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## Easing out of the saddle

Longtime director of horseback therapy program steps down

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Deedee O'Brien has been the only executive director of Ironstone Farm's Challenge Unlimited program for its 37-year history.

On July 1, however, O'Brien, 69, assumed a more limited role as executive director emeritus so she can focus on her personal life. She will continue to work for Ironstone in a lesser role, writing grants and raising money for Challenge Unlimited.

"O'Brien has overseen the organization's growth from a small, volunteer-driven

and grassroots nonprofit to one of the largest therapeutic riding programs in the nation," reads a press release from Ironstone.

Challenge Unlimited is a therapeutic program that uses horseback riding and a farm environment to help people with special needs, military veterans and others from more than 90 communities in the Merrimack Valley and Greater Boston.

"I cannot tell you how much joy Ironstone Farm has brought me," said O'Brien. "The people we serve are constant inspiration — from children living with disability and their

devoted families, to our newest populations of combat veterans and seniors with memory impairment, to everyone in between."

O'Brien planned to transition out of her role in January 2021, but health problems experienced by her and her life partner, legendary Boston TV sportscaster Bob Lobel, have required her to step down early.

O'Brien has leukemia and Lobel, 76, was recently paralyzed from the waist down due to transverse myelitis, a neurological disorder that causes inflammation to the spinal cord.

O'Brien met Lobel at Ironstone Farm several years ago after he was invited to one of the organization's galas. Their initial meeting brought a surprise.

"While he was watching our horses, someone asked him where he grew up and he said he grew up in a little town in Ohio that nobody ever heard of, and I said, 'Well try me because all these horses grew up in a little town that nobody ever heard of' and it was kind of a joke," O'Brien remembered.

"He said, 'The town I

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Deedee O'Brien led Ironstone Farm's Challenge Unlimited program since its founding in 1983.

Photo courtesy Ironstone Farm

## Andover High graduation: Smiles and memories



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

There were the obligatory masks and a seating arrangement that kept everyone safely apart, but this week's Andover High graduation ceremony also had the makings of good memories. COVID-19 couldn't spoil the once-in-a-lifetime event, as graduates enjoyed the spotlight while their families cheered and took photos to record the memorable moments Monday night outside on Lovely Field at Andover High School. Here, graduate Chloe Hamraham takes a photo with her parents, Ruby Schroers, left, and J.J. Hamraham, after the ceremony. See more photos, Page 6.

## Andover fugitive captured

U.S. Marshals say man tried to fake his own death

By JILL HARMACINSKI  
Staff writer

ANDOVER — A businessman with local ties who allegedly faked his own death to avoid prosecution for federal loan fraud has been captured, authorities confirmed Monday.

David A. Staveley, who also goes by Kurt Sanborn, was captured last week in Georgia, according to a statement from the U.S. Marshals Service.

Staveley, who has ties to Andover and Dracut,

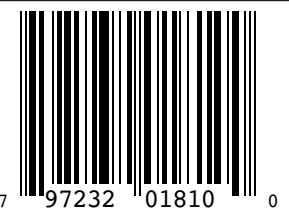
sought nearly \$440,000 in federal loans provided during the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic claiming that he needed to pay dozens of employees at three restaurants he owned, federal prosecutors in Rhode Island said when the charges were brought in May.

But two of the restaurants weren't open before the pandemic began and had no employees, and he didn't have any connection to the third, according to court papers.

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## RECIPE FOR ELECTION 2020

### Masks, hand sanitizer — and younger poll workers

By ALLISON CORNEAU  
Staff Writer

As the presidential election approaches, Andover Town Clerk Austin Simko is collecting his must-haves for running a community-wide vote in the midst of a pandemic. Simko has experience

on his side. He successfully pulled off a similar undertaking in June, when Andover had its local election.

On his shopping list? Hand sanitizer, masks, latex gloves and 6,000 pens — one for each voter in town to have their own when casting a ballot.

"I was surprised. In the grand scheme of things, it was only a couple hundred dollars," Simko said of the cost of stocking up on personal protective equipment ahead of the election.

When the polls open to voters, a new crop of election workers will be handing out those pens and

PPE. Simko said Andover is one of several communities across the region looking to younger poll workers to fill staffing gaps caused by older, established workers opting-out due to COVID-19. Andover was in the process of assembling its election staff when the pandemic

arrived, Simko said. "When COVID hit and 80% of our poll workers declined to work our annual town election, we needed to make an even bigger push," he said of the effort to lure younger workers. "We got an influx of new election workers

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# Returned ballot applications piling up

## Critics see possibility of fraud in mail-in voting

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — Thousands of applications for vote-by-mail ballots have been returned to Secretary of State Bill Galvin's office because they were sent to voters who no longer live at those addresses.

The state's 4.5 million voters are getting applications they may use to request ballots for the Sept. 1 primary and Nov. 3 general elections. The mass mailing of applications is required under a new state law that expanded vote-by-mail options amid lingering concerns about the coronavirus.

Galvin's spokeswoman, Deb O'Malley, couldn't say exactly

how many ballot applications have been returned, but she said "thousands" have come back in the past week.

"We're in the process of sorting them and notifying local election clerks," O'Malley said. "We are bringing in additional staff to handle the volume."

For critics of expanded voting by mail, the returned applications are another example of how the mass-mailing process could lead to abuse.

"For anybody who questioned why we thought this would be ripe for fraud, we're starting to see it firsthand," said Rep. Brad Hill, R-Ipswich, who said his office has been barraged with calls from constituents about the mailings. "We're hearing about two, three and even four applications going to houses where those people don't live anymore. That's a huge concern."

Debra Mahoney said she received an application for

another woman at her Salisbury home, where she has lived for more than 12 years.

"For me, it raises questions about the validity of the process," she said. "I'm an honest person, so I'm not going to take this ballot application and do anything illegal with it. But how do we know other people out there wouldn't fill it out and try to cast an extra vote? It's concerning."

Voting advocacy groups say those fears are unfounded and there is little evidence of widespread fraud from expanded voting by mail.

Galvin's office has pointed out that the new law requires ballot applications to be mailed to every registered voter, not necessarily active voters.

The state's database is based on lists maintained by local election clerks, and the state is required to update the list to ensure accuracy. But it

must wait two election cycles to remove "inactive" voters, meaning the names of those who have died or moved away can still appear.

To be sure, the applications must be signed under the threat of perjury and returned to local election officials to get an actual ballot. Local clerks receiving the applications are required to then confirm their validity using the most current information on file in city and town halls before they send an actual ballot.

Nancy Talbot, Ware's town clerk and the president of the Massachusetts Town Clerk Association, said there are numerous checks and balances built into the system.

"The least thing Massachusetts needs to worry about is voter fraud," she said. "We have some of the strongest voter protection laws in the country."

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for our June election, so we think we're in a good place with our staffing for the fall. One of the tools in our toolbox would be looking to younger workers. A lot of the people who made our June election possible were younger."

According to the United States Election Assistance Commission, a federal agency that provides guidance on how to run elections, more than two-thirds of poll workers across the country are 61 or older, putting them at a higher risk if they are exposed to COVID-19.

In Massachusetts, poll workers typically must be registered voters. Up to two workers per precinct may be 16 or 17 years old, according to Secretary of State William Galvin's office. This year, if a community is unable to find enough poll workers, it is allowed to hire workers regardless of their voter registration status, Galvin's office said. In New Hampshire, poll workers cannot be under 17 years old.

North Andover encourages teens to participate in the election process, said Town Clerk Trudy Reid. Election workers in that town are typically appointed by the Board of Selectmen for one year, with terms renewed as schedules and interest permit, Reid said.

"We typically get retirees and older people. Back in June for our town election, we had a wide range of ages," Reid said of those who helped in last month's local vote.

"We had college kids who were home from school and had extra time, and workers who had been home because of COVID. Massachusetts General Law allows us to use 16- and 17-year-olds. Teens have the opportunity to be on the payroll or earn volunteer credit."

In many communities, being a poll worker can pay well.

Haverhill City Clerk Linda Koutoulas pays \$195 per day to each of the nearly 150 election workers she hires. Officials in Derry recently approved paying poll workers \$15 per hour, with an additional \$15 per hour for "hazard" pay due to COVID-19.

"We need to make sure we are well staffed no matter what it takes," Derry Town Councilor Neil Wetherbee said.

"It's a universal concern, here, across the state and the country," Methuen City Clerk Jack Wilson said of staffing the polls. "We've been staying in touch with our workers — wardens, precinct workers and clerks — and we are getting a mix of responses. Surprisingly, a good

number are ready, able and willing to come back. Others are cautious, limiting the amount of time they are available, or they are not available at all."

