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# Nguyen faces backlash over Black Lives Matter video



State Rep.

Tram Nguyen

By Breanna Edelstein Staff Writer

Commenters accuse Andover lawmaker of supporting communists

Black Lives Matter.

Nguyen, the first Vietnam- "I expressed my support said.

a video to constituents.

ese American elected to the for Black Lives Matter, and The Facebook page of The people posting com- her native country.

Andover and her family say they local Vietnamese Americans and Pacific Islanders to stand in stance and drew attention from communists and domestic terare battling hate speech in the launched a social media attack solidarity with our Black neighthousands more social media rorists BLM" who are hurting wake of her public support of after she advocated for BLM in bors and friends, for racial jus- users across the world. Kelley the United States, despite the

Massachusetts Legislature, specifically talked about the Bao Chau Kelley, with 5,000 ments critical of Nguyen say

tice and economic justice," she did not respond to requests for fact that the U.S. provided her a comment or this story.

State Rep. Tram Nguyen of said a small but vocal group of importance of Asian Americans followers, denounced Nguyen's she is aligning with "American place to escape the hardships of

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# Fire chief: AC unit incorrectly plugged in caused blaze



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Smoke rises from several parts of the house with firefighters on the scene.

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destroying the building.

Andover Fire Chief cause of last week's blaze an air conditioner, officials to carry the heavy electri-Michael Mansfield is was an air conditioner not said. warning residents to make plugged directly into a sure their air conditioners wall outlet. Such a direct hot and humid stretch of strips or extension cords." are properly plugged in connection, instead of weather," Mansfield said. after fire ripped through using a power strip or "It is critically important

essary because of the plugged directly into a Fire officials said the amount of power drawn by wall outlet that is designed

cal load. Do not plug air "We are entering a very conditioners into power

The house at 26 Vine St. See **FIRE**, Page 2

### leaving teachers and other teachers in the AEA, as a school staff members uncer- means of delaying addresstain of their pay and even ing the larger economic whether they will have jobs issues schools are facing in the upcoming academic during the pandemic, the year. release added. Many employees of Nicole Kieser, a spokes-Andover public schools woman for the school dis-

are at risk of suffering pay trict, pointed out that in a cuts or losing their posi- memo to the APS commutions entirely because the nity, the School Committee proposed school budget for affirmed its commitment to the 2020-21 year includes a maintaining staffing. That \$1.1 million cut in personnel

spending.

Teachers' jobs

budget cuts

By Genevieve DiNatale

haps a mix of both.

students healthy?

uncertain amid

Superintendent Sheldon gdinatale@andovertownsman.com School districts across Berman announced the the region face an uncertain anticipated cut in a recent future as they try to prepare public hearing on the profor the upcoming academic posed budget.

Berman said the reduc-As the COVID-19 cri- tions in personnel costs will sis continues, it's unclear largely result from negotiwhat mode of teaching will ated settlements with school be used — children back workers unions.

in classrooms or learning According to a June 12 remotely from home, or per- press release from the School Committee, mem-What will the physical bers were unable to reach arrangement of classrooms an agreement on a "onebe to keep students socially year bridge contract" with distant and safe? Will there the Andover Education be sports and other after- Association, the labor union school activities. If so how, that represents some of will they operate to keep Andover's teachers.

The one-vear bridge con-In Andover, another tract would have made salquestion has emerged. It is ary-only modifications for

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# Teens describe bias, racism they face at school

# Andover High students share their school experiences of discrimination

By Genevieve DiNatale gdinatale@andovertownsman.com

A social media account early June. created by a minority student at Andover High account range in severity. School is highlighting school.

The Instagram account hide their laughs. "Black at Andover High School" describes itself as a place for students and alumni to share

their experiences. It has amassed 743 followers since it was created in

Incidents described on the A July 7 post from a stu-

anonymous reports of dis-dent who will be a senior crimination, racism and in the fall says: "Every time bias carried out by students we read a book with the and staff in the halls of the n-word, the whole class would look at me and try to

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The text of one student's story shared anonymously on the site.

Courtesy photo

# Lt. accused of racial incident still on leave

# Town manager withholding name due to 'personnel matter'

By Genevieve DiNatale gdinatale@andovertownsman.com

More than a month has passed since the off-duty a matter of public interest. fire lieutenant who asked paid administrative leave.

His name has not been released by the town, despite requests from The Eagle-Tribune to do so as

"We are working toward a 19-year-old, dark-skinned a resolution with the resi-Dominican woman if she dents," Town Manager was stealing mail from her Andrew Flanagan said. "I'll own mailbox was placed on release more information See INCIDENT, Page 2

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# **BACKLASH**

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of the Black Lives Matter communists." movement and my values communism."

munity, as stupid for stand-terrorists BLM." ing in solidarity with BLM.

to the state Legislature in safe and secure for students. 2018. She said this political

ions," she said. "It's the lan- Nguyen. guage used. It's personal — my father particularly."

Nguyen, 24, reiterated that my ability to serve." criticisms are not unusual in next level."

Facebook posts."

**INCIDENT** 

it's an ongoing personnel

at that time."

working.'

Translated from Vietnamese by Kelley, the initial post about Nguyen says: "It is a shame that her father was Nguyen recorded a follow- an officer of South Vietup video, explaining "this nam ... and was imprisoned group opposes my support by the (North) Vietnamese

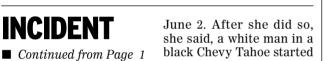
It goes on to say: "They as a Democrat, which they escaped Vietnam so that equate to socialism and she can live in freedom and democracy and have a bet-They are attempting ter future, yet this Massato brand me, among other chusetts (representative) things, as a traitor to the embraced the American Vietnamese American com- communists and domestic

Tami Nguyen explained and as a dishonor to my that her father was a second parents and family," Nguyen lieutenant police officer in Saigon from 1973 to 1975. Nguyen, a Democrat, He served as an undercover was a legal aid attorney for agent, posing as a student at Greater Boston Legal Ser- a law school to expose comvices before her election munists and keep the area

The Viet Cong exposed push-back — amid extreme, him in April 1975, and held national racial tension — is him prisoner for eight years incomparable to her past before U.S. President Ronexperiences. ald Reagan worked to free "The frustrating thing soldiers and officers and about all of this is that it's allow them to emigrate to not just a difference of opin- America, according to Tami

The state representative attacks on me and my family said of the social media criticism, "I can't let this shutter Nguyen's sister, Tami my ability to represent and

"I'm proud of the accomthe political ring, "but this is plishments of Vietnamese Americans and I know our "We have all (as a family) community has contributed been aware of the criticism much to the commonwealth she would receive when and nation," she said. "And she was first running for at the same time, I know that office. We signed up for there is work to be done to that. She talked to us about address anti-Blackness in it," Tami Nguyen said. "But parts of our community. We now the hatred for my sis- do not live in a world where ter has blown up across being one thing prevents us the world because of these from being another. None of us is one dimensional."



following them. Batista said she stopped Flanagan said he is with- her car and asked the man,

holding the name "because "Sir, can I help you?" She said he responded by matter," and that the fire saying, "You just took mail lieutenant is "not currently from that house."

Batista said she told the He said Gabby Batista, man she lived there. Then, the Andover resident who she and her friend returned was approached at her home and the man followed mailbox, has not filed a them, even driving into her police report. However, driveway where she caught after viewing the video him on camera.

himself, Flanagan placed In the video, which now the fire lieutenant on paid has had 29.6 thousand views on Twitter, Batista Batista, who could not be can be heard saving, "This reached for comment Mon- is literally none of your

day, told The Eagle-Tribune business.' at the time that she went to The man responds. "I pick up her mail from her just wanted to make sure Andover residence before someone wasn't stealing heading out with her friend something."

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Tewksbury firefighters arrive at the blaze to help Andover firefighters.

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was destroyed by a fire that was started by the electrical problem and further complicated by propane tanks stored in the home, fire officials said. Those tanks increases the fire's intensity after it broke out, officials said.

The fire, which officials said began just before 7:30 p.m. Wednesday of last week, caused an estimated \$350,000 in damage to the single-family home.

Two residents, a male and a female, were in the home at the time of the fire, officials said. Both made it out safely, but the male was treated for minor injuries at the scene, officials said.

The fire resulted from the air conditioner's electrical malfunction, according to a press release from the state's Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.

"The fire originated in a breezeway where a window air conditioner was plugged into a four-way extension cord." the release said. "Propane tanks stored in the area fueled the fire."

Andover firefighters were assisted at the blaze by Lawrence and Tewksbury firefighters.



Firefighters use ladders to attack the blaze.

The blaze was inves- officials, the Andover Police assigned to the Office of the tigated by Andover fire Department and state police State Fire Marshal.

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memo also went out June 12. "A priority of the School school staff and avoid the of costs." layoffs other Massachusetts teachers."

Kieser said the personnel rus pandemic, however, cuts cuts would affect both union including those by Town and we hope that we can the schools will receive.

to make budget cuts because 2020-21 year. "personnel is the largest

to implement," the memo \$89.2 million, an increase of futures. reads. "We intend to uphold nearly 3.9% over the previous fallout from the coronavi- lion cut can be made.

She said they are looking at are forcing Berman to reduce \$1.1 million," Berman said staffing as a potential area the proposed budget for the during the budget hearing.

