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## It's not just an eatery, it's a training ground

### Mr. Gelato Cafe has a new owner

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Thirteen years working as an executive director for a Brazilian jazz festival primed Solange Costa for buying a business in the middle of a pandemic.

"You can plan, but you never know exactly what's going to happen," the Andover resident said of

the festival work, which she continues to do for Brazil's I Love Jazz Festival International.

"You need to be flexible, to adapt quickly, because things change at the last minute," she said.

Costa, 48, bought Andover's Mr. Gelato Cafe in September, about five years after she moved to the United

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Solange Costa stands inside Mr. Gelato, which she recently purchased. CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

## Leaders mark 'new beginning' with Eversource

### Energy company takes over 2 years after gas disaster

By JILL HARMACINSKI  
Staff Writer

Exactly 25 months ago Tuesday, local leaders met at an industrial building off Marston Street as they dealt with the aftermath of the fires and explosions ignited by the natural gas disaster in the Merrimack Valley.

And on Tuesday, those same leaders were standing with Eversource executives as they announced what that company's new ownership will mean for 300,000 natural gas customers in Andover, Lawrence and North Andover.

The "new beginning" and "new positive relationship" with the utility two years after the disaster was noted by Andover Town Manager Andrew Flanagan.

North Andover Town

Manager Melissa Murphy-Rodrigues also attended the press conference at the Eversource service center at 55 Marston St. in Lawrence.

Lawrence Mayor Dan Rivera did not attend as he is on vacation, officials said.

Increased safety measures, along with additional local jobs, will come with Eversource's \$1.1 billion purchase of the previous utility, Columbia Gas, noted Bill Akley, Eversource's president of gas operations.

A billion dollars in damage occurred during the Sept. 13, 2018 gas disaster. Columbia Gas accepted full responsibility and was ordered by a federal judge, in a plea deal, to pay a \$53 million fine and sell the company to Eversource.

Akley, in his remarks Tuesday, lauded the company's safety record and said additional gas monitors will be installed in the Merrimack Valley under

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## 'Cheers' of fitness centers closes doors

### After 32 years, Yang's folds amid pandemic

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They worked hard to power through the pandemic.

First, when the owners of this gym closed their doors per Gov. Charlie Baker's orders, they started online fitness classes, but without collecting dues from members. Then they added some small outdoor classes.

Eventually, indoor training was allowed again when Baker began to lift restrictions as COVID-19 case numbers dropped, but the relaxed rules didn't necessarily translate into people feeling good about working out indoors.

Those obstacles — combined with the financial strain of having been closed for three months and a disagreement with their landlord — forced Diane and Alex Kiesel to close Yang's Fitness Center in Andover on Sept. 30.

It was a staple in town for decades.

"I feel disappointed we weren't able to keep our doors open," Diana Kiesel said. "A lot of businesses are waiting for that day when COVID restrictions are lifted. We just didn't have it in us to wait it out."

In the days since the Kiesels announced they were closing, there's been an outpouring of support and much sadness surrounding the loss of a place that they, their employees and clients describe as



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Diana and Alex Kiesel have closed Yang's Fitness Center in Andover, which could not survive the strain of the pandemic.

the "Cheers" of gyms. It was where members felt welcome and everybody knew each other's name.

Former employee Emily Riemer, 40, worked at Yang's when she was in high school and came back in her mid-20s while she was writing her master's degree thesis. Working at the front desk, she was in charge of making sure birthday cards were sent out to members every month, she said.

Those little touches helped

create the gym's comfortable atmosphere, she said.

"It was great to see how they'd grown and that they were successful," said Riemer, a former Andover resident who lives in Arlington now. "It was inspiring to see how people, they (the Kiesel), can make a change in other people's lives just by making them feel well."

It's "heartbreaking" that the 32-year-old gym, which over the years had multiple moves and expansions, came to an

end this way, she said.

Alex Kiesel started Yang's as a martial arts studio in 1988 in Andover. About seven years later, he expanded it into a larger gym. The gym moved to North Andover for a few years before returning to Andover.

It has been at its Dundee Park location in Andover for the past 15 years.

The Kiesel's say they will miss the fundraisers they held to give back to the community — events which also helped

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## New group guides those who help small business

By BILL KIRK  
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If it takes a village to raise a child, as it's often been said, then it takes an "ecosystem" of nonprofit, academic and for-profit groups to save a small business.

That's the philosophy behind recently established umbrella organization in the Merrimack Valley that seeks to take all lessons learned during the Columbia Gas disaster and apply them to the current COVID-19 crisis.

"The silver lining of the gas disaster was the mobilization of an ecosystem providing an ongoing investment in small businesses," said Stratton Lloyd, executive vice president of the Essex County Community Foundation, which has been tapped to manage many of the financial resources made available as a result of the gas disaster.

"Over the last couple of years," he said, "we have continued to nurture and grow, so when COVID hit, this ecosystem was already in place and able to mobilize rapidly."

The Merrimack Valley Business Relief coalition, or MVRB, is a group of organizations bringing different strengths and skill-sets to the business of helping small businesses, according to Lawrence

Partnership Executive Director Derek Mitchell, who might be called the co-pilot of the group along with Lloyd.

"There are two battles," Mitchell said. "Making sure there are resources for small businesses and then making sure businesses have access to them."

For MVRB, that means bringing together an alphabet soup of nonprofits, banks, community organizations and more with the goal, he said, of keeping small businesses

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Stratton Lloyd



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## Memorial Hall Library open to public

### Seating limited, but no more reservations required

By MADELINE HUGHES  
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Memorial Hall Library has re-opened to patrons — no reservations required — after having closed in March as part of forced shutdowns at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"So far so good," said library Director Barbara McNamara.