Wilson said prior to the pandemic, he reached out to Northern Essex Community College to see if he could get some young people — including some who speak Spanish. His effort is part of a program to make things easier for Spanish-speaking voters, while also doing some "multi-generational learning."

He said he had some success with that program in 2018, but that "everything came to a standstill" with the coronavirus crisis.

"I look forward to trying to build that up again," he said.

The most important thing, he said, "is that everybody is safe and secure in terms of workers and the public coming in to vote."

"We are doing everything we can to recruit poll workers," he said.

Kelly Moss, 36, of Salem, New Hampshire, is a poll worker willing to take a chance and lend a helping hand for the presidential election. Moss said she decided to be a poll worker this year because she wants to help ensure a fair election. She said she sees politicians like President Trump questioning the integrity of elections and decided she could make an impact at a local level by witnessing ballots being cast.

"The most important thing in a democracy is that we trust our elections ...," she said. "At each individual town, each individual polling place, we have people who can say, 'I was, was there and I know it was done well.'"

In New Hampshire, poll worker jobs tend to draw older people. Moss hopes her decision to become a poll worker encourages other younger people to do the same.

"If we don't have another generation coming up to take the reigns, we won't be able to keep it," Moss said. "Like I tell my kids, if they don't take care of their toys, they will break. Same with democracy — if we don't take care of it, it will break."

With the country facing the unique challenge of the pandemic, Moss wants to help on voting day, despite the risk.

"I have potential medical issues that could increase my risk if I were to catch (COVID-19)," she said. "I had thought about backing out, but there are things in life worth taking a risk for and democracy is one of those things — to cast your ballot and make sure ballots are cast correctly."

Staff Writers Julie Huss, Bill Kirk, Madeline Hughes and Jill Harmacinski contributed to this story.

# Lawmakers move ahead with sports betting

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON -- Massachusetts missed the boat two years ago when sports betting was legalized, but the state might still get in on the action.

An economic development proposal working its way through Beacon Hill would authorize sports betting and establish a system to tax and regulate the industry. It's the latest push to offer sports wagering in the state, with similar bills stuck in legislative committees as the two-year session winds down.

Rep. Ann Margaret Ferrante, D-Gloucester, said legalizing sports betting will tamp down illegal gambling and

provide much needed funds for the state.

"It raises revenue at a critical time here in our state as we face an economic crisis," Ferrante, House co-chair of the Legislature's Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technology, said in remarks on the House floor Monday. "With the revenue generated, it helps us bring that opportunity to minority communities who have lacked that ability and investment to succeed economically."

Rep. Brad Hill, R-Ipswich, also supports the move and points out that Massachusetts residents are already betting on sports in places where it's been legalized.

"This is way overdue," he

said. "People want this kind of gaming in the state. They're betting right now in New Hampshire and Rhode Island."

Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr, R-Gloucester, and Sen. Brendan Crighton, D-Lynn, have filed amendments authorizing sports wagering to the Senate's version of the economic development bill, which could be taken up Wednesday.

Lawmakers debated similar proposals in the previous legislative session, but those didn't win final approval.

The effort has broad support from legislative leaders and Gov. Charlie Baker, who filed his own sports wagering proposal last year.

In a joint statement,

DraftKings, FanDuel, MGM Springfield and the Boston Red Sox said legalizing sports wagering will "protect consumers, create jobs and bring an infusion of tens of millions of dollars in much needed revenues to the commonwealth."

In 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a federal law barring sports gambling in nearly all states except Nevada, paving the way for wagers on games. The case involved New Jersey, which fought for years to allow sports gambling at casinos and racetracks.

Since then, at least 22 states including Washington, D.C. have passed sports wagering laws.

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Staveley had been released to home confinement, but on May 26, he removed his GPS monitor and disappeared, according to the U.S. Marshals Service.

Authorities said his vehicle was found in June near a beach in Quincy, Mass. The vehicle was unlocked with the key in the ignition, and his wallet, credit cards, driver's license and a suicide note were found in the car, authorities said.

But no evidence was found that he had taken his own life, and marshals concluded that Staveley faked his death and fled to avoid prosecution.

Staveley fled first to Tennessee and then to Georgia, where authorities

determined he was using a false identity and driving a vehicle with stolen plates, and he was arrested Thursday in Alpharetta, Georgia, according to the marshals service.

At the time of his arrest, he had multiple forms of identification and ID badges bearing different names, authorities said.

He is expected to appear in court in Georgia at an undetermined date, authorities said.

An email seeking comment was left Monday with Staveley's attorney.

This spring, following his initial appearance in U.S. District Court in Providence, Rhode Island, Staveley was released on an unsecured bond of \$10,000 and his travel was restricted to Massachusetts or Rhode Island for

court purposes or meetings with his attorney.

Staveley is also not allowed to obtain a passport or other travel documents while the case is pending.

And, per court order, Staveley was ordered to live in Dracut with a person whose name was redacted in federal court records. He had previously listed an Andover address.

He is also not allowed to carry a firearm or other weapon while the criminal case is pending.

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

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

In May, Staveley and David Butziger, 51, of Warwick, Rhode Island, were the "first in the nation" to be charged with federal loan crimes.

Staveley and Butziger were charged with "conspiring to seek forgivable loans guaranteed by the

(Small Business Administration), claiming to have dozens of employees earning wages at four different business entities when, in fact, there were no employees working for any of the businesses," authorities said.

In December 2015, Kurt Sanborn, then 48, formerly of Dracut, was sentenced to 27 months in federal prison in a bank fraud case in Concord, New Hampshire, according to records.

Also, Sanborn was previously charged with harassing a woman he was dating in Wayland.

Additionally he pleaded guilty to stealing \$284,000 from Diamond Action Inc., the company that owns the Lowell Spinners baseball team, according to published reports.

Staveley also previously used the name of his brother, Gregg Sanborn, according to the federal court records.

Material from the Associated Press was used in this story.

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grew up in was Apple Creek, Ohio, and I couldn't believe it," O'Brien said. "There have

to be 800 people in Apple Creek and that's where all of our horses came from. They came from an Amish farm in Apple Creek, Ohio."

O'Brien and Lobel live together in Quincy.

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# Opinion

## Restaurant relief in a bottle

In light of COVID-19, economic recession, social unrest and the fact that fans literally cannot get a seat inside Fenway Park this season, the adults among us who drink probably could use a cocktail.

Massachusetts lawmakers aren't exactly buying, of course, but they've expanded our choices.

We'll raise our glasses, then, to state Sen. Diana DiZogio, D-Methuen, for her persistence in allowing restaurants in these times of the coronavirus to sell cocktails on take-out menus. The state relaxed its rules on beer and wine sales months ago. Mixed drinks weren't included, though some crafty restaurateurs were selling mixers for popular concoctions to which patrons could add their own spirits.

All of this changed the week before last, when the state House and Senate came to terms on a bill, which Gov. Charlie Baker then signed. There are limits. Cocktails sold via take-out and delivery must be sealed in containers — hey, this isn't New Orleans — no more than 64 ounces at a time. Otherwise it's open season on Manhattans, margaritas and martinis, provided that you're of legal drinking age.

Beneficiaries aren't so much people looking for a libation, as they are restaurants scrambling to whip up survival plans without benefit of full dining rooms. And this won't be a cure-all. Several owners of small restaurants meeting with lawmakers estimated they could make a couple hundred dollars a night serving drinks with take-out orders. Of course, DiZogio noted in a statement, that's enough to bring in thousands of dollars a month, which hopefully can help cover rent and utilities.

Selling alcohol outside the confines of restaurants or bars, and under the watchful eyes of trained wait staff and bartenders, isn't an ideal situation. Nor is this meant to be a forever arrangement. Drinks-to-go will expire when the state's COVID-19 emergency ends, or on Feb. 28 of next year, whichever comes first.

At day's end, if restaurants survive the struggles created by public health precautions, it won't be because they've put wheels on the bar menu. It will be because patrons make a point of supporting them, whether by ordering take-out or taking advantage of the outdoor dining and limited indoor seating.

This bill helps the cause but we should all make a point of placing our orders, regardless of whether we're having a cocktail to go with them.

## Good moves for the Merrimack

Given all the attention over the past couple of years on massive sewer spills from upstream treatment plants into the Merrimack River, most people might assume there's an active program in place testing for water quality. That assumption would be wrong.

Some health agents test water near beaches during the summer, but any semblance of regular testing is just now getting underway, thanks to the Merrimack River Watershed Council, based in Lawrence.