He said talks with unions

"We are in negotiations finds out how much state aid

and non-union employees. Manager Andrew Flanagan reduce our personnel cost by

With respect to how Ber-Berman said he plans to man plans to cut personnel part of the district's budget cover many of the cuts and costs without necessarily Committee during this pan- and an area where we have other budget shortfalls with cutting jobs, Kieser said, "We demic has been to maintain some flexibility for reduction the \$1.1 million reduction in have many options for reducpersonnel spending, leaving tion in personnel costs. Over The proposed school bud-teachers and other school the years, we have been able districts have been forced get for the upcoming year is workers uncertain of their to achieve this through attri-

tion and retirements. Berman has asked the this commitment to our year. Due to the economic will determine if the \$1.1 mil- School Committee not to vote on the budget until Andover

pages and we thought, 'Oh,

Gabrielle said one of the

Gabrielle said she accepts

for the Andover High page

"People just go there. They

She takes each submission

Gabrielle said it's best to

"There is that chance of

# **BIAS**

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A post from a student who she was talking about but community." will be a junior reads: "I was proceeded to carry on my on my way to math class day. Only later realized she concerned to read about said.

apologize.'

accounts created by minor- hear you.' ity students at private schools.

anonymously."

She also shares the posts girls. on Twitter under the handle @blackatahs.

comment about the Insta- experience overall. A district-wide letter sent about these Instagram that is submitted." this week by principals of accounts through other stu-

and a random teacher came recent social media posts and program that go to boarding up to me and said '\*random pledged action to "dismantle schools, private schools, so girl's name\* don't forget our bias and racism, and build we just knew through them meeting.' I didn't know what an inclusive and respectful that they are making these

"We are disheartened and we should make one," she mixed me up with another our current and former stublack student at the school. dents' experiences of bias, "main inspirations" is a She walked into my math racism and hate language similar Instagram account class. Looked at me. Real- in Andover Public Schools," called "Black at Andover" ized I wasn't the person the principals wrote. "We created by students at Philshe thought I was but didn't stand together with our lips Academy. That page had school community to stand 4,425 followers as of July 1. Gabrielle Erawoc, 15, an up and speak out against Its administrator declined to Andover High student who all acts of hate. To the stu-comment for this story. created the account, said dents who have posted their it was inspired by similar personal experiences — we anonymous submissions

Gabrielle, who is African through a Google form. American, is entering her "We feel like we have done sophomore year at Andover don't put their name. They everything we can," Gabri- High. She is from Atlanta just put their graduating elle said. "So, we are mak- and attends Andover High year and they submit their ing these Instagram pages as part of the "A Better stories there," she said. because that's how a lot of Chance" program, which She takes each submitthings are blowing up. We places talented minority stu- and turns it into a post. can get a lot of attention. dents in private and public We are making these pages schools with college prepa- allow students anonymity to to let people share their ratory programs around the avoid retaliation. stories, not only safely, but country. The Andover High program is hosting seven being harassed and bullied,"

Gabrielle said she some- more harm." times feels "out of place" at Andover school officials Andover High because of her be uncensored, and everycould not be reached for race, but she's enjoyed her

she said. "It would just cause "Everything just needs to

body just needs to feel like they have a voice," she said. She said she found out "So, I post every single story The Instagram page

can be viewed at https:// "You get to connect with a www.instagram.com/



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# Columbia Gas contractor hits gas main, forcing 13 to evacuate

# Another problem for company that caused disaster in Andover, Valley

By BILL KIRK

last week after a contrac- arty said. one, the fire chief said.

Feeney Brothers Utilities being sold to Eversource. Services, which has been The gas company accepted day morning.

into the surrounding sewer to evacuate. system but did not enter any of the homes.

merly the senior center, on the gas line system. Haverhill Street.

ing to repair the damaged and furnaces.

pipe and continues installing new pipes in the area, the chief said. Nobody was Thirteen people were injured and there was no evacuated from four homes damage to report, other on Oak Street in Lawrence than the broken pipe, Mori-

tor working for Columbia Columbia Gas is sched-Gas hit an old gas line while uled to stop all work in the attempting to install a new area as of Nov. 1, 2020, as part of a deal the company According to Chief Brian struck with state and federal Moriarty, a crew from authorities. The company is

working on replacing old responsibility for the fires gas lines in the city for the and explosions that hit gas company, hit the old line Andover, North Andover in the vicinity of 6 Oak St. at and Lawrence on Sept. 13, about 10:40 a.m. last Thurs- 2018, which killed one person, injured hundreds, and Moriarty said gas leaked forced thousands of people

The accident, caused by over-pressurized gas lines, However, out of "an abun- forced hundreds of busidance of caution," the resi- nesses to close until their dents of four homes were gas appliances could be directed to the Center, for-replaced and reattached to

Thousands of homes faced After the gas was turned similar problems as homeoff and cleared from the owners went without heat area, the residents were and/or hot water for months allowed to return home by while they waited for the around 11:30 a.m., Moriarty company to replace their damaged appliances, includ-Columbia Gas is work- ing stoves, hot water heaters

# Lawyer waives fee for more gas disaster victims

By JILL HARMACINSKI

sented victims from the appeal their payments can Merrimack Valley Gas still work with him moving Disaster is again waiving forward but will be subject his fees for representing cli- to fees, he said. ents in the \$143 million class action settlement, he said.

mondo told clients he would vided to me." be assessing an 11% fee out from the class action suit.

Faced with the concerns, that payment is \$880. Raimondo previously agreed

ments. Those checks are damage, to lodging costs, September.

Raimondo said clients "felt not sufficiently explained reached out to for assisaction suit.

He assisted roughly 175 for legal fees and adminis- said.

his clients with "personal civilians were hurt. Damrepresentation," which ages in Andover, Lawrence included handling claims and North Andover are estiwith insurance companies mated at \$1 billion. and public adjusters, contractors and having their forced to evacuate. Five gas restored and appliances homes were destroyed and repaired.

work he did was then National Transportation repeated by class action Safety Board. attorneys, he said.

"Ethically this is the best Harmacinski on Twitter @ thing I can do for my clients. EagleTribJill.

... Waive my fees," said Raimondo.

Clients that want Rai-An attorney who repre- mondo to challenge or

"They can continue with me or handle on their own," Complaints were filed he said. "I wish everyone with Attorney General the best with their claims. Maura Healey and local offi- ... And I hope they do well cials earlier this summer based on what I've done and after attorney David Rai- the information they pro-

The average gas setof their settlement checks tlement payment is \$8,000. Eleven percent of

In a June 24 Sunday Eagleto waive the fee for those Tribune article, some vicreceiving lump-sum pay- tims awaiting payment said ments from the settlement. they were being asked to On Monday, Raimondo pay the 11% fee to get their said he would also be checks, which are compenwaiving his fee for clients sation for everything from awaiting itemized pay- spoiled food and property expected to be dispersed in mental anguish and other

fallout State Sen. Diana DiZoglio, the retainer they signed was D-Methuen, who victims to them" when the matter tance, was pleased to hear of became a consolidated, class Raimondo's decision when reached Monday.

"Nothing can make these clients from Andover, North claimants truly whole but Andover and Lawrence relinquishing the 11% fee after the Sept. 13, 2018 gas is a significant step in the disaster. However, he said right direction. I am pleased he is not considered "class" that full payments of these counsel" and therefore is not itemized claims can now be entitled to the \$26.1 million made to those whom they set aside in the settlement are rightfully due," DiZoglio

The gas disaster, caused "I got burned. Unfortu- by overpressurized lines nately, I'm not permitted to operated by Columbia Gas, take fees," Raimondo said resulted in the death of Leoin a phone interview Mon- nel Rondon, 18, of Lawrence. day, stressing he provided Three firefighters and 19

About 50,000 people were 131 properties damaged, However, much of the according to findings by the

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# Small gesture transforms into widespread mission

Woman shops for others, collects donations for Lazarus House

By Breanna Edelstein Staff Writer

LOCAL

Audra Hebert's idea was to deliver groceries to a few familiar faces; clients who have supported her small pet business and are now uncomfortable leaving home to face the coronavirus pandemic.

What she continues to accomplish is much more. Hebert, 42, has delivered

food and other essentials to nearly 20 households with more in the queue - and inspired others to donate goods and money to Lazarus House Ministries in Lawrence.

The effort started when Hebert was forced, along much of the rest of society, to temporarily abandon work March 13.

"It was good for a week or so to get a break. I had been really busy," she said. "But I was getting restless, and I was noticing through Facebook that people were stressed and anxious, period. But really freaking out over trying to get simple groceries."

The same sudden stress was felt at food pantries, including Lazarus House, with a long-standing reputation for feeding the masses with community support.

"School food drives, church drives, collections at businesses before everyone goes on vacation, all of those donations trickled or stopped," said Lazarus Food Pantry Manager Ken Campbell.

Hebert was motivated by her faith in the church. Hearing from clients afraid to venture out and face the virus, even to run quick errands, solidified what she would do.

Social media pages typically used to advertise Hebert's dog walking and pet sitting services turned into a beacon for those feeling trapped.

She watched Facebook "do it's thing," landing strangers in need with her

"The thing with what I'm doing is that it's free," she said. "I just want to be helpful. I felt like I needed to be helpful to others.'

But gracious clients and strangers were handing her money as a means to say

"I prayed on it and thought about what to do with their contributions,' Hebert said. "I noticed a post about Lazarus House the next day.'