On Oct. 4, the library stopped requiring reservations, but seating remains limited and no groups are

allowed to gather for programs or otherwise.

Previously, since late July, reservations were required for people to come inside the building. Prior to that the library was completely closed as of March 14.

"We really would like to encourage people to put their mask on before they come to the door and keep it on the whole time," McNamara

said. "Most people don't take offense when we ask them to cover their nose and keep it on when they talk with us."

All library programs are still being conducted remotely and posted virtually. A full schedule can be found at mhl.org, with links to sign up for Zoom programs.

Since opening up to the public, library staff, including custodians, are working to ensure that everything is as clean as

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States seeking a good education for her now 15-year-old son, Joao Andrade, a special education student at Andover High School. She also has a 3-year-old son, Theo Costa.

After buying Mr. Gelato in the courtyard of Andover Village Square, she continued to operate it with the same menu established by the previous owner, Peter Kekidi.

The European-style café serves gelato, espresso, crepes and paninis.

When Costa first arrived in the United States, she lived in Nantucket for a year and worked on a musical project with the Brazilian Consulate and Berklee College of Music.

While in Nantucket, she



Solange Costa, who recently bought Mr. Gelato in Andover, points out new artwork on her front window that was done by artist Hailey Bonia.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

decided to use her skills differently and started a small-business consulting firm called Click 2 All Consulting

and Management.

"I saw so many small businesses struggling with marketing and management

tools," she said.

She introduced her clients, mostly Brazilian immigrants like herself, to tools to attract business through marketing, as well as business management resources.

"I love to help because it's so hard (painful) to see how immigrants became a margin of the society," Costa said. "They often can't get information because of the language (barrier) and lack of contacts."

In buying Mr. Gelato, she takes on a new business of her own, but also will use it as a training ground for three of her consulting clients, she said.

For Carla Rodrigues, Lucielle Araujo and Kevin McCauley, helping run Mr. Gelato will be "learning and doing at the same time, so it's a practical experience," Costa

said.

Rodrigues and Araujo are both Brazilian, though they have been in the United States for a while.

Rodrigues, who is currently working the most with Costa, has been employed at a cleaning business since she immigrated 20 years ago. She partnered with Costa because she wants to start her own business.

Mr. Gelato will be a "master class" in running a business, where Costa can train each of her partners to be able to have their own Mr. Gelato, she said.

Costa said running the jazz festival is more strategic — and less hands-on — at this point, so Mr. Gelato will be where she gets to use her hands making espresso, paninis, gelato and more.

In the past month, she has

looked into expanding the menu to potentially include Brazilian staples, for instance the popular candy brigadeiro, she said.

She knows local business owners still are on "standby" waiting for pandemic restrictions to lift to find new ways to attract customers. However, Costa is forging ahead, most recently by hiring local artist Hailey Bonia to paint images of menu items on the shop's window.

She said she knows getting established will be hard, especially now. As a local resident, she has learned that Andover is not an "experimental market," so she is working hard to get it right the first time.

Her mantra? "Work hard."

"If you aren't moving and making mistakes, you aren't going to get results," Costa said.

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Eversource ownership.

There will be more "checks and balances," he said.

It was unclear how many jobs, but Akley said the purchase will result in additional hiring in the area.

Murphy-Rodrigues also spoke during the brief event, saying she is among leaders "looking forward to positive change" with Eversource.

Triggered by overpressurization of gas lines, the Merrimack Valley gas disaster killed a Lawrence teen, injured dozens of people, and damaged more than 130 homes in Andover, North Andover and South Lawrence.

Thousands of residents

and businesses in the three communities were left without natural gas for heat and hot water, for several months in some cases.

Under the federal plea deal, Columbia Gas accepted responsibility for the disaster, avoided criminal prosecution and agreed to pay the record fine while NiSource, its parent, put the company up for sale.

Eversource officials have said they bring a strong track record of corporate responsibility and commitment to safety to Columbia Gas customers and communities.

With the purchase of Columbia Gas, Eversource now serves more than 600,000 natural gas customers in 110 communities across Massachusetts.

"We have a strong track record of investing in

infrastructure to deliver benefits to our customers and significantly improve the reliability and safety of our systems," Akley said. "Our commitment to operational excellence and superior customer service will create value for customers, employees, shareholders, and the communities we serve."

Customers can still visit ColumbiaGasMa.com to pay their bill or check their account. The website will feature the Eversource brand, but the website address will remain the same for now, officials said.

Customers will also notice the Eversource logo on their bill and hear the Eversource name when calling customer service at (800) 688-6160.

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Andover Town Manager Andrew Flanagan speaks during a press conference at the new Eversource Energy location on Marston Street in Lawrence. The event was held to announce Eversource's new ownership of Columbia Gas.

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them grow membership.

They will also miss being part of the community that characterized Yang's, they said.

The outpouring of phone calls, texts and emails they've received from both current members and people who hadn't been there in years drove home how much their business mattered to people, they said.

"You don't realize you are doing that in the midst of going to work," Diana Kiesel said.

One of the most important

things to them is that the people they connected with continue practicing healthy habits.

"Exercise is hard," Diana said. "Surround yourself with people who are motivated or find a way to motivate yourself."

With the Kiesel's blessing, some of the former trainers from Yang's are creating a virtual gym where they are offering workout classes through a Facebook group every week, said Tracy Callahan, one of those trainers.

Callahan has worked at multiple gyms, but Yang's was different, she said. It felt like a second home.

As owners, the Kiesel's also

worked there full time, so anything needing repairs was taken care of in a timely manner, and being part of the gym was a very personalized experience, she said.