As staff writer Bill Kirk recently reported, about 650 million gallons were released into the river last year in combined sewage overflows, or CSOs, triggered when stormwater overwhelms any of the five sewage treatment systems along the Merrimack. Rains late last week triggered another half-dozen releases.

The polluted water contains bacteria that can be harmful to people and animals, making swimming or wading potentially dangerous.

MRWC's new executive director, Matthew Thorne, called the new project an effort "to develop a high-precision approach to gauging the water quality of our Merrimack River."

He also highlighted recent news out of Manchester, New Hampshire, that the city is agreeing to put \$231 million in coming decades toward updating its sewer and stormwater infrastructure. Manchester is one of the cities whose treatment systems release CSOs into the river.

Thorne said the local water testing project will track the flow of bacteria after a CSO release, with information used to shed light on how bacteria levels change along the river. The data also will aid a notification system being set up to alert the public when the river is unsafe.

State Rep. Linda Campbell and other lawmakers from the Merrimack Valley are pushing legislation to require each treatment system to report CSO releases much sooner, and with more detailed data about how much untreated stormwater is released.

All are important steps — regular testing, long-term data collection and a reliable public notice system. As Thorne said this week, "We have to be vigilant and build on this momentum" or the mighty Merrimack might never be cleaned up.

## WEB QUESTION

**Are you ready to go back to the gym?**

Area exercise centers are reopening as life returns to normal from the shutdowns triggered by COVID-19. The Merrimack Valley YMCA, for one, reopened earlier this month with a host of precautions for those looking to resume their workouts. Everyone must get their temperature checked upon entering, and then wear a mask except when they're using exercise equipment. Capacity is limited to 40%, equipment is spaced 14 feet apart, and swimmers must reserve lanes in the pool online.

How do you feel about picking up your workouts again?

**MORE THAN READY:** Being cooped up with the kids during the pandemic shutdown made me stir crazy. Gym operators such

## Funeral directors comforting Andover families for over 100 years



### Tom Adams

#### Andover Center for History & Culture

The words funeral service are derived from the Latin "missa pro defunctis," or "Mass of the dead." Such rites of passage are perhaps as old as humankind itself.

In past centuries people commonly cared for their own. Families purchased coffins from a carpenter or cabinet maker. Livery stables offered transportation services. The local sexton arranged for the grave diggers to open the grave. Together they comprised a loosely held neighborhood-type of guild which undertook care for the bereaved. The "undertaker" trade began just so.

Over time, through advances in medical and mortuary science, training, and common experience, the coordination fell to the local mortician/funeral director. Herman Abbot Jr. was a

successful, well-known cabinet, furniture and casket maker here in Andover. He and his brother Joseph were also "undertakers." In 1851, Herman purchased the old car shop from the B & M Railroad when they moved their operations to Lawrence.

A massive fire in May 1870 destroyed much of Elm Square. The Abbots lost a large number of coffins, caskets, and fixtures. Later that year, Herman bought a building on Elm Street which decades later would house a funeral home -- and, later still, several popular restaurants.

Andover's first mortuary was founded by Frank H. Messer. Under his watch, he developed several future Andover funeral directors -- among them James Crabtree, Everett M. Lundgren, Herman and Joseph Abbott and Charles Parker.

Lundgren worked with Messer for several years before branching out on his own, when Messer sold his parlor in 1913. Purchasing 20 Elm St., Lundgren opened his parlor.

Known as the "town's kindly funeral director," Lundgren stayed involved in the community. During his tenure on the Spring Grove Cemetery board, there was a

"marked improvement in the beauty of the town's cemetery." His two sons, Malcolm and Donald, assisted in running the business.

After operating for over 70 years, the family sold the building in 1984. It has since been reimaged, becoming home to several popular restaurants, notably The Duck of Andover in 1986, then Rembrandt's in 1988. Palmer's Restaurant & Tavern opened in 1995 and has been an Andover mainstay ever since.

In 1932, funeral director Michael A. Burke moved his parlor from Lawrence to 393 North Main St. in Andover. The funeral home remained at that location until 1949 when they moved to their present location, 390 North Main. Now known as Burke-Maglioizzi Funeral Home, it has served Andover for nearly 90 years.

In 1977, Anthony S. Conte Sr. purchased the Dewhirst Funeral Home of North Andover. Seeking to fill a void in Andover, in 1996 the family purchased a former insurance office building at 28 Florence St. The facility was completely renovated. Five generations have continued their tradition of a caring, family-owned business with

ties to the community spanning more than 40 years.

In September 1985, Paul and Andrea Bekkenhuis purchased property at 33 Pearson St., converting it into a funeral home. Richard C. Dewhirst purchased the funeral home in December 1997 and operated the business over the next decade. In 2016, the property was repurposed and is now the home of the Pearson Street Preschool.

Now an estimated 2 million funerals take place annually in the United States. The industry generates \$17 billion in annual revenue, operating over 19,000 funeral homes. In addition, it has 130,000 employees, 100,015 cemeteries and more than 1,100 crematories.

During the past 30 years the industry has undergone an aggressive consolidation, yet today remains largely comprised of small, family owned businesses.

The same holds true in Andover.

For more than 100 years, the industry has served a vital role in our community. Funeral homes continue to comfort bereaved families with sympathetic understanding and much needed assistance during their time of loss.

## Redeveloping old town yard will yield economic, social benefits

Editor, Townsman

As we know, Town Meeting was postponed and is now expected to be held Sept. 12. In my opinion, one of the most important issues on the warrant is the sale of the property known as the old town yard. The property is located in the area known as the Andover Historic Mill District.

Old town yard is the keystone of the district, and its sale could provide the impetus for an exciting revitalization of the rest of the area.

I am in favor of selling the old town yard. It represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity in the life of Andover.

Selling the property will allow it to be redeveloped but strictly in accordance with the guidelines laid out by the community for what it wishes to see on the property. Over a thousand residents gave their input to these guidelines over the last five years. The community expressed in a clear voice a desire for housing, retail, parking, open spaces and both traffic and pedestrian circulation improvements to the area including, most critically, our infamous seven-way Pearson Street intersection.

The town will accrue significant economic and social benefit from redeveloping the old town yard, and remediating the intersection will improve safety for the hundreds of people who cross it on foot or by car every day.

Development of the old town yard will create much needed new revenue sources for the town. Having new gathering places and open spaces

will encourage people from Andover and elsewhere to visit and take advantage of the many things Andover has to offer.

I am aware that the redevelopment of the old town yard will change the nature of the Historic Mill District. I feel that change will be positive and result in a more vibrant, exciting, productive and pleasant area for the residents of Andover.

That is why I urge your readers to vote "yes" to the sale of the old town yard.

PAUL MACKAY  
Andover

## Moran will continue to fight for issues relevant to community

Editor, Townsman:

A special man who rarely talks about himself, state Rep. Frank Moran has already made significant contributions to our district in the years he has served in office.

During this time he has been instrumental in securing funding for the Youth Center, the Senior Center building project and the new West Elementary School. He was on the ground, working tirelessly during the gas crisis, and he has continued to advocate for his constituents during the current COVID-19 pandemic, all while dealing with the death of his own brother and uncle to the disease.

But what makes him even more amazing is his personal story. Born in the Dominican Republic, he moved here with his family as a young boy. He grew up in the Beacon Projects of Lawrence and later married his high school sweetheart, started his own successful business and put his children through school.

Early on he learned the

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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importance of hard work, dedication and commitment. His success in life exemplifies his values and his drive. We know he will continue to fight for education funding and health care, among many other issues relevant to our community.

He will continue to work tirelessly, along with our other state representative, Tram Nguyen, to help the people of Andover.

We hope your readers will join us in voting for Frank Moran.

AMY AND BARRY FINEGOLD  
Andover

## Obscenity and a racial slur stoke fears

Editor, Townsman:

On Monday July 6, while I was pumping gas, a man in a big red pickup truck with a Blue Lives Matter flag and a Trump 2020 flag screamed an obscenity and racial slur at me. This happened in Middleton, a town I have frequented many times in my life and even went to school in.

Daily I am told racism is dead. I am told it no longer exists. I am told it died the day the Civil Rights Act was signed.

If racism is truly dead and

no longer exists, then why, as a Black woman, have I become almost immune to the racist micro-aggressions I experience on a near-daily basis? Living in what I am told is a relatively open-minded and "all-are-valued" state, I have never been truly fearful until that moment.