She started mentioning the new partnership to those she was shopping for. A man grateful for Hebert's front-door deliveries wrote a check right away for \$1,500.

He brought the idea to his employer, who went on to donate \$4,000 to the Boston Food Bank, according to Hebert.

"It's this ripple effect of kindness that I was just so shocked and encouraged by," she said.

Weeks later, before putting away another delivery of groceries, the same man wrote another check to Lazarus House, this one for \$1,000.

Others who gave Hebert smaller amounts — usually ranging from \$10 to \$25 allowed her to buy diapers, baby formula and nonperishable foods Lazarus House was short on.

Nine times she pulled up to the Lawrence food pantry in her Subaru Crosstrek packed with donations.

"I put the back seats down and fill it with as much as I can," she said. "There have been some weeks it's been so packed, it's crazy. It's like a clown car of food."

Campbell said the outpouring of support has motivated him and a skeleton crew allowed in the building due to strict safety precautions. 'We have five people in

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Audra Hebert of Andover smiles with a car full of goods to be donated to Lazarus House Ministries in Lawrence.

our food pantry now. Normally it's a significant number of volunteers coming in to help stock shelves, distribute, unload and sort," Campbell said. "And it appears that it's going to stay this way for quite some time.'

The money Hebert handed over to Campbell, including \$2,500 from the one client, will be used to purchase food, according to Campbell.

Instead of the normal shopping experience Lazarus tries to create for those in need, all foods — pasta, rice, canned vegetables, soups, and canned tuna and chicken — are being boxed up and distributed with social distancing requirements in mind.

"Her efforts and the response of her neighbors and friends have really been quite spectacular," Campbell said of Hebert. "It's these types of things that are keeping us going.'

Hebert encourages others to support those around them in whatever way they can.

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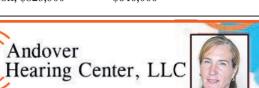
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 $The following\ passages$ were taken from past editions of the Townsman. 100 years ago - July 23, 1920 The sale of Musgrove Block by Mrs. John H. Flint

to Louis Resnik, along with the buildings on Post Office Avenue occupied by the Lunch Box, the Chinese Laundry, and the barber shop, is the largest transaction in real estate in Andover for many years. Musgrove Block, which was built more than 25 years ago, contains stores, offices, rooms of the Andover Club, and the assembly halls of the Odd

Scottish Clans and G.A.R. Members of the Fire Engine Company recently presented Charles Hill, the retired chief of the Fire Engineers, with a handsome watch fob. It is decorated on one side with Masonic emblems and on the other with the Odd Fellows emblem.

Fellows, Knights of Pythias,

75 years ago - July 19, 1945

Kenneth K. McKiniry, physical instructor in the schools, was named head coach of football and baseball at Punchard High School by the School Committee when it met in special session Monday night. The appointment will be in addition to his other duties, making his salary \$3,100 — an increase of

All Those Years Ago

\$400. not been turned off caused minor damage to the home of Melville Holden, Red Spring Road, on Tuesday morning. There was no one home at the time, but a neighbor, Frances Ratyna, 12, noticed the smoke and notified Mrs. John R. Sullivan, another neighbor, who the new Andover office of sounded Box 56 at 9 a.m.

The Andover Canning Center will open on July 30 at the Free Church, the delayed start because of the lateness of the fruit and vegetable seasons this year. The center is open to all Andover residents. Vegetables and fruit may be brought to the church and canned there with the upto-date equipment and conveniences that the center provides. For a small charge, Bonnie Hanby, 1 Summer the work will be done by

workers at the center.

50 years ago - July 23,

Plans are moving ahead for the construction of a water treatment plant on Haggett's Pond to supply the town and possibly the region with water taken An electric iron which had from the Merrimack River, coupled with the town's resources. Local officials are seeking \$1.5 million from the federal government to assist in construction of the plant, which is estimated to cost nearly \$4 million when completed.

Winners of prizes from the Lawrence Cooperative Bank are John Anderson, 20 High Street, color TV; Mrs. William J. Coderre, 37 Stinson Road, clock radio; Mrs. Walter J. Anderson, 14 Shipman Road, Kodak instamatic camera; Patricia Tine, 12 Westwind Road, Kodak instamatic camera; James Higgins, Timothy Drive, Rollfast bicycle; Barry Bronson, 35 Juniper Road, Ansco camera; and St., Ansco camera.





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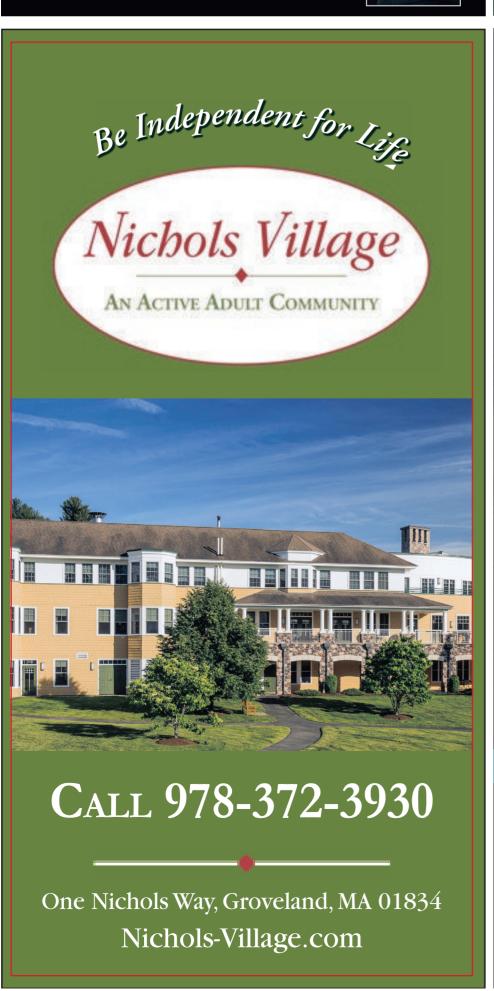
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# Opinion

# COVID-19 tests hit the spot

Credit the Baker administration for helping people in the Merrimack Valley learn where they stand when it comes to COVID-19, hopefully to use that information to prevent further spread of the coronavirus.

The state last week began sponsoring free tests for COVID-19 in eight cites, including Lawrence and Lowell, with the aim of stanching the spread of the coronavirus in hot spots around Massachusetts.

Lawrence earns its place on the list, in part, because more than 7% of city residents tested in the two weeks leading to last Wednesday were positive for COVID-19. Only seven other cities and towns saw a higher rate.

Lawrence has recorded at least 3,639 cases of COVID-19 since the pandemic began, according to the state Department of Public Health.

There are doubtless others out there. The state aims to find them by testing anyone who asks for it, whether they live in Lawrence or Andover or someplace else, whether they're sick or not.

The latter could be key since some scientists believe nearly half of the cases of COVID-19 are in people without symptoms — but who can still spread the illness — according to an article published in the Annals of Internal Medicine earlier this month.

"Because of the high risk for silent spread by asymptomatic persons, it is imperative that testing programs include those without symptoms," wrote the authors, Daniel P. Oran and Eric J. Topol, of the Scripps Research Institute.

Lawrence Mayor Daniel Rivera attributes his city's high infection rate to a few factors, including the number of residents who work in "essential" jobs. They didn't stop going to work when state officials shut down large numbers of businesses as a preventative measure, which means they were more likely to be exposed to the virus.

Another factor, Rivera told reporter Bill Kirk, is mistrust of the health care system.

Andover has fared better than its neighbor in containing the coronavirus. As of last week, the town had recorded 316 cases of the virus, according to the state Department of Public Health. Fewer than 2% of those tested in the previous two weeks were found positive for COVID-19.

But given the proximity of the two communities, challenges to containing the coronavirus in Lawrence should be everyone's concern. The virus knows no town border. It crosses that line just as easily and imperceptibly as it is passed between two people standing in a room.

Hopefully, the state's "Stop the Spread" program will inspire people who previously resisted getting tested to find out where they stand, so that those found to have COVID-19 can then take steps to protect their families, their friends

The free tests in Lawrence are being administered by staff of Lawrence General Hospital and the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, who speak English and Spanish. They will be given at the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority lot at 70 Canal St. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at various other locations throughout the city. See mass.gov/stopthespread for

The "Stop the Spread" tests will be given through Aug. 14. Results are confidential.

# **WEB QUESTION**

Are you rethinking the town's ban on single-use plastic

The ban took effect in early 2019, having been delayed due to the gas disaster. But it was only in place a little more than a year when a pandemic hit.

The coronavirus led state officials to give stores and customers a reprieve, citing concerns about the spread of germs on reusable bags adopted by many shoppers. Their temporary rule expired last week, and the local ban on single-use bags may resume.

Has the pandemic changed your mind?

BAGS BE GONE: No, I haven't changed my mind. Single-use bags are still an environmental scourge, as Town Meeting voters agreed in 2018. Accommodations may have been needed for COVID-19 but health officials have concluded there's no risk from reusable bags.

**KEEP THE BAGS**: Yes, the plastic bag ban was inconvenient from the start, and it was ironically causing a potential health risk as we were busy trying to contain the coronavirus. Just let stores and restaurants — and their customers — use the plastic bags. They're easier, and they're more sanitary.

# Last week's question

Should schools pause MCAS for four years?