"It's sad," Callahan said of the closing. "It's unfortunate." Helping local gyms during the pandemic "could have been handled better," she said.

The closing hasn't set in for Callahan because the pandemic has caused months of disruption, however "once things come back, there's going to be a greater sense of loss," she said.

Alex Kiesel has plans to continue working in fitness once the pandemic passes, he said.

He will likely focus on martial arts.

Diana said she isn't sure what she will do. Her background is as an accountant, but she's unsure if she wants to sit at a desk again after teaching kickboxing and other fitness classes for a living.

The Kiesel's said they are going to take some time to relax after closing the gym, because they hadn't taken time off in years.

"We live in North Andover, so we will be around," Diana promised.

More information about the trainer's Facebook group is available by emailing virtualteamgroupx@gmail.com.

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in the Merrimack Valley alive and well.

"We don't work with the actual businesses," Mitchell said, referring to himself and Lloyd. "We are supporting the ecosystem."

According to the group's website, mvopenforbusiness.org, the coalition came together "in the wake of the Columbia Gas disaster in the Merrimack Valley. Then, as now, the need for coordinated efforts to support small businesses was vital. The coalition came to understand that a successful economic recovery lies in a systems approach that actively involves nonprofits, business

and community leaders, state and municipal governments, funders and volunteers."

Given the twin hits of the Sept. 13, 2018 gas disaster, which leveled homes and businesses in Andover, North Andover and Lawrence, and the COVID-19 pandemic — which is bringing even more economic hardship — the need for these services is greater than ever, Mitchell and Lloyd said.

In one of its early success stories, the group, through its partnership with Mill Cities Community Investments, or MCCI, helped more than 150 businesses apply for federal loans through the Paycheck Protection Program, enabling them to keep employees on the payroll despite dwindling profits resulting from the COVID-19 economic shutdown.

MVBR also works with the Enterprise Center at Salem State, EforAll/EparaTodos, TLE Center for Entrepreneurship, Surfside Capital Advisors, Amplify LatinX and the Foundation for Business Equity.

It has alliances with local, state and federal agencies including the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corp. and the leaders of Andover, North Andover and Lawrence, among others.

"The coalition has grown," Mitchell said, adding that a lot of services are being delivered virtually because of the COVID-19 crisis. He said more services for small businesses in the region are coming from places like Salem and Boston.

The result of the growth of MVBR is that other regions of the state are now watching the organization, hoping to mimic their success.

"All these other regions are looking to us saying, 'We need that too. How do we do that?'" Mitchell said.

Lloyd, whose ECCF is more of a regional organization than the Lawrence Partnership, said the MVBR is also helping businesses outside of the Merrimack Valley.

He said the PPP program run by MCCI served some businesses that were outside of the three communities originally

rocked by the gas disaster, from Methuen and Salem, Massachusetts, to Haverhill and Salem, New Hampshire.

"We continue to build out that ecosystem, to ensure that small businesses in other parts of the Merrimack Valley and Essex County have access to technical services, capital and financing, and access to networks," Lloyd said. "That's the broader vision."

He said the group is helping small businesses like barber-shops, bodegas, restaurants, retail outlets, home-based child care operations and entrepreneurs in general.

"Our goal is to help all businesses," he said, noting that some business owners are maxing out their credit cards to stay afloat. "We want to provide access to grants and loans that will be part of their recovery," he said.

Mitchell said he expected the coming months to be even more difficult. "The weather is getting colder so there will be less outdoor dining," he said. "The PPP program is expiring so businesses can't keep people on payroll. Many businesses carry low cash reserves. We are all anticipating the next couple months will be harder than the last couple of months. It's not a rosy situation — particularly for small businesses."

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possible, McNamara said.

Tables, chairs and other high-touch areas are fully wiped down several times a day, McNamara said. Additionally, every computer is cleaned between use.

"We are busy cleaning," McNamara said. "We wear our masks."

Recently the facilities department installed WiFi hotspots around the building so people can also access the internet from the back patio and in the parking lot, McNamara said. This is an option for those who need the town's internet but don't want to go inside.

The library is still offering curbside pick-up, which

is weather dependent, McNamara said. In November people will be asked to go into the library to pick up their materials, which will be close to the back door.

"We know people are still uncomfortable coming inside, but we want to be able to continue to provide service to them," McNamara said.

"We welcome patrons to come and browse, check out our materials and use our resources. If anyone needs anything they should ask. We are always accessible and available."

Library hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

More information can be found at mhl.org.

# Opinion

## The outbreak happened here

A hairline distinction over geography has deep implications for our town and our neighbor when it comes to counting COVID-19 cases.

A large portion of the Merrimack Valley tipped into the “red” on a state map tracking transmission rates a couple of weeks ago. In North Andover, an outbreak of COVID-19 at Merrimack College was the biggest factor — so big, in fact, that the town would’ve still been coded “green” or “yellow” without it.

This despite the fact that the college’s COVID-19 outbreak, strictly speaking, was mostly here in Andover.

The Merrimack College campus straddles the towns, and at least 43 of its 110 positive tests for COVID-19 since reopening in mid-August were traced to an outbreak in Monican Centre. The dormitory is geographically located in Andover.

All of the college’s cases get chalked up to North Andover, however, because that’s where the Merrimack College mailing happens to be.

This distinction matters because whether a community is considered red, yellow, green or nothing at all, dictates its position on the state’s reopening timeline. Outdoor performance venues, museums and libraries are now allowed to open to 50% capacity under the gradually lifting limits of Gov. Charlie Baker’s administration — except in red communities.

“We have the red designation because in another community there was a spike, but unfortunately the address it was written on, the college address, is North Andover,” Selectwoman Rosemary Smedile told reporter Genevieve DiNatale last week. “It’s just really troubling. There’s just such an unfairness to this process, for a community that was low in the green that has jumped up to red, and it’s not even on our land.”

