go-to

Traveling as much as I do, it's been nice eating in and having family dinners. The spots so far, but for the most **6.** What is your overall assess-part, we've been cooking at

# 9. What's your go-to movie or

Currently I'm watching 10. What will be the thing you'll

most want to do right away post-Compete again on the PGA

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# Brain cells require exercise to thrive

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## **Family Matters**

Larry Larsen



Doctor, Is it true that mental activity can help older people. We are trying

to get our

mother to do things to help her keep her memory and make her

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### Daughter Dear Daughter,

### It would seem the maxim "use it or lose it" is helpful in dealing with the aging

the evidence? Recent studies stress "neuroplasticity" or the apparent phenomenon of

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more unified and cohesive brain functions are more critical than previously thought. Think of the brain as a responsive organ. It changes physically in response to what we experience. Here are a few examples.

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Parts of the brain respond to training, work and life experiences. Musicians have a cluster of cells called Heschl's area. It grows with musical training and wanes if the individual stops.

in such individuals anyway?

A central area in the brain grows with multilingual training. Apparent mastery of more than one language results in clusters of new cells.

There is a famous study of London cab drivers. Their memory for streets in the warren of complex roads

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in larger hippocampi, an area having to do with verbal and spatial memory.

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functions prevail. This unique response to stimulation and experiences is developing into a remarkable body of evidence, which would indicate the "use it or lose

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and rules in London results and plaques associated with it" principle is a valid one. Make the brain do pushups in the gym of learning new things

Dr. Larry Larsen is an Andover psychologist. If you would like to ask a question, or respond to one, email him at lrryllrsn@

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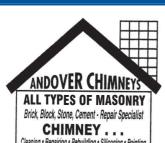
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