The state's largest teachers union is leading a push for a four-year freeze on MCAS, the standardized tests given to students in grades 3 to 8, and which 10th graders must pass in order to graduate. The state got a waiver on testing requirements for graduation from the U.S. Department of Education this spring. This proposal seek to extend that and suspend all MCAS testing another four years.

Do you think putting MCAS on hiatus is a good idea? **DELAY IT:** The Massachusetts Teachers Association rightly

argues that MCAS will distract from the time, money and attention needed to upgrade classroom learning, especially as schools decide how best to mix in-person and remote teaching. No one needs MCAS during a pandemic. (33 votes)

MEASUREMENT NEEDED: When is a standardized test ever convenient? The point of MCAS is to give school districts, state leaders and parents tools to measure what students know and how well schools are doing in teaching them. Any alternative to that will be flimsy. This is no time to freeze MCAS. (17 votes)

# In 1835, anti-slavery fight came to Andover



# **Christopher Klein**

Andover Center for History and Culture

Millions of Americans have flooded the streets in recent weeks as part of the Black Lives Matter movement. Squint back through history and you'll find that racial justice protests are hardly just a modern phenomenon. One such demonstration roiled Andover in 1835.

Then, Andover Theological Seminary and Phillips Academy students rallied to support a radical idea at the time — the full, immediate emancipation of the onesixth of Americans living in slavery.

While most faculty members and students supported freedom for the slaves, they didn't want them to remain in the United States. Instead backers of "colonization" favored the relocation of emancipated slaves to Liberia and other parts of Africa.

The seminary's student colonization society even collected \$3,000 to purchase and expatriate 100 Kentucky slaves.

In the 1830s, an abolitionist, anti-slavery movement sprouted across New England in opposition to colonization and became a flashpoint at Andover. Fearing that rival abolitionist and colonization societies would interfere with students' studies and wreck the school's "spirit of piety and brotherly love," the theological seminary's instructors forced both student organizations to disband.

Furious at the school's interference, abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison scheduled a series of antislavery lectures in Andover beginning on July 4, 1835, to be headlined by Englishman George Thompson, described by British Prime Minister Sir Robert Peel as "the most eloquent man in or out of Parliament." The seminary faculty were quite familiar with Thompson's powers of persuasion; he inspired some 30 students to join the town's Anti-Slavery Society when he visited the campus six months earlier.

Turned away at both the upon his return to Andover, clubs, the students formed

Thompson found a pulpit at the Methodist chapel on Main Street.

With rumors crackling that pro-slavery ruffians building the railroad through town planned to storm the meeting and tar and feather the abolitionist firebrand, the Rev. Moses Stuart ordered his seminarians to avoid the lecture. "I warn you on peril of your souls' salvation, not to go to that anti-slavery meeting in Andover Village tonight! he thundered.

Upward of 50 students chanced eternal damnation. Armed with hickory clubs, they poured into the chapel's front rows as soon as its doors opened and listened to the Englishman scorch the congregation for two hours with fiery rhetoric on the topic of "The coming of a regiment of state of things in Andover, and more particularly in the theological seminary." He castigated the seminary faculty as "tyrants, knaves and hypocrites" and challenged the students "to brave authority, to violate laws and, if need be, to leave the institution.

When Thompson finally concluded, every light in the church was suddenly extinguished as a mob rushed seminary and South Church the pulpit. Brandishing their More at www.christopherk-

a protective ring around the orator and caused the throng to disperse.

After escorting Thompson to his quarters, a halfdozen students patrolled the downtown streets while the others returned to their dormitories and climbed into bed with their clothes on, ready to respond at any sign of trouble.

Quiet held for an hour until a series of signal whistles pierced the summer night. The seminarians rushed back to Thompson's lodgings and found a hostile pro-slavery crowd growing in size.

Suddenly dozens of students who had been roused from their beds came sprinting down Academy Hill. "It sounded out on the still hour of night like the cavalry," recalled student Sherlock Bristol.

Outnumbered, the mob scattered into the darkness, and peace prevailed. The repercussions for the students, however, had yet to begin.

More on that in the next column.

Christopher Klein, of Andover, is author of four books including "When the Irish Invaded Canada."

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Tired of living every day in fear

Editor, Townsman:

I have been sitting, crying and thinking for the past truly think people don't get every day. When I wake up in the

morning and get ready to go ter — all of us out and about my day, there is always a lingering thought in the back of my head: Is this the day I don't make We must educate it back home? I wake up ourselves, call out knowing that I have to make myself less threatening for racial injustices fear that someone will take my expressionless face or in- Editor, Townsman: thought face as being hostile.

been hovering behind me of dismantling racism. throughout my entire time in or bags or even their kids a and the Black experience. little closer when I walk by.

The few times I've been of color living in Andover? pulled over, it's taken everyaware that my life could end as white people. because of the color of my skin.

ier because I know them and the margins. their privilege protects me.

killed in her own home?

ried that it's the last time and town governance. they could see me.

people's deaths being filmed students was devastating welcomed; the longtime killed.

I want human rights to few days about the state of matter more than looted our nation and our world. I stores and broken windows. in a long line of racial inci-I want my life and the lives what it's like to live in fear of my fellow black sisters and brothers to matter.

We need to do and be bet-

"It's Up to Us to End This," I know going into a store a recent article by the Rev. that I get clocked by security Michael Malcom, of the Alaalmost immediately upon bama Interfaith Power and entering. I ignore the fact Light, is a call, especially for that the same employee has white people, to do the work

This includes educating the store. I'm highly aware ourselves about the 400-year as people pull their purses history of racism in America

We need to read, watch to end this. thing in me to not start cry- and listen as we raise our ing or thinking that I am awareness of racism, and going to die because my tail- work to dismantle systemic light is out. Even when out oppression in our circles of Transfer of with my friends, I'm hyper- influence, using our privilege

Courageous Conversations' goal is to advance and I'm lucky that I am some- amplify a discussion about Editor, Townsman: what protected by white priv-race, privilege, equity, incluilege because I have white sion and justice; to educate down and breathe a little eas- power, and people of color at

But I'm also terrified to important to recognize the superintendent was sim-superintendent's questionmove out because once I'm and name the injustices on my own how do I know caused by systemic rac-I'm not gonna be the next ism. It is imperative that, Breonna Taylor, shot and as white residents and community leaders in Andover, I don't want to live like we commit ourselves to call this anymore. I don't want to for meaningful change in licly filed documents regard-ful decision is solely his. know that when I leave my our schools, police and fire ing this year's difficulties, house, my parents are wor-departments, businesses, the takeaway was that there his fitness to serve Andover

I don't want to see Black media post by local A new principal was

and posted everywhere — especially to students South teachers would probecause it seems to be the of color. They are crushed vide continuity. Yet, we have only way we are believed both by the video and also now learned that my child's when we say we are being by their friends who did not teacher and two other long call it out.

This is the most recent schools. his Andover neighborhood **ELIZABETH WALTHER-GRANT** and asked why is he there. stealing.

Racial epithets are shouted at students from car the benefit of children? windows. People of color feel in public spaces or shopping retribution? in downtown businesses.

values every person — a South School what it is. community where Black Lives Matter too.

What it is like to be a person change policies and educate that familiar face creates

# teachers does not serve students

demic, the superintendent parents. I know when I walk ourselves to recognize and has compounded the disrupered whether my three chilinto their house at the end of understand the systems that tion by deciding to "transfer" dren would face retribution. the day, I can let my guard tend keep white people in three longtime South School Is that how we want Andover teachers.

> The boilerplate, buzzword It has never been more was a "personnel decision."

derful place because of its is a pattern. teachers and community. As had been a failure of leader- Public Schools. A recent racist social ship at South School.

tenured teachers will be We should all be crushed. transferred to other Andover

I know firsthand that those dents in Andover. A person teachers are wonderful eduof color who lives in Andover cators; indeed, the superinis stopped by the police while tendent will be moving them jogging, or is pulled over in to other schools (our loss, their gain).

What, then, is the justifica-Andover or is confronted at her own tion for this decision? If "staff" mailbox and accused of called for this decision, at what point does "staff" need to learn to work together for

Was "staff" asking for they are surveilled walking this change an excuse for

Leaving aside the ques-We cannot look away tionable motivation, how is from what happens here in this best for students? Amid Andover. We must listen, a pandemic, they will come reflect and wrestle with how back in fall with a new structo be an equitable, just and ture and new principal, but inclusive community that without teachers who make

We all remember seeing last vear's teacher on the We need to make reforms, first day of a new year our community. It's up to us security. Our children need these long tenured teachers MARY PRITCHARD now more than ever.

The superintendent's performance here demonstrates his inability to consider the good of Andover Public Schools students above all else. Those who challenge him face retribution, and details will be hidden using In the middle of a pan-human resources as a shield.

In writing this, I consid-Public Schools to be led?