North Andover’s selectmen are asking the state to reconsider the designation. It hasn’t happened yet. Presumably changing the North Andover designation would mean reclassifying some of the college’s COVID-19 cases to Andover, which as of the start of this week was still shaded yellow but, with a few dozen more cases, could tip into the red.

Be that as it may, North Andover’s selectmen are right: Distinctions made for the state’s color-coded map are unfair. If the map truly means to show where COVID-19 transmission rates are highest, in this case anyway, it’s inaccurate.

Granted, assigning COVID-19 cases at the college to one town or the next may come down to hair-splitting distinctions based on where someone on campus sleeps or is quarantined.

But, as far as the Monican Centre outbreak is concerned, that isn’t the case. Those cases happened in Andover.

## Your vote will be counted

If you mark your ballot for the Nov. 3 election and mail it in before shuffling off this mortal coil, be assured you can still rest in peace. Your vote will be counted.

Temporary legislation passed on Beacon Hill this summer to address aspects of the pandemic allows Massachusetts voters who mark and mail in a ballot, but die before Election Day, to still have their votes counted. More than a dozen other states already allow those votes to be counted but lawmakers approved this law for the Bay State applying only to the 2020 vote.

There’s no way to know how many votes this will apply to come Nov. 3, but the legislation makes sense. Once can assume the voter marks the ballot and mails it, expecting it to count, even though they can’t know they won’t live to see the results.

With all the focus on ensuring the veracity of voting — and claims about the likelihood of widespread fraud, which have been disputed by the FBI — a provision allowing votes from people who have since died could be fodder for conspiracy theorists. The likelihood of huge numbers of ballots being mailed in this month — and evidence the U.S. Postal Service is being hobbled by its top administrators — further fans the flames.

You should feel confident that you can vote in person on Nov. 3, if you’re comfortable doing so, or during the early voting period, which begins Saturday, Oct. 17, and runs through Friday, Oct. 30. The third option is voting by mail, as long as you are registered to vote, fill out the ballot and sign it where required, and ensure it’s postmarked by Election Day.

We wish you good health and a long life, no matter how you vote.

## Inks first cooked up in Andover supplied printing, newspaper industries



Gail Ralston

Andover Center for History & Culture

Inks first cooked up in Andover supplied printing, newspaper industries

What would we do without ink? From books to pens to printer cartridges to drawings, life would be pretty dull and communication would be severely limited.

Ink wasn’t invented in Andover. That credit goes to the Sumerians and Egyptians in 3000 B.C. In 2700 B.C. the Chinese developed Indian ink, mixing soot from pine smoke and lamp oil with “gelatin of donkey skin and musk.”

In A.D. 400 a stable form of ink was developed with iron-salts, nutgalls and gum. Steel pens came along in the 1780s.

But the prize for making the first commercially viable printing ink in New England goes to Samuel Morrill. Sam was a newspaper printer and one Andover Press proprietor who, in 1830, cooked up a new ink in his Andover kitchen.

Sam lived on the corner of Abbot and School Streets. His formula began with lamp black, made from burning oil collected “after days of painstaking effort.”

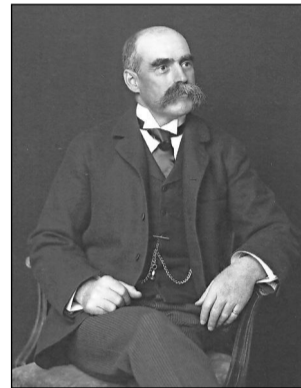
This lamp black was then boiled with linseed oil (coming from the flax plant) in a vegetable kettle and poured into kegs and pails. Daily production was just a few pounds.

Sam created a large customer base “as inks from abroad grew less and less satisfactory.”

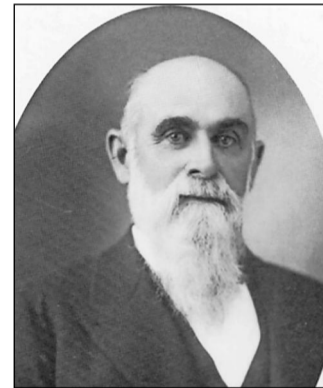


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The home in the middle was the site of the former Morrill/Donald ink factory on North Main Street. The business had been located on Pearson Street, in the old machine shop of the Andover and Wilmington Railroad, when a fire forced it to relocate. William C. Donald dissolved the company in 1856. The Morrills moved their business to South Dedham, and Donald continued his enterprise, the W.C. Donald Ink Factory, up the road in Frye Village.



Andover ink maker William C. Donald



Andover ink maker Samuel Morrill

Sam, with his son, George H., soon established a modest factory in an old book shop and became the chief producer of ink for the print shop of the Andover Theological Seminary.

The Morrills made their operation official in 1845 and founded the George H. Morrill Company, going on to become a major supplier to the newspaper industry.

In 1853, Morrill obtained the first patent on his ink-making process.

Meanwhile, another Andover man, William C. Donald, had started his own

printing ink company in 1852 on Holt Road.

In 1853 he joined with the Morrills to form the Morrill, Donald and Company Ink Manufacturing Company. Their business was located on Pearson Street at the old machine shop of the Andover & Wilmington Railroad.

While a major fire — a real hazard in ink manufacturing — destroyed their building, the group rebounded at North Main Street near the current safety center.

That partnership was not to last. Donald dissolved

the company in 1856, and the Morrills moved to South Dedham. Donald established his own ink business north of his home in Frye Village, the W.C. Donald Ink Factory.