When I think about that night, I am all too aware that it could've been my last. I was in a well populated, well lit area, but there have been plenty of times where I haven't been. I am so thankful that I am still here, considering the number of Black people who aren't.

I was told that the driver was a juvenile driving one of his family's construction trucks. I'm highly disappointed that even though I went to the police and filed a report, that what was said is protected under "free speech."

Hate speech should be classified as a hate crime. I now have a fear I've never had before because someone decided to yell hateful words and racial slurs at me. How am I to be ok with that?

Better yet, why is society and our system OK with that?

What will you do to stand up to this?

ELIZABETH WALTHER-GRANT  
Andover

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## Pamela H. Mitchell, 78

June 17, 1942 - July 24, 2020

FORMERLY OF ANDOVER — Pamela H. (Jones) Mitchell, 78, of No. Andover and former longtime Andover resident, died Friday morning, July 24, at Lawrence General Hospital.

She was born in Syracuse, NY, June 17, 1942, daughter of the late Paul D. and Mildred (Young) Jones.

Educated in the Syracuse school system, Mrs. Mitchell earned her Bachelor Degree from Syracuse University.

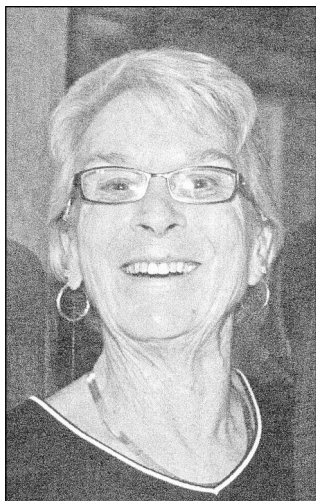
She and her late husband moved to Andover in 1970 and, while there, she was a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 10 years.

A lifelong Democrat, Pam Mitchell believed strongly in the right to vote and in making our voices heard. She worked the polls in Andover for every election.

Pam was an avid tennis player. She was a member of DBHTL and spent many wonderful years playing at Cedar-dale Health and Fitness as well as at the Ipswich Country Club. Mrs. Mitchell was also a volunteer at the Salem Animal Rescue League.

She was the wife of the late Douglas Foster Mitchell who died in 2018 and her survivors include a daughter, Stephanie A. Mitchell of Brooklyn, NY, and a son, Paul J. Mitchell of Rosemont, NJ.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Funeral services will be private and at the convenience of the family. Ar-



rangements are by the H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Homes, Haverhill & Bradford. Contributions in her memory may be made to Salem Animal Rescue League, 4 SARL Dr., Salem, NH 03079, Andover Center for History and Culture, 97 Main St., Andover, MA 01810, Mass Audubon Society, 208 South Great Rd., Lincoln, MA 01773, Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity, 60 Island St, 2nd Floor East, Lawrence, MA 01840, or AVIS, PO Box 5097, Andover, MA 01810. To share a memory or for more information please visit [www.farmerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.farmerfuneralhomes.com).



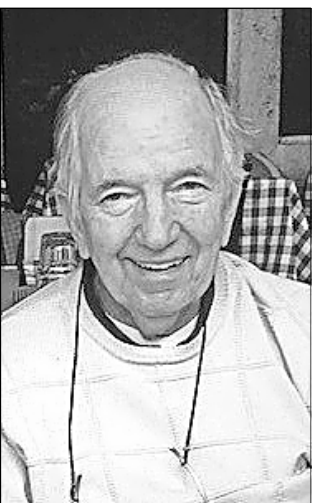
## Robert A. Sawyer, 84

August 5, 1935 - July 22, 2020

ANDOVER — Robert A. Sawyer, 84, of Andover, Mass., passed away June 22, 2020, at his home with his loving family by his side. He was born in Lawrence, Mass., the son of the late Harold and Irene (Curtis) Sawyer.

Raised in Lawrence, Robert was a graduate of Lawrence High School, class of 1952, Gordon College, Andover-Newton Theological School, and Harvard Graduate School of Education. He served as a minister at United Presbyterian Church in Clinton, Mass., and Central Congregation Church in Lynn, Mass., and worked as a Youth Director at Christ Presbyterian Church in Lawrence. As an educator, Robert taught high school history in Weymouth, Mass., and served as a school psychologist in Haverhill, Mass.

Robert is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Joan (Cipolla) Sawyer; son, David Sawyer and wife Amy of Winchester, Mass.; daughter, Alison Fox of Wilmington, Mass.; his sister, Carolyn Aitken and husband William of Lexington, Mass.; brother, Warren Sawyer and wife Joan of Swampscott, Mass.; and his grandchildren, Natalie and Dillon Fox, and Michael, Emma, and Eva Sawyer. He also leaves many nieces and nephews.



The true essence of Robert was that of a philosopher. His favorite places on earth were Alton Bay, N.H., Jackson, N.H., and Ogunquit, Maine. His true passion was writing about family systems therapy. His greatest attributes were his adventurous spirit, humility, kindness, and boundless love for his family, especially for Joan, his loving wife, caregiver, and soulmate. We will all miss him so very much.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Visiting hours were held July 27, 2020 at Cataudella Funeral Home in Methuen. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. To send condolences, please visit [www.cataudellafh.com](http://www.cataudellafh.com).

## Tewksbury man killed in Andover accident

By JILL HARMACINSKI  
Staff writer

ANDOVER — A 32-year-old Tewksbury man was killed in a late night accident on Dascomb Road Saturday, police said.

Speed is believed to be a factor in the 11:20 p.m. crash near Algonquin Avenue, said Lt. Edward Guy, the Andover police spokesperson.

The male, who has not yet been identified, was driving a 1995 Ford Mustang GT that went off the road and struck a tree, Guy said.

The driver was alone in the car. A preliminary

investigation revealed that the car rapidly accelerated, went off the road, ran over shrubbery and slammed into a tree. The driver's side of the car was heavily impacted, Guy said.

Andover police and firefighters both responded to the crash.

An investigation into the crash is ongoing by officers trained in accident reconstruction, Guy said.

"Speed was a factor, but based on our initial interviews there were no signs of drug or alcohol use," he said.

Follow staff reporter Jill Harmacinski on Twitter @EagleTribJill.

## ROTARY CALENDAR

Here are upcoming Rotary Club meetings:

### FRIDAY, JULY 31

Rotary of Andover weekly meeting features speakers Michelle Houlihan of Fusion Academy presenting "Stories that Stick" and Hannah Finn of The One Wish Project: breakfast, 7:15 to 7:30 a.m.; presentation including Q&A, 7:45 to 8:15

a.m.; conclusion/networking, 8:15 to 8:30 a.m. Lanam Club, 260 North Main St., Andover. Guests and new members welcome. Call Doug Mercurio, 978-276-3100. RotaryAndover.com

### FRIDAY, AUG. 7

Rotary of Andover weekly meeting features speaker Mark Cormeiro, Andover Veterans Services, for National

Purple Heart Day: breakfast, 7:15 to 7:30 a.m.; presentation including Q&A, 7:45 to 8:15 a.m.; conclusion/networking, 8:15 to 8:30 a.m. Lanam Club, 260 North Main St., Andover. Guests and new members welcome. Call Doug Mercurio, 978-276-3100. RotaryAndover.com

### FRIDAY, AUG. 14

Rotary of Andover weekly

meeting features speaker Sheldon Berman, superintendent of Andover Public Schools: breakfast, 7:15 to 7:30 a.m.; presentation including Q&A, 7:45 to 8:15 a.m.; conclusion/networking, 8:15 to 8:30 a.m. Lanam Club, 260 North Main St., Andover. Guests and new members welcome. Call Doug Mercurio, 978-276-3100. RotaryAndover.com

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## ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

### Susan McKelliget

#### Andover Center for History & Culture

The following items were taken from past editions of the Townsman.

#### 100 years ago — Aug. 4, 1920

An active campaign to enroll all women who are qualified to be voters will be made by the local branch of the Republican League of Massachusetts, assisted by a women's committee headed by Miss Alice Jenkins. Women who have worked for suffrage and those who have not are now uniting to urge women to register and be prepared to vote as soon as the opportunity offers.

Two members of the staff at the local post-office, George T. Abbott and George W. Chandler, will benefit from the Sterling-Lehbach bill for the retirement of employees in who have civil service classification, which became law when it was approved by President Wilson on May 22, 1920.

According to the new law, city and rural carriers and post office clerks are generally to be retired at the age of 65, and if they have served at least 15 years, are eligible to receive an annuity.