In the past, justifications laden) rationale provided by have been made for the ply his oft-used shield: this able behavior and lack of judgment. But there is no South School is a won-denying at this point that this

The School Committee a parent, after reading pub- cannot simply say this harm-

It has a duty to evaluate **DANIELLE BENNETT** 

Andover

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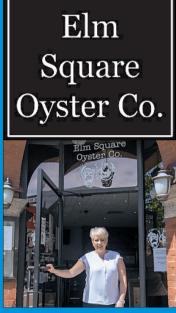
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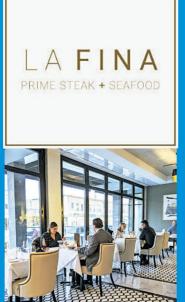
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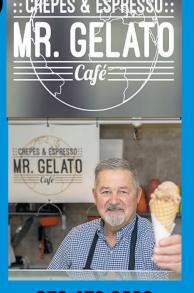
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# Plastic bag bans resume as state lifts rules

By Christian M. Wade Statehouse Reporter

on reusable grocery bags, Group. clearing the way for local cery store workers.

April to prevent spread of the virus doesn't survive on protect grocery workers and from handling reusable bags a statewide ban that would cwade@cnhi.com the coronavirus. The state rescinded the limits last week as it proceeded with reopening plans.

That allows shoppers to again bring their reusable plastic bags into stores, and nearly 140 communities that have adopted bans on single-use plastic bags may again enforce them.

Environmental groups say the temporary rules set back efforts to reduce the overall amount of plastic being sent to landfills, driving up solid waste costs for cities and towns.

They welcomed the decision to rescind the orders.

"This is good for the environment, public health,

protecting both workers Green groups are praising Domenitz, executive direc- no known cases of COVID- temporary but we hoped

bags to resume, despite con-tive orders in the first place, project. "We know single use for the Massachusetts Food containers. cerns for the safety of gro- but they did not oppose bags, cups and food ware are Association. "We've always them, citing a lack of cer- not going to protect us from Restrictions on reusable tainty about how the virus COVID-19." bags were part of a raft of is transmitted. Those groups orders signed by Gov. Char- began to speak up, however, to keep the temporary rules

reducing waste, and for plastic surfaces.

"Experts from around back to earlier limits. and shoppers," said Janet the world have stated that

The food industry hoped safety of the workers."

'We knew this was only Baker's order.

Houghton said stores lie Baker in late March and amid mounting evidence that in place a while longer to can still prevent employees makers were considering and websites. Email him at

the Baker administration's tor of the Massachusetts 19 have been linked to any for a little more time to Department of Environmen- store with them. move to cancel restrictions Public Interest Research surface, including reusable adjust to the changes," said tal Protection lifted a ban

Nearly 140 Massachusetts ning out. said this isn't about the envi- communities ban single-use ronment, but the health and plastic bags in retail stores the Massachusetts Stateincluding supermarkets.

give them time to transition -- a policy that some grocery allow retailers to charge a chains put into place before 10 cent fee for paper bags, thus encouraging shoppers Last month, the state to bring reusable bags to the

Domenitz said she hopes a bags," said Kirstie Pecci, Brian Houghton, senior vice on bottle and can redemp- statewide ban will come up Environmentalists weren't director of the Conservation president for governmental tions, requiring retailers to for a vote before the July bans on plastic shopping pleased with Baker's execu- Law Foundation's Zero Waste affairs and communications accept returned beverage 31 end of formal legislative sessions, but time is run-

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# Son needs 'boots-onthe-ground' counseling

# **Family Matters**

Larry Larsen

Dear Doctor, My 18-year-old son is a



user of marijuana – every day, all day. He also is vaping flavored stuff. He was in a psychiat-

ric hospital twice during his last year of high school. He is coughing terribly and won't go to the doctors or talk to his therapist. He is argumentative about everything. He won't clean his room, and he won't do his laundry. I am so stressed out every day. I just don't know what, if anything, I can do to help him. Any advice would be greatly appreciated.

**End of Rope** 

# Dear End of Rope,

You do need help. Your situation is parenting an entitled, addicted and probably depressed young man.

If you continue to accept his unacceptable behavior, you will be encouraging a co-dependent relationship. By doing nothing, you are making his dependence and bad behavior more intractable.

You need help and not that of a passive, wellmeaning psychotherapist. My suggestion would be for you to seek referrals in your community for a drug counseling service. I suspect there may be more drugging happening than you know. The real help will be in the form of direct intervention. You need a "boots-on-theground" kind of counseling and support regimen.

The goals need to be thought out. First, being employed strikes me as essential. He is out of high school and of age to work. An active helper can work with you on this objective. He needs to stop using substances. They are not helping his depression.

I also suspect he hates his own behavior and knows he needs help. Your goal will be to set limits, offer support without encouraging co-dependence and work on the task of his eventual management of his life.

Nothing will happen without action. Arguing will not help. The road ahead is tough, but you need to be active. Do not wait any longer.

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

### OBITUARIES

# Dorothy M. Hardock, 81

January 5, 1939 - July 10, 2020

TEWKSBURY — Dorothy M. Hardock, 81, of Tewksbury, Mass., and The Villages, Fla., passed away peacefully on July 10, 2020, with family by her side. Dot was born in Warren. Pa., to the late Johnetta and Walter Mathyer. She was a graduate of Warren High School in Pennsylvania and then went on to George Washington University where she majored in Physical Education. Dot met the first love of her life, the late Richard (Rick) Hardock, at Georgetown. They were married for 52 years and had three children. Over the course of her lifetime, Dot was a Physical own or buying them. He was Education teacher, manager of an absolutely devoted husa tennis club, a realtor, a soc-band and it was wonderful to cer coach, a wonderful mother, see the pure joy that radiated and grandmother extraordi- from them. naire. At 77 she was blessed derful 3½ years.

cinnamon rolls on Christmas Zak, Ashley, Brooke, and Riley. morning, water balloons on Marco Island, and grand- friends may call on Wednesday, daughter fashion shows after July 15, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the shopping trips are just some Conte Funeral Home at 28 Florence of the treasured activities Street in Andover. A memorial serand times spent with Gram. vice will be held at the Central Spending the 4th of July in her Congregational Church in Chelmshometown of Warren, Pa., with ford, Mass., on Thursday, July 16, her siblings and many nieces at 10 a.m. A private burial will and nephews was a family tra- take place following the memorial dition that she loved. Dot had a service at West Parish Cemetery very large circle of friends and in Andover. All attendees will be enjoyed playing golf, teach- asked to wear a face covering and ing/playing Mahjong, playing maintain social distancing praccards, scrapbooking, sewing, tices at both calling hours and the jewelry making and attending service. book club. After meeting and falling madly in love with her be made in memory of Dot to ALS husband, Fred, she picked up Association, Massachusetts Chap-Bridge again and they trav-ter, alsa.org. eled to several tournaments in different parts of the country. They were also able to go on many cruises seeing parts of the world she had never seen. Fred gave Dot a dozen roses



Dot was predeceased by to meet and marry the second her husband of 52 years, Richlove of her life, Fred Hanson, ard Hardock. She is survived with whom she spent a won- by her loving husband, Fred Hanson (of The Villages, Fla.); Dot and Rick had a long and brother Philip Mathyer and happy marriage. They learned Suzanne (of Warren, Pa.); to play tennis and golf, loved daughter, Karen (Hardock) living in the Villages, vaca- Ross and Tim (of Groton, tioning on Marco Island with Mass.); daughter, Kim (Hartheir children and grandchil- dock) Johnson and Scott (of dren, and started many fam- Andover, Mass.; and son Mike ily traditions that will endure Hardock and Jennifer (of Anfor generations. Family and dover, Mass.). Dot has many friends were everything to nieces and nephews through-Dot. Spending time with her out the country, whom she grandchildren meant the dearly loved spending time world to her. Sleepovers at with. She is also survived by Gram's, pancake breakfasts, her eight grandchildren, the taco nights, pumpkin carving, absolute joys of her life: Brengingerbread house making, den, Connor, Jessica, Taylor,

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and

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# Jim Arnold, 59 Years

March 27, 1961 - July 2, 2020

ANDOVER — Although it's common to say, "There was nobody like him!" when someone has passed away, the truth is that there will never be anyone who can quite match the spirit of Jim Arnold. He passed away in his sleep early Thursday morning, July 2,

every week, either cutting his

James R. Arnold was born in Rome, Georgia, to Hugh and Betty Arnold. After his sister Margaret and his brother Jeff, Jim was the youngest child and got away with all kinds of trouble-making. The family settled in Andover, Massachusetts, in 1968, where Jim would go on to make a million friends and become a beloved loyal and protective even after part of the local community they both became grown men. that he would cherish for his entire life.

met his future wife Beth. his place. He was in awe of her gyms, and baseball parks. and decades later, he would unbelievable?"

In 1988, Jim coached the Anover the business. dover Nationals Little League team that won the state cham- his hilarious (and often inappionship and made it all the propriate) sense of humor, way to the Little League World commanding presence, and Series. That same summer, his unending ability to show Jim and Beth welcomed their and rise to the occasion for first son, Rory. Their second his family, friends, and comson, Connor, was born two munity. Everyone has a Jim years later in 1990.

Jim was also a newspaper reporter and columnist for the wrote that every man expe-

asked him to fix up the park. may outlive us all yet. Jim would do anything for his kids and remained fiercely vice will be held at a later date.



Mr. Jim Arnold

In addition to rebuilding

the basketball courts, Jim de-By high school, Jim had be-signed a competitive summer come a stellar athlete and a league tournament for local star basketball player. Ando- teams. Hoops For Hope was ver High was also where he also created with the goal of providing work opportuni-With Beth, Jim met his ties, job training, and summer match... in all of the ways. Jim programs for youths at risk. and Beth knew how to work Since then, Hoops for Hope together and have fun togeth- has served over 20,000 young er. Beth was always the only people and adults in need, and person who could put Jim in renovated basketball courts.