With yet another fire in 1866, the Donald ink factory was destroyed but was quickly rebuilt that same year. New fire precautions were put in place, and Donald advertised “having perfected his machinery, he is now prepared to supply all orders.”

In 1892, William C. retired, turning his business over to his son, Walter S., who renamed the business W.S. Donald & Company. Walter expanded production to include pesticides.

Walter S. went through his own factory fire in 1918, and perhaps now heading off in other directions, retired in 1919. He sold the property to Henry P. Binney, agent for William Wood.

The Morrill Company had better luck.

In South Dedham the business continued to grow with new products added and additional offices in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and London. By 1874 it expanded into colored inks and the manufacturing that goes with that process.

In 1910 they were recognized as the largest producer of printing ink in the United States. Over 12 million newspapers used George H. Morrill ink daily.

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Not a bad legacy for a couple of Andover boys.

Elaine Clements contributed research to this column. For more stories visit [www.andoverhistoryandculture.org/andover-stories](http://www.andoverhistoryandculture.org/andover-stories).

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Nguyen is a smart, experienced representative

Editor, Townsman:

We are so pleased to support Rep. Tram Nguyen for reelection as state representative for the 18th Essex District.

Nguyen is a tremendous asset to our community in that she is energetic, very smart, well experienced in legal and social issues, and has the capacity to listen and follow the leads of her constituents.

Our district, and country, need a person to represent us who has her own ideas but is also willing to listen to new ideas and work collaboratively with others.

Nguyen’s first term has

proven that this is true.

Her focus on the needs of climate change and environmental issues, housing, immigrants, the opioid issue and violence prevention have been what our community needs.

We urge your readers to support and vote for Tram Nguyen.

KAY FRISHMAN AND RON HILBINK  
Andover

### Get off your couch and vote

Editor, Townsman:

Citizens should be embarrassed. “I need more time to get to the polls to vote.”

Get off the couch and vote. Massachusetts law now provides more than 100 hours wherein the polls in towns are open, manned and available.

Absentee voting is still legal

if you qualify, and that’s easy.

Mail-in voting is not fraud-free and very expensive. Ask your town clerk.

There are no excuses.

CALVIN PERRY  
Andover

### Reject ballot question to prevent parties from manipulating the vote

Editor, Townsman:

If you believe that the winner of the popular vote should win the election, then you should vote no on Question 2.

Stack-ranked voting is a way for established political parties to use marketing and statisticians to manipulate voters.

Keep it simple and keep

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the winner to the person who wins the popular vote.

Your readers should vote “no” on question 2.

JOHN SABA  
Andover

## WEB QUESTION

How will mail-in voting go this fall?

Millions of voters are requesting ballots be sent to them so that they can make their choices in the relative safety of their homes before returning their ballots by mail or dropping them in a secure box, such as the one at 36 Bartlet St. for Andover voters.

So, how do you think voting by mail will go for the Nov. 3 election, here and elsewhere?

(Note: For information about how to cast a ballot, how to register to vote, how to vote early and updated polling locations in Andover, visit the town’s website at <https://andoverma.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=413> or

call the town clerk’s office at (978) 623-8230.)

**FAITH IN THE SYSTEM:** Local clerks, election officials and volunteers spent months preparing for this. They’ve also had at least one election, the state primary, to adjust to a new system. Voting by mail may have hiccups in the next few weeks, but overall it will go smoothly and allow millions of people to participate who otherwise would’ve been on the sidelines.

**FIASCO IN THE MAKING:** Town halls aren’t ready for the volume of mail-in ballots they’re about to receive, let alone the U.S. Postal Service. Things may go fine down at the Andover post office, and in our Town Hall, but elsewhere

will be a different story. Best case scenario is many voters won’t have a say because their ballots are lost.

**Last week’s question**

Should we stop trick or treating due to the pandemic?

Halloween is still on the calendar, with or without COVID-19, and Town Hall has issued an advisory for trick or treating, which is scheduled between 5 and 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31. (Those who don’t want to participate should shut off their outdoor lights, and trick-or-treaters should respect those houses. For more information see: [andoverma.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx](http://andoverma.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx))

What will you do on Halloween evening?

**PLENTY OF TREATS:** Everyone should take proper precautions, such as setting up the candy operation in the yard or driveway. But Halloween is a fun, community event. We should all enjoy a safe, socially distanced trick or treat. (34 votes)

**LIGHT’S OFF THIS YEAR:** The last “trick” anyone needs is a two-hour parade of little goblins knocking on their doors, and potentially spreading COVID-19. I’m shutting off my light this year and keeping the candy to myself. (32 votes)

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# Library to host retirement talk, For Freedom presentation

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
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If you are thinking about retirement you'll be interested in a virtual seminar being hosted by Andover Memorial Hall Library.

Andover Money Mentors, a group of retired financial professionals, will discuss retirement issues and provide useful insights to those in attendance who are planning to, or already have, retired.

The program starts at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 15.

Topics covered will include finding a new personal purpose, how much money you need, estate planning, long-term care and more.

At the conclusion of the program, there will be an open discussion so participants can ask questions.

The Andover Money Mentors are Roland Jacobson, Jeff Kaplan and Don Schroeder.

Jacobson spent many years at Fidelity Investments and worked for 10 years as a certified financial planner for Cox Capital Management in Andover.

Kaplan is a former educator and worked at NCR Corporation as a senior professional services consultant. He was active on boards in Florida and taught in the University of Florida Money Mentoring program for several years.

Schroeder is a retired banker and has been active on

several local boards, including serving on and chairing the Finance Committee.

For a Zoom registration link to attend this seminar visit [mhl.org](http://mhl.org).

**For Freedom presenter**  
On Monday, Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m., the library partners with the artist-led organization For Freedoms to bring a lawn sign drive to town.