#### 75 years ago — Aug. 2, 1945

The Board of Selectmen, following presentation of a verbal report at the regular Monday night meeting, are awaiting the receipt of a written report from police Chief George A. Dane concerning an alleged South Lawrence brawl in which Officer David Gillespie sustained a shoulder injury. Both Chief Dane and Officer Gillespie were present at the meeting, but action of any kind was deferred until the Andover chief receives a written report from Lawrence Chief Martin V. O'Sullivan.

A water circus will be held at Camp Maud Eaton, the Girl Scout camp on Pomp's Pond, on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. There will be many attractions, including side-shows, concessions and a fish pond with prizes. The program of the circus

includes a pony act, row-boat act, underwater singing, muscle man, pyramid building, human snake act, a water ballet with mermaids, and others.

Miss Barbara Fowler, York street is vacationing with friends at Wells Beach, Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome W. Cross are vacationing at Rye Beach, Maine. They plan to move to their new "Holiday House" — formerly known as the "Whitney House" with 50 acres of surrounding land in West Boxford.

#### 50 years ago — Aug. 13, 1970

A front-page photo has this caption "Communications Console in new Public Safety Center is manned by Fire Fighter Mickey Connors." This panel controls the fire alarm, radios, telephones and other communications equipment, which are the most up-to-date available. The change-over from the old station on Park Street has been going on for some weeks, but the final move of apparatus was made Monday when electricians completed

work on the console for signal transmission at the new station. Andover police moved into the new Safety Center on July 6.

A front-page photo caption reads: "Miss Joanne Burke, 11, was crowned Miss Pomp's Pond, 1970, on Friday, August 7." Miss Burke was chosen out of a field of 42 by the Pomp's Pond lifeguards who acted as judges.

Recently elected officers for the coming year in the Andover Babe Ruth Baseball Association are Bob Flannery, outgoing president and member of the board of directors; Ernie Verrette, incoming president; George LeFebve, team manager; Dave Mosher, treasurer; Gus Fabiani, vice president; and Rick Harrison, secretary and team coach.

In 1920, the average woman worker was 28 years old, single, and most likely to be a factory worker or other operative worker. Today, she is 39 years old, married, living with her husband, and most likely to be a clerical worker.

## POLICE LOG

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

### THURSDAY, JULY 16

**Motor vehicle complaint:** Caller reported cars are drag racing and dirt bikes are doing wheelies on River Road. An officer reported to the scene and found nothing, River Road, 9:14 p.m.

**Crash with injury:** Caller reported he crashed his scooter and may have injured his wrist, Dale Street, 7:44 p.m.

**Motor vehicle theft:** Caller reported his car stolen from the park-and-ride. Police are looking for 2009 black Acura TSX, Dascomb Road, 3:33 p.m.

**Vandalism:** Caller reported eggs thrown at his front door, Juliette Street, 12:55 p.m.

**Animal complaint:** Caller reported a raccoon tried to attack her husband, Ballardvale Road, 8:24 a.m.

### FRIDAY, JULY 17

**Hit-and-run crash:** Caller reported his wife's car was struck twice by a car with New Hampshire plates, and that the driver left without leaving any information. Caller said a witness left their information along with the plate number of the offending vehicle, Park Street, 8:56 p.m.

**Assist State Police:** 911 caller reported a car crash with airbag deployment. Officers said State Police were handling the crash, with local officers assisting, Andover by-pass, 6:54 p.m.

**Assist State Police:** Multiple callers report a crash with a person having a seizure. State Police were handling

### SATURDAY, JULY 18

**Suspicious activity:** Caller reports hearing either gunshots or fireworks behind his home. Police checked the area and found nothing, Salem Street, 9:39 p.m.

**Suspicious activity:** A front desk worker at a hotel said a man came in and said he was being shot by a BB gun from the woods. Police spoke with the hotel staff who said the man wore camouflage and was near the trails leading to the vocational school. An officer spoke with security at the school and people outside the school who did not see anyone in the area, Campanelli Road, 8:07 p.m.

**Well-being check:** A caller from Riot Games in Los Angeles said an Andover resident has been posting suicidal statements on the Riot Games site for about six months, Andover Street, 6:22 p.m.

**Mental health:** 911 hang-up from a woman who sounds intoxicated and is vomiting. She was transported by ambulance to Holy Family Hospital, Andover Street, 2 p.m.

### SUNDAY, JULY 19

**Motor vehicle complaint:** Caller reported a vehicle parked in a bad spot along a road. A tow truck was requested by an officer because part of the car was in the road. The tow truck call was cancelled because the owner of the vehicle emerged from a neighboring house. The owner then requested a tow truck anyway because she was having trouble starting the car, North Main

Street, 10:29 p.m.

**Recovered motor vehicle:** An officer located a stolen car in the parking lot of The Sonesta Hotel. The car was reported to Lawrence police as stolen on June 26. The Lawrence Police Department was notified and contacted the owner, Tech Drive, 10:24 p.m.

**Suspicious activity:** A resident needs assistance with possible fraud after someone got information from her computer, Railroad Street, 8:19 p.m.

**Request officer:** A person who walked into the police station reported that their phone was hacked by someone they previously had a relationship with, Railroad Street, 1:17 p.m.

### MONDAY, JULY 20

**Motor vehicle complaint:** Caller reports several mopeds driving erratically on both sides of vehicles and speeding, Elm Square, 3:53 p.m.

**Annoying phone calls:** A Capsule Tech employee reported that a former employee has been making annoying phone calls. This has happened off and on for the past few years and the individual started doing it again, according to the caller, Brickstone Square, 3:55 p.m.

**Request officer:** Caller reported someone he has a no-contact order against gave him the middle finger as he drove by, Chestnut Court, 2:46 p.m.

**Suspicious activity:** Caller reported finding someone inside their car trying on shoes. Lawrence Police requested a Spanish-speaking officer. The Fire Department requested an evaluation and the person was transported to a

hospital, Beacon Street, 9:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY, JULY 21

**Scam:** Caller reported she was notified by an email from Amazon that a \$600 iPhone, which she didn't order, was being shipped through her account to an address in Illinois, Lowell Junction Road, 5:34 p.m.

**Suspicious activity:** Security at Putnam Investments reported a small SUV, possibly a Kia, driving in circles in the parking lot to the left of the building. An officer reported to the scene and found nothing, Shattuck Road, 9:25 p.m.

**Motor vehicle stop:** Red light violation, Main Street, 12:34 p.m.

**Parking complaint violation:** Caller reported a Ford SUV parked in front of a fire hydrant, Whittemore Terrace, 10:59 a.m.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

**Well-being check:** Caller requested a well-being check for an elderly female whom she had not been able to contact. An officer reported making contact with the woman who is fine, River Road, 7:45 p.m.

**Fraud/bad check:** A caller reported someone altered a check he mailed and changed the amount and receiver, Barron Court, 3:20 p.m.

**Animal complaint:** Caller report an injured eagle in the backyard. The bird was located and doesn't appear to be injured, Stouffer Circle, 3:55 p.m.

**Vandalism:** A walk-in to the police station reported that someone broke a window at Bank of America sometime overnight, Main Street, 8:27 a.m.

## State is hotspot for new childhood illness

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — Massachusetts is a hot spot for a rare but severe disease in children that is linked to COVID-19.

The state is one of four with a high number of cases of pediatric multi-system inflammatory syndrome, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The illness was first detected several months ago.

As of Friday, Massachusetts had reported 44 cases, at least 35 of which have been confirmed, according to the state Department of Public Health.

New York reported the

highest number of cases, 240 as of Friday, and two deaths, according to health officials.

New Jersey, another hot spot, has reported 55 cases. Maryland has reported 34 cases and one death.

Medical experts say states harder hit by the initial outbreak of the coronavirus are now reporting more cases of the childhood disease, because the new illness is a post-infection complication of COVID-19.

"Massachusetts was one of the first states to have a peak of COVID-19 infections, so it's not surprising that we have such a high number of cases compared to other parts of the country," said Dr. Vandana Madhavan, medical director of the

pediatric infectious disease program at Massachusetts General Hospital.

In May, state health officials issued an advisory to health care providers requiring screening and mandatory reporting of suspected cases.

Symptoms of the new illness are similar to Kawasaki disease and in some cases can be severe. They include fever, rash, swelling of hands and feet, abdominal pain, diarrhea, as well as inflammation of the mouth, lips and throat. It also has symptoms similar to toxic shock syndrome, which can be fatal.

Many children infected with COVID-19 don't have symptoms, which experts

say makes it difficult to detect who might be at risk for the new illness.

Most cases of the new illness so far have occurred in children between the ages of 1 and 14, according to the CDC. The Hispanic and Black communities are disproportionately affected, accounting for about 70% of the cases.