Jim went on to become the still look at her across the owner of Sport Court New room and remark, "Isn't she England, working alongside his son Connor, who will take

Jim will be remembered for Arnold story.

Of death, Hemingway once Eagle-Tribune before attend-riences two. The first is that ing Harvard Divinity School. of the physical body and the In 1993, Jim founded Hoops second happens the last time For Hope after a visit to Sulsomeone speaks your name. livan Park where his son Rory With regard to Jim Arnold, he

> ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral Serwww.burkemagliozzi.com.

# Lawmakers seek to mandate masks, quarantine for visitors

By Steve Leblanc Associated Press

BOSTON — Face masks and two-week quarantines for travelers entering Massachusetts from COVID-19 hot spots would be required under a bill filed at the Statehouse on Tuesday.

The bill would also prioritize COVID-19 testing for vulnerable populations and mandate enforcement of workplace safety requirements designed to protect both workers and the public.

Both the face mask and quarantine requirements would be enforced with fines under the bill.

Republican Gov. Charlie Baker has already ordered the wearing of masks and has advised visitors to Massachusetts to quarantine for two weeks - except for a handful of nearby states.

One of the sponsors of the bill, state Sen. Harriet Chandler, D-Worcester, said with no vaccine yet available, the state needs to write the public health protocols into law.

"We have proven practices to curb the spread of viral infection: wearing face masks, ensuring widely available testing, finalizing formal workplace safety standards, and quarantining tourists coming from hotbed states," Chandler said in a press release. "But they only work if we all participate."

She urged lawmakers to return of college students in the fall.

session ends July 31.

A look at other coro-Massachusetts:

### **VIRUS BY THE NUMBERS**

deaths Tuesday, bringing the to the disease. total number of confirmed and probable deaths since TEACHERS' SCHOOL the beginning of the pan- REOPENING PLAN demic to 8,340 in the state.

ing the total number of con- economic restart. firmed and probable cases the pandemic.



Museum visitors examines artwork by artist Sterling Ruby called Physicalism/The Recombine 1-6, 2006, at the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston Tuesday. The museum reopened for the first time Tuesday since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, and is open Wednesday to those with membership. The ICA is to be open with free admission to the public July 16 through July 19.



### pass the measure before the A passer-by departs an entrance to the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston on Tuesday.

The Legislature's formal 19, while 93 were in intensive Boston Teachers Union. care units.

Massachusetts reported 10 firmed and probable deaths protocols. confirmed COVID-19-related in Massachusetts attributed

There were 303 newly con- ers across Massachusetts health and safety protocols lishments from the city's firmed and probable cases are asking for a phased-in and for evaluating each stu- plastic bag restrictions of COVID-19, the disease approach to the reopening dent's needs. caused by the coronavirus, of schools this fall, similar The third phase is a six- — will be extended at least reported Tuesday — bring- to the state's multi-phased week resumption of lessons, through Sept. 30.

by the Massachusetts Teach- and rules. There were 560 people ers Association, the Amerireported hospitalized can Federation of Teachers a period of assessment.

The number of confirmed of preparation for teachers navirus developments in and probable COVID-19 and support professionals or more than 63% of all con- about new health and safety

students and their families, from noon to 7 p.m. each day. either in-person or remotely, Public school teach- to prepare them for the new his order exempting estab-

either in-person, remotely

The unions are also calling for health and safety guidelines that include surveying each district for protective equipment needs, and checking and updating HVAC systems.

The unions will be negotiating their terms with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

### **BOSTON FOOD TRUCKS**

Food trucks that are typically clustered around downtown Boston will be allowed to visit neighborhoods across the city for Tuesday because of COVID- of Massachusetts, and the the first time in an effort to help small businesses amid The first phase is a period the pandemic, Mayor Marty Walsh announced Tuesday.

The initiative, which starts related deaths at long-term that could include setting Friday, establishes about care homes rose to 5,282 — up classrooms and learning two dozen sites across the city, including parks, playgrounds and other public The second phase would spaces, where mobile eaterallow teachers to set up ies with prior city approval one-on-one meetings with will be allowed to operate

> Walsh also said Tuesday including a five-cent bag fee

And, starting July 23, City The plan is outlined in a or a hybrid model to estab- Hall will reopen on Tuesto more than 112,000 in Mas-Public School Reopening lish the school climate and days, Thursdays and Fridays sachusetts since the start of Proposal released Monday culture and set expectations for scheduled appointments, the mayor announced. Pub-The fourth stage would be lic meetings will still be conducted remotely, however.

# **■ POLICE LOG**

The following items were taken from logs on file at the Andover Police Department.

# **WEDNESDAY, JULY 1**

North Street, 8:21 p.m.

comb Road, 8:51 p.m.

**Larceny:** A caller reported entry, Woodview Way, 4:09

Motor vehicle stop: Citation p.m. issued for speeding, Dascomb Road, 12:36 p.m.

Identity fraud: Unemploycle, 10:14 a.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 2

**Harassment:** Harassment on a bus reported, Main Street, motor vehicle crash, Union 6:41 p.m.

Damage to motorcycle: A Pond Road, 6:46 p.m.

Well being check: A caller 9:48 p.m. reported that a black BMW Walnut Avenue, 4:23 p.m.

caller reported his son's Street, 2:22 p.m. wallet was stolen from his vehicle overnight, Canterbury Street, 2:27 p.m.

old man was found uncon-reported hearing 15 gun-Geneva Road, 8:36 a.m.

# FRIDAY, JULY 3

Suspicious activity: A caller Beacon Street, 9:37 p.m. reported she was fishtarp behind him. Officers nari Farm Road, 8:46 p.m. Car crash: A caller reported checked the area and found 9:39 p.m.

who appeared to be in his subject was missing. Offiment scam, McDonald Cir- 40s stole two bags of items, cers in Andover looked for Main Street, 6:26 p.m.

# **SATURDAY, JULY 4**

Car crash: 911 call for a Street, 11:10 p.m.

went onto a curb and con- asked police to check on tinued toward North Main two juveniles who were 53, of 5 Sparkle Drive in caller was on the way to Street. An officer said the hitchhiking. The officer Lawrence was charged with the airport and said he will vehicle has four flat tires, found the juveniles and OUI, failure to stop and hav- see police when he returns, explained the dangers of ing an open container of River Road, 7:22 a.m. Theft from motor vehicle: A hitchhiking, North Main

SUNDAY, JULY 5 Death reported: A 59-year- from High Plain Road Main Street, 7:56 p.m.

officer checked the area Main Street, 4:24 p.m. and didn't find anything,

**Noise complaint:** Residents tracks when a man started resident who had some Road, 8:07 p.m. Suspicious activity: A caller running toward her from friends visiting and fired reported a drone flew up nearby woods. She said off some fireworks. Officers reported that she was chasfrom behind her house and he appeared to be in his told the resident not to set ing an 18-year-old man who hovered over the home, 20s and was dragging a of any more fireworks, Fur-ran away after breaking into

len from a home, no forced off in the area. An officer suicidal statements. She p.m. checked and found noth- filed a missing person's Shoplifting: A CVS department confirmed with Lowell Street, 3:22 p.m. employee reported a man Andover police that the him, River Road, 7:53 p.m.

# MONDAY, JULY 6

Suspicious Activity: A caller Noise complaint: A caller reported that his neighbor's headless rabbit on his doorcaller reported a vehicle in reported hearing fire- door was open all day. Offi- step, William Street, 1:41 front of him stopped, backed works in the area. An officers spoke to the resident p.m. up and caused damage to cer checked the area and with the open door who his motorcycle, Haggetts couldn't find anyone set- was depressed. They made reported a hit and run. He ting them off, River Road, a referral to a community was able to get the driver's Suspicious activity: A caller Street, 10:36 p.m.

liquor in her car. Police said

area of Beacon Street. An The tire was moved, North way, River Road, 1:22 a.m.

Suspicious activity: A caller ing on Shawsheen River reported neighbors set-reported concerns about a at the end of the Pole Hill ting off fireworks. Officers vehicle that has repeatedly Trail near the railroad responded and spoke to a gone by their home, Holt

**TUESDAY, JULY 7** 

Break into home: A caller her house. She said he was Request for officer: A caller wearing a black hoodie and a minor car crash on Das- nothing, Marland Street, reported that her 23-year- black sweatpants. Police old son escaped from a officers located the woman Noise complaint: A caller psych ward at a Lowell hos- and the person she was a laptop and jewelry sto-reported fireworks going pital Sunday after making chasing, Topping Road, 5:24

> Recovered motor vehicle: A ing, Starr Avenue East, 8:59 report with the Lowell caller reported a vehicle Police Department. That in his grandmother's yard,

# **WEDNESDAY, JULY 8**

Motor vehicle theft: A caller the man and couldn't find reported that after he let someone borrow his car, they failed to return it, Holt Road, 6:29 p.m.