Based on President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "Four Freedoms" — freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want, freedom from fear — For Freedoms aims to encourage community discussion and civic action.

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# Townspeople



Lena DeSimone of North Andover receives her flu shot from Lisa Slattery, Andover school nurse, from inside her nephew, Al Crafts', pickup truck. Crafts also received a vaccine.



Himanshu Patel of Andover receives information about the flu shot from volunteer Sue Wartman of Andover. CARL RUSSO/Staff Photos



Volunteer Jan Gifun, left, of Andover, directs a woman to one of the tents for her flu shot.



Rosemarie Webb of Andover gets her flu shot from Maureen Baker, R.N.



Approximately 280 people, by appointment received, their flu shots Oct. 7 at the clinic held by the Andover Health Department.

## Seniors flock to flu clinic

Approximately 280 senior citizens received their flu shots Oct. 7 at a clinic held by the Andover Health Department.

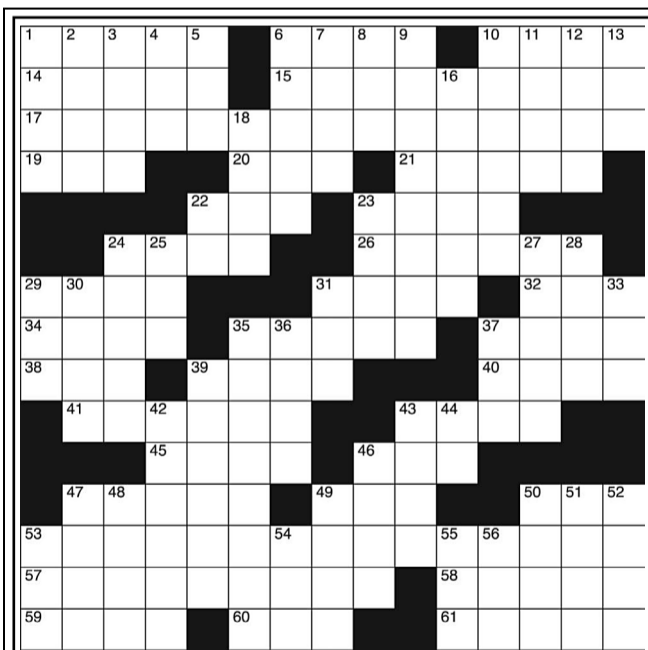
The high-dose flu vaccines were given to those aged 65 and older on this day, as well as Oct. 14.

Appointments were required for the clinic held at Bancroft Elementary School from 9 a.m. to noon.

Getting a flu vaccine is more

important than ever during 2020-21 to protect yourself and the people around you from the flu, and to help reduce the strain

on healthcare systems responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.



Solution in Classified Section

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Battered corners: dog-\_\_
6. \_\_ Mater: one's school
10. National capital
14. Frogs and toads order
15. Bathrooms (French)
17. Praise
19. Witch
20. Consume
21. Pork and lamb are two types
22. Rocky peak
23. Women's undergarments
24. From end to end
26. Bed sheets
29. South Sudanese king
31. Dislike immensely
32. Diving seabird
34. Breathe noisily
35. Full of roots
37. Inside

38. Small island in a river
39. Tear into pieces
40. "CSI" actor George
41. Make less dense
43. Derogatory term for a country native
45. Pike and pickerel genus
46. Important in respiration and other biochemical reactions (abbr.)
47. Belgian city
49. "The Joy Luck Club" author
50. Essence of "Aloha"
53. Suggestions
57. One who overindulges
58. Expression
59. Maize dough
60. Make into leather
61. British noblemen

### CLUES DOWN

1. One of two or more people or things
2. Small, deerlike water buffalo
3. Part of a ladder
4. Unit of work
5. Patriotic women
6. Fragrant essential oil
7. Aggressive, uncouth man
8. One thousandth of an inch
9. Brisk and cheerful readiness
10. Serving no practical purpose
11. Prevent from going forward
12. Camera part
13. Former CIA
16. Colorless, odorless gas
18. Long division of time
22. Atomic #73
23. Make a bleating sound
24. The kids love him
25. Female condition prior to menstrual period
27. Founder of Sikhism
28. Sudanese swamp
29. He/she can help with your finances

30. Part of the human body
31. Mortar trough
33. Greek island
35. Change pagination
36. Queens hip hop group
37. Precursor to the EU
39. A way to go on
42. Slender marine fish
43. Georgetown's mascot
44. Farm state
46. Military leader (abbr.)
47. Russian river
48. Teams' best pitchers
49. In a more positive way
50. Long French river
51. Reactive structures in organic chemistry
52. Distinctive practices
53. Male gypsy
54. When you hope to get there
55. Men's fashion accessory
56. Journalist Tarbell

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## A wealth of art to discover at Addison

The Addison Gallery of American Art on the campus of Phillips Academy is said to have one of the most comprehensive collections of American art in the world, including more than 23,000 objects spanning the 18th century to the present.

All of those items can now be viewed at the museum's website by searching for particular works, artists, themes or periods.

There are suggestions on the website for art-related projects and activities that families can do together and a link to virtual tours of 10 great museums around the world.

In addition, the exhibits currently on display at the Addison can be viewed in a virtual tour on the website, where visitors can also watch interviews with museum staff.

Check it out at [addison.andover.edu](http://addison.andover.edu).

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Temple Emanuel presents a check for \$18,000 to Bread and Roses, a Lawrence-based soup kitchen. From left are temple President Marc Freedman, Bread and Roses Committee Chairperson Amy Sebell, Bread and Roses Executive Director Susan Sirois, Bread and Roses Volunteer Coordinator Dee Trudel, temple Executive Director Maureen Chapman, and Bread and Roses Communication Director Heather Karp.