In Massachusetts, which was an early national hotspot for the coronavirus, COVID-19 infections, deaths and hospitalizations have been declining since a peak in May and June.

Medical experts suggest that will mean fewer cases of the new inflammatory illness showing up in emergency rooms in the long run.



# More sewage released into Merrimack River

By BILL KIRK  
bkirk@andovertownsmen.com



A silhouetted fisherman floats with the tide down the Merrimack River off Plum Island Point.

BRYAN EATON/Staff Photo

Whenever the Merrimack River Watershed Council announces a release of untreated sewage and storm water into the river, its social media accounts explode.

So said Matthew Thorne, executive director of the organization — and it happened again last week due to a heavy rainstorm.

“People go nuts about the release announcements,” said Thorne, noting that on Thursday a Facebook post about an overflow of sewage and storm water was viewed 18,000 times and shared nearly 200 times.

“I do a fund-raising post, and nobody seems to notice,” Thorne said, chuckling.

Public interest in the discharge of sewage mixed with storm water is understandable, as it dumps bacteria and other toxins into the river, making it unhealthy for people and dogs to swim in for up to 48 hours.

One of the problems with that time frame, however, is that if the river is running slow — as it is now — it could take even longer for that tainted water to clear out, making its way downstream to Newburyport and the mouth of the river.

In short, the monitoring and measuring of the impact of so-called Combined Sewer Overflows, or CSOs, is an imperfect science using imperfect data, Thorne said.

CSOs happen when heavy rain flows into a community’s wastewater network, overwhelming the sewer treatment plant.

The untreated wastewater then spills out into nearby waterways, in this case the Merrimack River.

During two periods of heavy rainfall Thursday, untreated storm water and sewage overflowed into the river more than a half-dozen times from several different treatment plants — and that multi-overflow happened twice.

Early Thursday morning, a rainstorm caused treatment plants in four cities — Haverhill, Nashua, Lowell and Greater Lawrence — to release sewage and storm water into the river. The Greater Lawrence Sanitary District treats sewage from

Andover, North Andover and Methuen, as well as Lawrence.

About 3 p.m. that same day, a heavy rain struck the region again, this time causing overflows from Haverhill Lowell and the Greater Lawrence district.

The total amount of sewage released into the river was not reported, according to the Watershed Council. Three of Greater Lawrence’s five pipes that release overflows activated, and eight of Haverhill’s 13 overflow pipes activated. The number of pipes that activated in Lowell was not reported, according to the council.

The fact that nobody knows exactly how much wastewater is getting into the river is one of many related problems facing the region, Thorne said.

“We pick through emails and websites, everyone reports in a different way, and it’s hard to know what’s happening,” he said.

At the federal level, Congresswoman Lori Trahan, D-Lowell, has proposed legislation that would provide billions of dollars in grants to communities that need to modernize their storm water systems to prevent the overflow of storm water mixed with raw sewage into rivers, lakes and, in the case of coastal communities, the ocean.

In 2019, Trahan proposed the Stop Sewage Overflow Act, which would increase money for the EPA’s grant program for communities to address CSOs.

“Perhaps most notably,” Trahan said in a recent column on the subject, “the bill incentivized the federal government to invest in wastewater infrastructure projects in financially

distressed communities. Under our bill, for every \$1 a community contributes, the government must contribute at least \$3.”

More recently, the core elements of the bill were incorporated into The Moving Forward Act, major infrastructure legislation which passed the U.S. House on July 1. Under that bill, the CSO grant program will be authorized to provide \$400 million annually

for the next five years. The bill is now pending before the U.S. Senate, Trahan said.

“The CSO problem is one that has been many decades in the making, so it will not be solved overnight,” Trahan wrote in her column. “However, the House-passed infrastructure package will make tremendous progress in restoring our own great waterway.”

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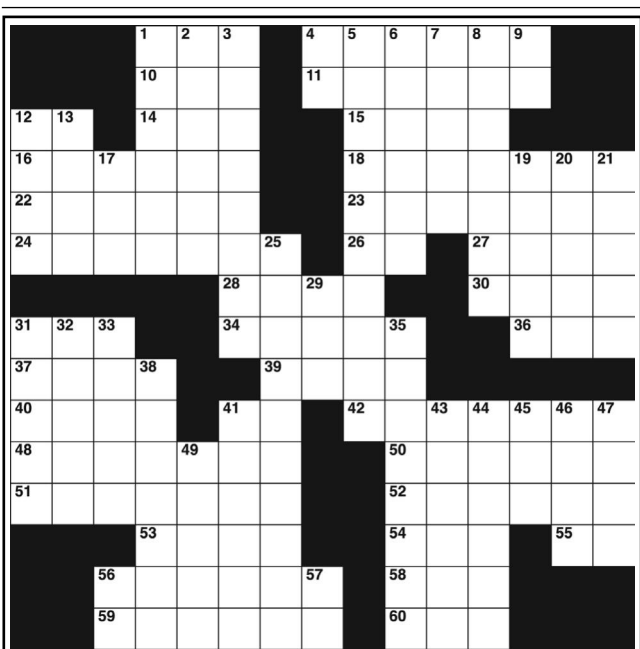
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Class essayist Ethan Gasse speaks during the ceremony.



Graduates stand and listen as Principal Philip Conrad speaks.



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- 30. Primordial matter
- 31. Thrust horse power (abbr.)
- 34. Kisses
- 36. Some is iced

*Solution in Classified Section*

- 37. A way to derive
- 39. Unaccompanied by others
- 40. Discontinued Google app
- 41. Tony B. left his heart there
- 42. Condiment
- 48. Ancient Italian city
- 50. One who distributes payoff money
- 51. Guarantees
- 52. Highly decorative
- 53. Strike with a stick
- 54. Pie \_\_\_ mode
- 55. Spanish be
- 56. Glued
- 58. A way to drench
- 59. Part of the body
- 60. Changes the color

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Passerine birds
- 2. Noisy quarrel
- 3. The front arm or leg of an animal
- 4. Early multimedia
- 5. Golden years
- 6. Large mollusk
- 7. Small arm of the sea
- 8. Persian jurisdiction
- 9. Atomic #81
- 12. From end to end
- 13. Adorable
- 17. Ma
- 19. Nearly falling
- 20. Portable conical tent
- 21. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- 25. Fish with high dorsal fins

- 29. Equal (prefix)
- 31. Aquatic plant genus
- 32. Choppers
- 33. Hand parts
- 35. Region bordering the sea
- 38. Well-liked
- 41. Nap
- 43. It's used to make beer
- 44. Related on the father's side
- 45. Senior officer
- 46. Delicacy (archaic)
- 47. Figures
- 49. A way to take away
- 56. Beloved sandwich \_\_\_&J
- 57. Symptom typical of withdrawal (abbr.)

7/30/20

## Celebrating in spite of coronavirus

They were socially distant for sure, but they were unified in spirit. High School and featured graduates wearing masks and staying socially distant from each other.

Despite the COVID-19 crisis, members of the Andover High Class of 2020 enjoyed a graduation ceremony Monday night. The students were, however, able to enjoy a celebration of their high school achievements and capture memorable moments in photos with their families.

The event was outside on Lovely Field at Andover



Graduate Manav Basavrajappa stands as his name is called.



Imani Phisic, right, stands with other students as they are certified as graduates.



Graduate Jolene Perl stands as her name is called.

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# Andover Choral Society chosen as competition finalist

## In running for award recognizing best performances worldwide

Andover Choral Society is in the running for a big award.

The recording of the group's 2019 world-premiere performance of "Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight" by Florence Price has been selected as a finalist for The American Prize Ernst Bacon Memorial Award for the Performance of American Music.

The award recognizes and rewards the best performances of American music by ensembles and soloists worldwide.

Florence Price, who lived from 1887 to 1953, was the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphony composer and to have a composition played by a major orchestra. In 2009, a substantial collection of her works was found in an abandoned house in Chicago. One of those works — "Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight" — was edited by Andover Choral Society music director Michael Driscoll into a performance.

Andover Choral Society is dedicated to presenting

exceptional performances, connecting to the larger community and fostering an appreciation of choral music. Founded in 1929, the chorus performs two concerts per year, with a repertoire that focuses on fine choral and choral-orchestral works from the Baroque era through the present day.

Membership in the society is open to anyone with a love for choral music and a desire to share that love with other people. For more information, visit [andoverchoralsociety.org](http://andoverchoralsociety.org).



FILE PHOTO

Andover Choral Society performs.