Suspicious activity: A resifrom an apartment complex dent reported finding a

Hit-and-run crash: A caller support coordinator, Lowell license plate number as she was apparently driv-Arrest: Joanne McNulty, ing toward Andover. The

Request officer: A caller a 911 caller saw McNulty's reported his vehicle was Kia drive up and over the being vandalized by a median of Route 28 by the female. An officer said this Suspicious activity: A caller Phillips Academy bell tower, involves a disagreement between two people and Service request: An officer there was no vandalism. scious, not breathing, shots coming from the reported a tire in the road. Both people went on their

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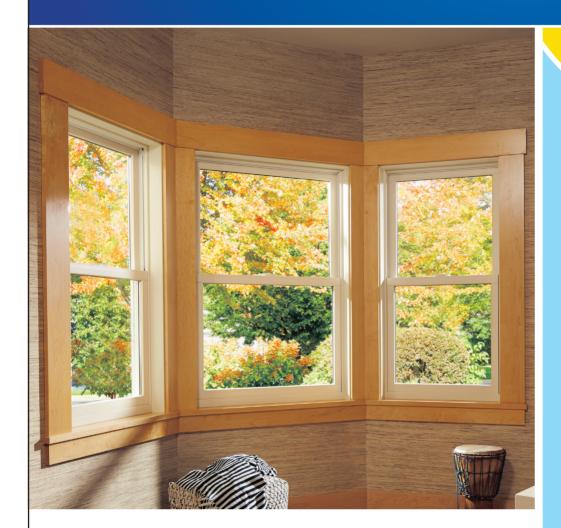
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# Townspeople

# Local coaching legend Fitzgerald named Commonwealth Heroine

By Genevieve DiNatale gdinatale@andovertownsman.com

Longtime Andover High School swim coach Marilyn Fitzgerald was selected as one of this year's Commonwealth Heroines.

Every year, the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women announces their selection of Commonwealth Heroines based on nominations that often come from the state legislature. This year's winners were announced on June 24.

"I went on the site that listed all of the women that received this award and its very humbling to be put in a category with them," said Fitzgerald. "I have always thought that I knew why I was doing all of it but, the bottom line is for me, it's always been about the kids."

According to a report from the commission that announced this year's winners, those selected to be Commonwealth Heroines "perform unheralded acts daily that make our homes, neighborhoods, cit- than she thought she ies and towns better places could do and when that to live.

Fitzgerald was nominated this year by state Rep. Frank Moran.

"First of all, the fact that Frank Moran nominated me was an honor in itself," said Fitzgerald. "I have known Frank for many years now through my being on the School Committee at Greater Lawrence Tech, I am the rep from Andover on the committee, and Frank is not only a graduate of the Tech, but he is such an advocate for the kids.'

Fitzgerald, who retired in December 2018, was the swim coach at Andover High for 27 years. Shortly after her retirement, she was named the National Girls Swimming Coach of the Year by the National **High School Coaches** Association, or NHSCA.

Andover High's swim team won 18 state titles under Fitzgerald's watch.

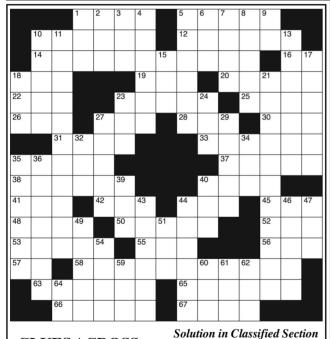
Fitzgerald was also a volunteer at the Merrimack Valley YMCA for decades.

As for her key to coaching success, Fitzgerald said, "I knew that every single one of the girls that I coached could do more day came when they were able to succeed beyond what they believed it was magic."



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Former Andover swim coach Marilyn Fitzgerald is pictured here in 1996 with former Andover High athletes Kalley Thomas, Meghan Donahue, Pamela Muller, Caitlin Fitzpatrick, Dana Sawyer, Jenna Blongiewicz, Kim Provencal, Rebecca Parks, Brenna O'Connor, Heidi Brooks and Jacqui Sawyer.



# **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. One-time world power Central Florida city
- 10. Winged nut 12. Elevate spiritually
- 14. Creative 16. It cools your home
- 18. Woman (French) 19. "60 Minutes" network 20. Old World lizard
- 22. Swiss river 23. Ethnic group of Cambodians 25. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
- 26. Tire measurement 27. Affirmative
- 28. Thrust horse power (abbr.)
- 30. One point north of due east 31. A type of "pet"
- 33. Tech giant
- 35. European nation 37. Fencing swords
- **CLUES DOWN**
- 1. "Pulp Fiction" actress Thurman
- approach (abbr.)
- 5. Beginning
- 6. Index
- 8. A feudal superior
- 10. Lithuanian given name 11. A way to become different
- 13. Able to be domesticated 15. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 17. Hosts film festival
- 18. Shows you how to get there
- 21. Arranged alphabetically 23. S. Thai isthmus
- 24. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet

- 2. Actors' organization
- 3. Conscientious investment
- 4. Ranch (Spanish)
- 7. Portuguese wine
- 9. Military brach (abbr.) 46. Throngs

- 29. Make yourself attractive
- 32. Concealed 34. Large primate

38. Acquired

41. Cashless payment interface (abbr.)

48. Palestinian territory \_\_ Strip

53. Weather Underground activist

40. Origin

42. Pouch

45. Inclined

44. Peter's last name

50. A type of syrup

55. Run batted in

56. Frozen water

58. Philly specialty

63. Cuts the wool off

66. Icelandic literary works

57. Sodium

65. Rules

67. Tattled

52. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!

- 35. A favorite saying of a sect or
- political group 36. Tropical fruits
- 39. Obstruct
- 40. Car mechanics group
- 43. Stroke gently 44. They're in your toolbox
- 47. One and only
- 49. In a way, bent
- 51. "Downton Abbey" broadcaster
- 54. Herring-like fish 59. A major division of
- geological time
- 60. Vast body of water 61. Cannister
- 62. Encourage
- 64. The man

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Bridal stylists Hannah Wood, left, fixes the veil for soon-to-be bride Nia Espinosa, who is a member of the Army National Guard 141 Medical Company based out of Connecticut



Bridal intern stylists Audrey Tobin, left, and Sabrina Hogan pick out wedding gowns for



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# Giving away even more gowns

The Andover-based nonprofit organization Brides Across America is now giving away free wedding gowns to healthcare professionals and first responders who are working amid the coronavirus crisis.

"What we did was we added the frontline COVID healthcare workers to our existing mission," said Terry Brumley, a member of the board of directors.

Around 100 brides-tobe have taken advantage of the organization's new service so far, she said.

The nonprofit has been giving away free wedding gowns to military personal for several years. The pandemic inspired the group to add COVID-19 front line healthcare workers and first responders to the mission.

Brides Across America, which has locations around the nation and is headquartered in Andover, is a charitable organization founded in 2008 by CEO Heidi Janson.

For more information, call 978-470-4817 or visit www.bridesacrossamerica.com.



Nia Espinosa, who is a member of the Army National Guard 141 Medical Company based out of Connecticut, holds up the wedding gown she selected for free at Brides Across America in Andover.

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# Brides Across America expands its mission



stylist Hannah **Wood fixes** the train for Nia Espinosa.



Bridal intern stylists Audrey Tobin holds up one of the many wedding gowns available for free to COVID-19 front line healthcare workers and first responders who will be getting married.

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Joshua Quispe, 7, dumps water on himself to cool off as his mother, Madga Quispe of Methuen, records him.

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# COOL SPOT ON A HOT DAY

Despite some restriction due to the pandemic, Andover's Pomps Pond has been a welcome place

to cool off for people from all around the region.

The pandemic-related regulations include keeping the snack bar closed and not renting boats, at least for the time being. The number of cars in the parking lot and people on the beach are being limited. And beach-goers are asked to maintain social distance and wear a mask while they are going onto or off the beach and into the bathrooms.

Pond hours are noon to 7 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends.

Daniel Garcia, 4, left, and his friend Dylan Joyce, 4, both of Methuen, play in the water.



Emely Lopez, 9, of Methuen, takes a swim.

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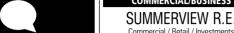


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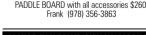
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# Sports

# DUTCHMEN HONOR

# Puglisi earns prestigious Union College athletic award

By David Willis Staff Writer

or Andover's Ryan Puglisi, earning one of Union College's most prestigious



Ryan Puglisi

scholar-athlete awards was as much an honor as it was a call to action. Earlier this month, Puglisi,

a junior,

became the first men's lacrosse player to receive Union's Ritterbush Award, which honors "The student who best exemplifies 'mente et corpore' - sound mind and sound body — the attributes of a scholar-athlete." One male and one female athlete from the school take home the award each year.

"I had the chance to talk to (businessman) Stephen Ritterbush (Union, class of 1968)," said Puglisi. "He reminded me to always live life like an adventure, and to make sure that what I do, whether it is work related or not, brings me happiness and joy. Otherwise, what is the point?

"That is something that I've always tried to live by. But, for some reason, his delivery and stories, and the way he relayed this message really resonated with me, and will truly be something I live by for the rest of my life."

Puglisi has already built an impressive resume.

A former Andover High (class of 2017) star — and son of longtime Golden War- the backbone of the team," riors coach Wayne Puglisi

— Ryan was five games into our play that we need to his third spring as a starter make sure is on point. We for the Union lacrosse team when the season was



UNION COLLEGE ATHLETICS/Ross LaDue photos

Andover's Ryan Puglisi looks to pass the ball for Union College. A star on the field and in the classroom, Puglisi earned a major award this spring.

cancelled due to the coronavirus. Union (4-1) was ranked No. 10 in the country prior to the stoppage.