MADELINE HUGHES/Staff photo



## Bread and Roses gets \$18K donation from Temple Emanuel

By MADELINE HUGHES  
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Her mask hid her smile, but not her enthusiasm. Susan Sirois, executive director of Bread and Roses, said she was nearly speechless and her “heart was pounding” when she was presented an \$18,000 check from Temple Emanuel last Thursday morning.

“We are not kidding you. The checks have cleared,” Temple President Marc Freedman said when offering the donation. “All the checks we got, they all cleared.” The record-setting amount of donations was made as part of the temple’s High Holy Days annual food drive that lasted about a month, said Amy Sebell, the temple’s Bread and Roses committee chairperson.

During every service and Zoom call the temple hosted, congregants were reminded that they could make donations to the soup kitchen and emergency food service based in Lawrence, Sebell said.

“I think the people who realize how lucky they are reaching out,” Sebell said, explaining that the economic fallout of the coronavirus pandemic has made people more aware of food insecurity.

“People are losing their homes through no fault of their own,” she added.

The amount donated is not only record-setting but significant because 18 is an important number in Hebrew — meaning “life,” Sebell said.

“This is going to do a lot of good this year,” Sirois said.



MIKE SPRINGER/Staff photo  
A scarecrow created by Team 8A from Doherty Middle School in 2018.

## Scarecrows and boo bags and fun, oh my!

By MADELINE HUGHES  
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More than 80 scarecrows will be lining Main Street and decorating yards on Saturday for the 8th annual festival put on by the Andover Coalition for Education, in partnership with Andona.

There will be a Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt starting Saturday that will run through Oct. 31. The Andover Bookstore is teaming up with ACE to distribute scavenger hunt forms and prizes for participants.

Andona is bringing boo kits and food trucks to the Park on Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday.

Boo kits come with two “boo bags” containing candy, small toys, one battery powered light for Halloween and a “We’ve Been Booped” sign.

“ACE is thrilled to host our 8th annual Scarecrow Festival to help raise funds supporting educational initiatives in our schools,” said ACE President Lenore Price. “This wonderful Andover community event continues to grow every year. We are grateful to have so many sponsors and community groups participate with us once again to celebrate our schools and bring festive fall excitement to downtown Andover.”

Price said that thanks to Scarecrow Festival sponsors, they have already raised more than \$16,000 for the schools this year.

The theme for the 2020 festival is centered around “Our Community.”

ACE is encouraging participants to create a scarecrow that represents what the Andover community means to them.

With more than 80 scarecrows, this will be one of the largest scarecrow festivals.

Individual scarecrow kits are \$30. Nonprofits and other community groups can purchase a scarecrow to display on Main Street for \$50.

More information can be found on the organizations’ websites, [aceandover.org](http://aceandover.org) and [andona.org](http://andona.org).

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# Take a stroll, read a book

## Memorial Hall Library holds 2nd annual StoryWalk

By MADELINE HUGHES  
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Pages of a book are scattered around town, posted here and there by various businesses.

It's part of the second annual StoryWalk hosted by Memorial Hall Library, during which a narrative unfolds as people read pages while walking around downtown.

This year's book is "I am perfectly designed" by Karamo Brown, one of the stars from Netflix's "Queer Eye."

The library chose the book in hopes it will bring kids together with their dads, said Beth Kerrigan, coordinator of children's services.

Over the past few months, as the library switched children's programs online, Kerrigan noticed that dads were less involved.

The library had previously hosted a weekly "Donuts with Dad" event that was well attended.

So, as they were looking for a book to use for the StoryWalk, "I am perfectly designed" was the perfect fit, Kerrigan said.

The book is co-written by Brown and his adopted son Jason "Rachel" Brown and illustrated by Anoosh Syd.

It is about a boy and his father taking a walk through a city finding out the ways their family is perfect for one another.

"In the book, they (the father and son) talk about their relationship," Kerrigan said. "It's a story that shows kids and their dads can have good relationships."

As the characters in the book talk about their relationship, families in Andover can do the same thing, Kerrigan said.

There are 26 reading stops starting at Memorial Hall Library and ending at Elm Square Oyster. Businesses are keeping the pages up through early November.

Last year's StoryWalk featured the book "All the World" by Liz Garton Scanlon. It was well received and people sent in their photos, Kerrigan said.

She encourages everyone to send photos this year, too.

The library is continuing its other children's programs online, as posted on the library website.

More information can be found at mhl.org.



Andover Memorial Hall Library is displaying in front of the library a book cover and pages of the book "I am perfectly designed" by Karamo Brown.



Sole Amour on Main Street displays story pages of "I am perfectly designed" by Karamo Brown.



Beauty Solutions on Main Street displays story pages of "I am perfectly designed" by Karamo Brown. It's for the town's StoryWalk put on by the library. Pages are posted around town in the windows of different businesses so that people can take a walk and read the book.



Andover Memorial Hall Library, in the background, is displaying in front of the library a book cover and pages of the book "I am perfectly designed" by Karamo Brown.



Andover Memorial Hall Library is displaying a book cover and pages of the book "I am perfectly designed" by Karamo Brown.

# Latest stats put Merrimack at 110 cases

## Numbers show decline in new positives

By MADELINE HUGHES  
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Eleven Merrimack College community members tested positive for COVID-19 between Sept. 29 and Oct. 5, according to a dashboard that tallies coronavirus cases on its website.

That puts the total number of people who have tested positive since starting the semester Aug. 13 at 110, the dashboard shows.

The college tests residential students, commuters, faculty, staff and other people who come to campus, Merrimack College Vice President Jeffrey Doggett said.