# Turning the stress of the pandemic into a positive

## Family Matters

Larry Larsen



**Dear Doctor,**  
In your opinion has this pandemic increased stress and, if so, what

can we do to help ourselves?

**Asking Dear Asking,**  
You want all this in one column?

First, what is stress? Some stress is positive and does not cause harm. This has been labeled as eustress. One person's eustress is another individual's horror. For example, it would not be my passion to sky dive. Another might be excited and look forward to the adventure.

Stress has its complex of

effects. We are designed to react with brief, momentary stress. Dodging a sudden approaching car, for instance, produces a rush of Adrenalin, a stressful, but transient event. Such momentary fear and avoidance is actually useful for survival.

What if the stress lasts for days, months and even years? How does it affect us? The body reacts. The immune system is less effective. Memory and mental functioning are compromised. The brain and the cardiovascular system are two major foci for less-efficient functioning, even outright damage. The culprit is a hormone, cortisol, one to be avoided.

We live with patterns. The pandemic has altered work, family interactions, separate daily events such as school, and other activities. This is stressful, more so for some than others. One may notice

it leading to depression, a pervasive sense of ennui.

What to do? One answer is "stuff." Think outside the box. What new and different patterns can one cultivate to cause variety, new learning, novel experiences and so on?

There is another pattern, which is enormously helpful. It is the practice of mindfulness. This may involve meditation, but it definitely consists of being in the moment.

What better time to practice such skills than during the hiatus occasioned by the pandemic. Go for a walk, but, as you do, really notice what surrounds you. Be curious about the limb of a tree, a flower, even the chirp of a bird. As you do, stress will lift.

*Dr. Larry Larsen is an Andover psychologist. If you would like to ask a question, or respond to one, email him at [lryllarsn@CS.com](mailto:lryllarsn@CS.com).*

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AT - 7/23, 7/30/2020

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Docket No. **ES20P1518EA**  
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**Date of Death:**  
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of Kevin Dykstra, 9 Nollet Dr., An-  
dover, MA for a special permit under  
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Notice is hereby given that on  
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ing broadcast which can be viewed  
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22 and Verizon Channel 45, the  
Planning Board will convene public  
hearings pursuant to Chapter 40A,  
Section 5 of the Massachusetts Gen-  
eral Laws on the following proposed  
amendments to the Andover Zoning  
By-Law, Article VIII:  
1. Add a new section as Section  
6.10 Solar, amend Section 3.1.3  
Table of Use Regulations to include  
Solar and amend Section 10 Defini-  
tions to define Solar Energy Systems  
and Solar Carport System.  
2. Amend Section 5.2 Sign Bylaw  
by deleting language from the Bylaw  
and adding language to the Bylaw.  
3. Amend Section 10 Definitions  
to delete language from the portable  
or removable sign definition.  
4. Amend Section 3.1.3 Table of  
Use Regulations Temporary and  
Seasonal Placement of Tables and  
Chairs to allow the accessory use by  
Special Permit in the A, ID and ID2  
zoning districts.  
The Planning Board will also dis-  
cuss its recommendations with reg-  
ard to the following warrant articles:  
1. A warrant article proposing an  
amendment to Article XII Section 44  
of the Town's General Bylaws, Ban-  
ners in the General Business District.  
The full text of the proposed  
amendments and warrant articles  
may be viewed in the Planning De-  
partment between the hours of 7:30  
a.m., and 3:30 p.m., Monday through  
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THE ANDOVER  
PLANNING BOARD  
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Sue E. Sinacore, Trustee of the Si-  
nacore Realty Trust, 64 Maple Ave.,  
Unit 1, Andover, MA for a special  
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Docket No. **ES20P1513GD**  
**In the matter of: Cynthia A Tardif Of: North Andover, MA**  
RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person  
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**WITNESS, Jennifer M R Ulwick, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: July 6, 2020  
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# Sports

## ON THE RISE

### Andover big man Cammann growing in height, ability



Lawrence's Jeremiah Melendez is no match to block a shot from Andover's Aidan Cammann last year.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

By DAVE DYER  
Staff Writer

**A**idan Cammann finally got some live competition over the last month.

The solo workouts, which had been pretty much the norm for the Andover High rising junior hoops superstar over the last four months, were getting monotonous and stale.

So, when his AAU team, the Middlesex Magic, opened game play with a pair of games in Derry, N.H., he relished the opportunity.

"I'm just happy to be on the court," said the 6-foot-8 Cammann. "It's good to have some real competition."

Cammann hadn't exactly been wasting his time while waiting for game action. He was doing his best to keep his conditioning at a high level and has been taking a ton of shots while working on a perceived weakness.

"I've never felt comfortable driving to the basket — I've always relied on my shot — so that's something I'm working on more," said Cammann.

Actually, Cammann was becoming a bit more comfortable going to the basket by the end of last year, when he came on strong near the end of the season and finished his sophomore season averaging 13.7 points a game.

Andover coach Dave Fazio couldn't help but notice.

#### FAMILY OF SIZE

Although Aidan Cammann is the tallest person in his family, there is a background of height. His father, Casey, is 6-foot-7 and played basketball at Yale. Mom Erin is 6-foot, older sister Emma is 6-1 and older brother Conor is 6-3. Emma and Conor were both swimmers.

As for Aidan, who claims he has grown in the last few months to 6-8 1/2, he wants "to get as tall as I can" and is hopeful that another inch or two is coming.

"Aidan's improvement from his freshman to sophomore year has been amazing and he's made great improvement this year," said Fazio. "He's bigger, stronger and more confident. He's going to have a miraculous season next year ... if we have a season."

Cammann agrees that his confidence has risen, and believes that has helped take his offensive potential to a new level.

"Probably my biggest (improvement) is my confidence in my ability to score in different situations, whether down low or up top," he says.

Although he still has two years of high school ball remaining, Fazio already believes that Cammann, "Will be the best big guy we've ever had, and we've had some good ones like Matt Gibson and Cory McLaughlin."

With his size and steady development, it would not be surprising for Cammann to be enticed by prep schools eager to lure him away from Andover, and he's had a few make appealing inquiries. But he's not interested.

"I'd never leave Faz," said Cammann, who has been attending Fazio's Hooptown summer camp since the third grade. "He's just such a great coach. He can pull a team together no matter what."

If Cammann isn't leaving Andover anytime soon, he'll eventually be off to college, of course, and it's almost a slam dunk that he'll be playing Division 1 basketball at the next level. In fact, last month he received his first offer, from Division 1 Merrimack coach Joe Gallo on the first day allowable according to NCAA regulations.

"That was a little bit of a shock but I've been to the Merrimack camp and he (Gallo) knows me," said Cammann.

"It felt good ... I've always had it as a goal to play in college, really for as long as I can remember. I don't have any place in particular in mind. I just want to play at the highest level I can and feel comfortable wherever I go."

If he keeps progressing, Cammann should have plenty of options along those lines.

## ANDOVER ARCHIVES: GOLDEN WARRIOR BOYS

By DAVID WILLIS  
Staff Writer

*Editor's Note: Throughout the summer, The Andover Townsman will take a look back at Andover High stars from the past 20 years through pictures. This week, we look at boys tennis.*

Andover High boys tennis long ago established itself as one of the most consistent programs in Massachusetts.

Head coach Mike Wartman has led the team since 1985, and over that time the Golden Warriors have dominated the Merrimack Valley Conference and have

been among the best in the state both as a team and individuals.

One of the top individual performers in the last two decades with Andrew Imrie (AHS 2015), who is now a star in singles and doubles for the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI).