The 6-foot-1, 200-pound defender was All-Liberty League in 2019, finishing second on the team with 23 caused turnovers and added 32 ground balls. Union advanced to the third round of the NCAA Division 3 tournament, and finished No. 12 in the country. As a freshman, he appeared in all 15 games for Dutchmen, making six starts.

"In my eyes, the defense is said Puglisi. "It's not only need to be able to communicate everything. We never



Andover's Ryan Puglisi, right, is a star defender for Union College. He also excels in his studies as a mechanical engineering major.

know who will be in front of us. We have to be able to adjust on the fly and keep everyone in line.

"The pace of play in college is so much faster than

high school. The level jump was shocking. It hits you quick and you need to adapt a senior was named to the fast. I'm proud of my athletic All-Eastern Massachusetts or academic accomplishments, but I'm more proud

of the person Union has helped mold in the process."

### **LACROSSE FAMILY BUSINESS**

Growing up, and then at Andover High, lacrosse was a family affair for the **Puglisis** 

Wayne, Ryan's father, spent 20 seasons as Golden Warriors head boys lacrosse coach (2000-19). He compiled happy and proud it made a 243-145 record.

Rvan broke into Andover's lineup as a starting defender as a sophomore in rides home blasting the 2015. He was twice named All-MVC (2016-17), and as Lacrosse Coaches Associa- alongside my brother and tion team, leading Andover father the most."

### **ACADEMIC STAR**

Union College lacrosse star Ryan Puglisi won the school's Ritterbush Award for his work on the field and in the classroom.

The mechanical engineering major boasts a 3.819 grade point average. He's a member of the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society and the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society. He is currently interning at Raytheon.

'I take immense pride in my studies," he said. "Lacrosse isn't going to pay the bills after college, so making sure I have my work straight is always first priority. I wouldn't say I'm studying all hours of the night, but I have without a doubt had some late nights. As a mechanical engineer there is never an easy class or term."

to a 16-5 record.

"Playing for my dad will forever be the greatest thing I've ever done," said Ryan, who also played varsity basketball. "He taught me so many lessons through lacrosse that will always be a part of who I am. Having my dad as my coach, he told me I would have to work twice as hard for everything I wanted to achieve. That is something I will carry with me forever."

In his final two high school seasons, Ryan shared the field with his brother, now-Springfield College goalie C.J. Puglisi (AHS, 2019). "I'll never forget how

my dad to see his two sons playing side by side," said Ryan. "I remember our car same song after every win and the deadly silence after every loss. I remember the memories I made playing

# **ANDOVER ARCHIVES:** GOLDEN WARRIOR BOYS TRACK GREATS

By David Willis Staff Writer

Perhaps no team in Massachusetts, regardless of sport, has been more dominant over the past two decades than

Andover High boys track. Under the watchful eye of Hall of Fame head coach Peter Comeau and late top assistant Art Iworsley, the Golden Warriors have fielded some of the most dominant teams and individual athletes in the state year after year,

At the start of the 2000's, Bruce Brown set school records in both the 200 (21.98, still the record) and 100 dash (10.7 hand timed). The latter record was topped by state champion Christopher McConnell (10.75 automatic timed) in 2010. McConnell, one of the most decorated sprinters in state history, also anchored the school's No.

1 4x100 relay (42.37). Andover saw a pair of dominant hurdlers run side-by-side in Sebastian Silveria and Sean Caveney. Both 2015 graduates, Silveria set a school record in the 110 hurdles (14.21) and Caveney set the record in

the 300 hurdles (54.33). Mark Zavrl picked up the javelin late, but set a school record (193-8) in 2013. Matt McDermott had been groomed to throw the discus for years, and finished his career with a school-

record 170-0. And when twin brothers Mark and Adam Vetere (AHS 2010) were competing for Andover, they often only had each other to compete with. Mark owns the school record (15-6) while Adam is No. 3 in school history (14-0).

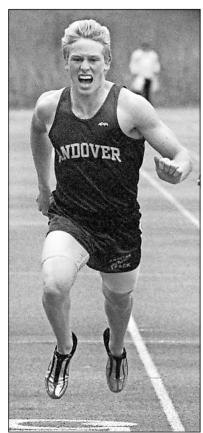


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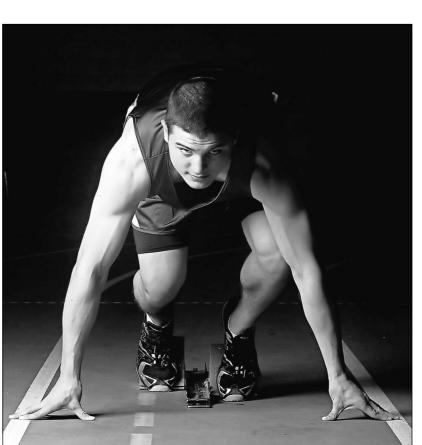
Andover High's Matt McDermott became Andover's all-time leader in the discus in 2018.



Mark Zavrl picked up the javelin late, but still set an Andover High record in 2013 that still stands.



Bruce Brown was a superstar sprinter at the start of the 2000's, as Andover became a powerhouse.



Andover's Christopher McConnell was a record-setting, state champion sprinter who set the school record in the 100 dash in 2010.



Mark Vetere, pictured, and his twin brother Adam Vetere were two of the best pole vaulters in state history.

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# Bill to expand mail-in voting, early voting signed into law

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voter access and safety dur- risk of crowding in polling ing the remaining 2020 elec-places. tions, including the Sept. 1 eral election, has been signed able for the state primary, into law by Republican Gov. from August 22 to 28. Charlie Baker.

will be expanded, in an effort to make voting more conve-A bill aimed at expanding nient, and also reduce the

For the first time, in-person state primary and Nov. 3 gen- early voting will also be avail-

The in-person early voting Under the new law, all regisperiod for the November state tered voters who want to vote election has been expanded by mail will be able to do so. to include two weekends, and In addition, in-person voting will be held October 17 to 30.

# Canobie Lake Park prepares for opening

# Number of visitors limited, sanitizing efforts increase

By Madeline Hughes Staff Writer

Masked employees were testing roller coasters, cleaning and prepping Canobie Lake Park on a recent July morning that would typically have lured guests to the lakeside amusement venue.

They were preparing for the park's opening on July 16 — two months later than expected after the COVID-19 vations to ensure the park

pandemic closed the entertainment industry.

"It's not going to be the product (guests) have known and loved for the past 100 years — it's different," said Chris Nicoli. media and entertainment manager for the park in Salem, New Hampshire.

This summer there won't be a crowded day at the park because visitors will be required to make reserdoesn't exceed 25% capacity anytime in the first few weeks, Nicoli said. Once in the park, guests over the age of 3 will be required to wear a face covering such as a surgical mask or cloth mask anytime they are not on a ride, eating or in a mask-free rest area. Despite the changes, employees are working to make the 65-acre outdoor space a great entertainment venue, Nicoli said.

Instead of hula-hooping

and dancing close to people, the park's Fun Squad is going to don Ghostbusterlike backpacks full of hand sanitizer that they can spray and help encourage social distancing while still having fun, Nicoli said. There will also be a lot of social distancing markers and staff ensuring that groups stay at least six feet from each other, he said.

"People don't need to come to an amusement park

it's not essential — but they are going to come because they know we are going to do it right, and feel safe," Nicoli said.

Park guests and employees will be screened for potential COVID-19 symptoms before they enter the park. Their temperature will be taken and they will be asked a series of questions, Nicoli said.

He said employees will also be separated into groups to work together in specific areas, making it easier to contact trace if someone gets sick. This method is designed cleaning a photo booth at to prevent a COVID-19 outbreak, he said.

Despite this year being different, Nicoli was encouraged by employees' responses during the months while state officials were deciding if amusement parks in the



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Canobie Lake Park workers Victoria Brady, left, and Grace Pierog get familiar with the Yankee Cannonball roller coaster.

hours of an announcement that Canobie would accept job applications for seasonal workers, more than 500 people applied, he said.

Canobie has enough employees to open the park, though the park is still hiring, Nicoli said. Interviews and training are all being held virtually, he said, however, the family-like camaraderie between employees still high-risk groups to come to exists, and that is essential to the park's safety, he said.

Staff member Sarah Hills, 19, of Danville was happily the park recently. Having worked at the park for five years, she was happy to return, and knows her job description includes more cleaning this year as the park takes extra precautions, she said.

We owe it to our guests, state could open. Within 24 team and community to have of June 29.

a safe environment," Nicoli said, while explaining the state and federal guidelines the park is abiding by. "Our guests need us now more than ever with kids having been out of school and people being at home, and we have to prove to our guests that we can do this in a proper way."

Canobie is encouraging people particularly from the park only when they feel safe, Nicoli said, explaining that 2020 season passes and tickets will be honored next year. The park has made an instructional video posted on its website that describes what the expectations for guests are for people to decide if they want to visit this year, he said.

Gov. Chris Sununu allowed amusement parks across the state to open as





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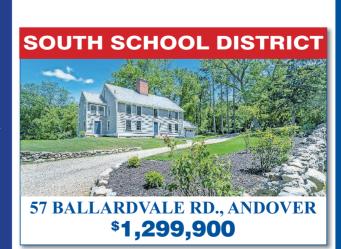
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