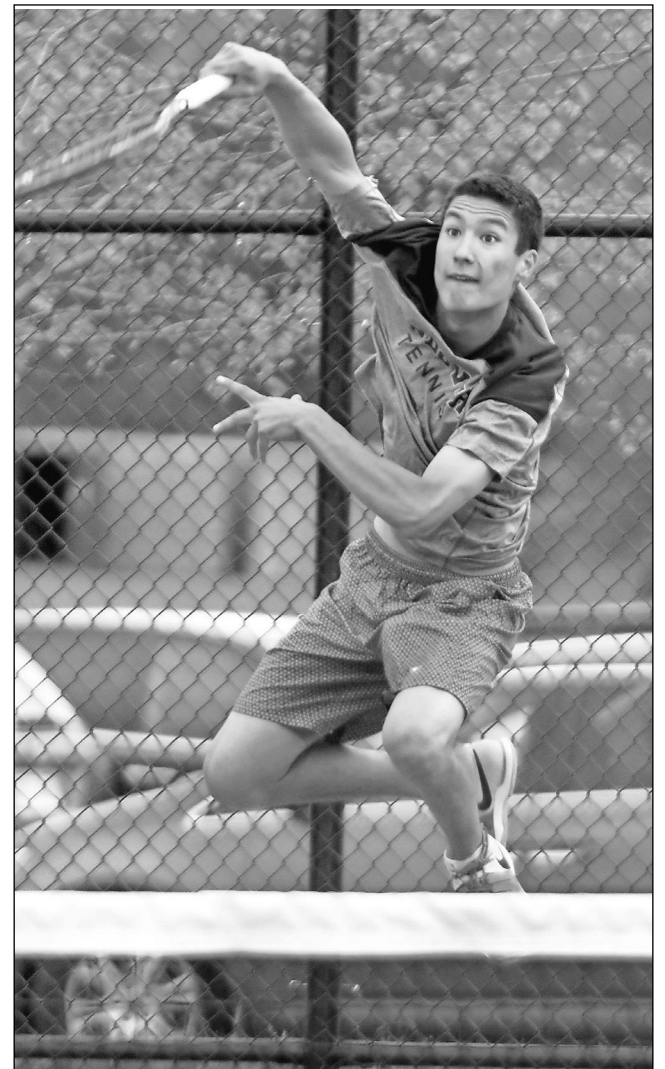
David Grossman was one of the top players in the state as a junior in 2019, and would have had another huge year as a senior this spring had it not been for the coronavirus.

Andover has also provided some of the top players for nearby Phillips Academy, including Aidan Burt and Michael Li.



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Andover head coach Mike Wartman is one of the most respected figures in high school tennis. He has led the Golden Warriors since 1985.



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Michael Rosen was a consistent four-year contributor for Andover High.



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David Grossman had a huge junior year for Andover, but lost his senior year to the coronavirus pandemic.



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Down the road from Andover High, Andover native Aidan Burt had a terrific career at Phillips Academy.



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Andrew Imrie delivered a stellar career at Andover High, and is now a standout for RPI.



# They'll drink to that

## Cocktail takeout bill gets cheers from restaurant owners

By BILL KIRK  
Staff writer

Anyone can make a gin and tonic or a Tito's and soda at home.

How about an espresso martini? Or an old-fashioned? Or anything that has strawberries that have been infused in vodka for four days?

"I don't think anyone will do that," said Matt Gaiero, owner of G's Texas Southern Flare restaurant at 35 Washington St. in Haverhill.

And that's good both for Gaiero and his customers, who now can take advantage of a recently passed state law allowing takeout drinks with takeout food orders.

As the COVID-19 pandemic has ravaged the health of millions and caused economic calamity across the planet, few businesses have been hit harder than bars and restaurants.

Under the phased reopening of the economy as ordered by Gov. Charlie Baker's administration, eateries, now opening with limited capacity and enhanced outdoor seating, could serve wine and beer with takeout meals as of a few weeks ago.

But mixed drinks were not allowed — until Monday.

A bill championed by state Sen. Diana DiZoglio, D-Methuen, who is chairwoman of the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Small Businesses, was finally signed into law by Baker after making a tortuous, months-long voyage through the state Senate and House.

Not a moment too soon, say restaurant owners, most



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**Matt Gaiero fills a cocktail-to-go pouch with house-made red sangria. Matt and Denise Gaiero, owners of G's Texas Southern Flare Restaurant on Washington Street in Haverhill, are now offering cocktails to go in special pouches or cups.**

of whom immediately began serving mixed drinks with to-go orders.

"We started Tuesday," said Gaiero. "We did six or seven the first day."

Gaiero, who has owned the business for just over a year, said his bartender mixes the drinks in plastic to-go cups, sealing the lid and the straw hole with tape. If the patron is pulled over and the tape has been tampered with, the driver might be in trouble. Otherwise, as long as the tape is still secure, the to-go drink is perfectly legal.

Gaiero said his distributor has also provided special, resealable pouches that can be filled with specialty mixed drinks such as sangria, margarita or lemonade with vodka-infused strawberries.

"As far as some of our specialty cocktails, people

don't make them at home," he said.

Other restaurant owners feel the same way.

"It will help," said Laura Wolfe, who owns four restaurants, including two in

Newburyport and two in Wellesley.

"My bartenders have been making fabulous drinks for a while, so it's just a matter of putting them in a to-go container," said Wolfe, who owns The Poynt on Water Street and Brick and Ash at 10 Center St., Newburyport. "I can't wait to get some of our crafted cocktails out to people. It will be great."

She and several other restaurant owners traveled to the Statehouse two weeks ago to testify in favor of DiZoglio's bill, and they were thrilled when it passed.

"We really appreciate all the help from Sen. DiZoglio," Gaiero said. "We thank her for getting this bill passed."

Claudia Ghaouta, who owns Tequila's at 26 Merrimack St., Methuen, agreed, saying the takeout cocktail bill would help the restaurant earn a few extra dollars during a very difficult time.

"We are very grateful for Diana. She's had a big impact on our community," Ghaouta said. "We are really excited. We know it's going to help tremendously with extra income for our business."

She said she and her staff are trying to figure out how to do the packaging, and that her husband was talking to a company about how to make a container that is secure and won't get her customers cited for an open-container violation if they get pulled over.

"Since we're Mexican, margaritas will be one of the highlights for takeout drinks," she said. "We even have an avocado margarita and another one with chipotle tequila."

Jason Petrou, owner of Krueger Flatbread, 142 Essex St., Haverhill, said since he was closed for three months, the restaurant had a lot of alcohol inventory lying around.

"Being able to move anything we can help," he said, adding that he has already served a number of his specialty cocktail, the espresso martini, in the same kind of resealable package used by Gaiero.

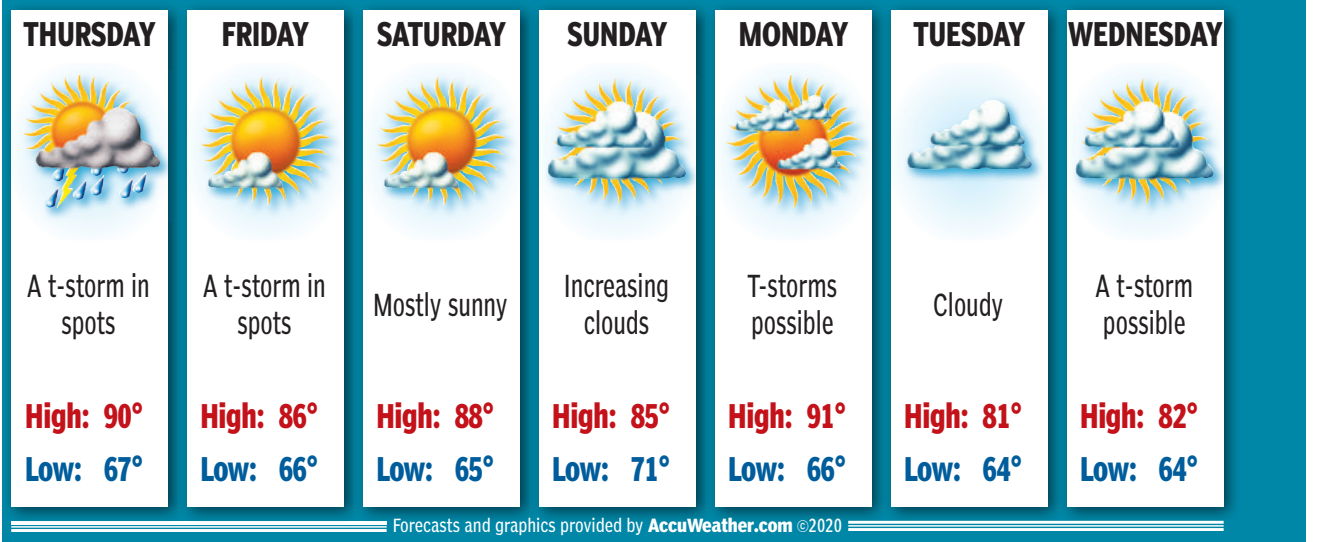
"It's restaurant quality, and you can pour it into a martini glass when you get home," he said. "And it adds \$13 to our bottom line. Every dollar helps."

DiZoglio said she was glad she could help her constituents as they struggle with the economic woes wrought by COVID-19.

"This was truly a grassroots effort by our communities' family-owned and operated small businesses," she said. "I am humbled they approached me to lead this effort."

She added, "We continue pressing for more relief measures to get passed, but this is one additional thing that will assist them in their economic recovery."

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