Last week 4,447 tests were conducted. All but 11 were negative, putting the positivity rate at 0.247%.

Overall this semester the college has conducted 32,794 tests with 110 positive tests, putting the positivity rate at 0.334%.

At least 43 of those positive cases were part of an outbreak at Monican Hall dormitory that started in mid-September.

Once the outbreak was traced to that dorm, because it was the only residence hall where students were testing positive within a 10-day timeframe, the students were quarantined.

None of the 11 new positive cases are related to the outbreak at the dormitory, Doggett said. These cases were not associated with one another, he said, and there are currently no other clusters identified.

Monican Hall sits in the Andover portion of the college, Doggett said previously. However, because the college has a North Andover address the number of positive cases is associated with North Andover.

Most people in Monican Hall — about 250 of the 266 residents — were sent home Sept. 22 to quarantine or isolate, depending if they tested positive for the virus, Doggett said. At that time, all students went to remote learning.

Monican Hall students started to return from their quarantines last week and began in-person classes last Wednesday, Doggett said.

An Oct. 1 statement from the town of North Andover says 111 of the 538 positive tests in the community have been from the college. The discrepancy in numbers is because someone tested positive twice, Doggett said.

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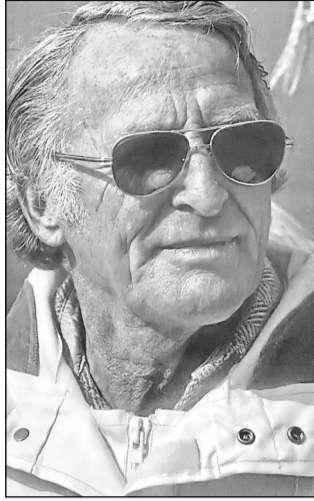
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Dr. Donald G. Comb

GLOUCESTER MASS. — Dr. Donald G. Comb, a passionate scientist, environmentalist and visionary best known for developing recombinant DNA tools that revolutionized the field of molecular biology and founder of New England Biolabs, has died peacefully at his home in Gloucester, Mass., surrounded by family on October 4th at age 93.



Don Comb was many things – but normal or ordinary he was not.

Born in 1927, he grew up in Detroit, Mich., the second of three boys, to a mother who was social and outgoing and a father who was a successful lawyer.

As a child Don spent summers in northern Mich., where he was introduced to the outdoors and to Michigan's great trout rivers. He loved to fish and was fascinated by insects and their life cycles. Later, in graduate school at the University of Michigan, he would spend time at the university's biological station learning entomology and collecting insects.

After graduating from the University of Michigan with a PhD in Biochemistry, Don started a family and accepted a faculty position at Harvard Medical School in the Biochemistry Department, where he worked on the function of the sugars and small RNAs. He spent summers at the Bermuda Biological Station collecting sea urchins and studying their early development.

After leaving Harvard, Don established New England Biolabs (NEB) as a cooperative of scientists dedicated to providing research tools for molecular biologists. NEB was one of the first companies to commercialize restriction enzymes, which cleave DNA at specific sequences and are essential tools for recombinant DNA technology. Don's principles of prioritizing people and passion over process and profit and supplying high quality reagents at a fair price advanced the field of molecular biology and built a world-class reputation for NEB as a leader in life science research tools.

His vision of a company that used commercial revenue to fund its own basic research was unprecedented at the time. Basic and applied research functions were established to support and complement one another; and to this day, NEB maintains an active research program that has published over 1,300 scientific publications.

At NEB, Don established a parasitology research group to study and help cure parasitic diseases that were found in developing countries and were often overlooked by large pharmaceutical companies. This work continues to this day.

Early on, Don recognized that the planet was being abused by reckless development and big industry polluters. He sought to change that by supporting environmental education and helping to build awareness of the environmental crisis. He became an early member of the Sierra Club and supported the Union of Concerned Scientists and the Conservation Law Foundation.

In Saint Barthelemy, Don observed that the reefs surrounding the island had been overfished. To address this, he

founded a marine sanctuary, one of the first of its kind in the Caribbean. He was also involved in protecting the West Branch of the Penobscot River in northern Maine. He helped establish the Ocean Genome Legacy, a nonprofit marine research facility dedicated to exploring and preserving the threatened biological diversity of the sea.

Don created the NEB Foundation to support and fund communities and environmental activists in developing countries. By providing small grants to organizations and communities in biodiversity-rich areas he helped empower the work they were already doing fighting to preserve their land, livelihoods and the biodiversity he cared so deeply about. He supported many environmental groups and was also an enthusiastic supporter of the arts, especially local artists and the Montserrat College of Art in Beverly, Mass.

Don loved exploring the planet, having outdoor adventures and taking risks. He enjoyed fishing, and this became a passion in his life, fishing in the ocean for jacks and tuna and in rivers for trout and salmon. He especially enjoyed being alongside a trout stream during a massive caddis fly hatch, and he later became alarmed that these insects were disappearing.

He loved to sail and had many adventures teaching himself, his children and grandkids how to sail and navigate, first in New England and then in the warmer waters of the Caribbean. He cherished time spent in the forest identifying and collecting mushrooms, and he also enjoyed playing poker and bridge with his family and friends. His passion for life and his booming, uninhibited laugh would bring life to any room.

Don was everything except normal. He was an outlier - his curiosity for how life works, his fairness and respect for others, and his generosity to his employees, the community, and the environment made him a true visionary and a natural leader.

Don taught us to embrace life to the fullest and be humbled and fascinated by its many mysteries, to take risks and never miss a chance for an adventure in life, love or business.

He is survived by his loving wife Linda Comb; his three children, Michael, Dave (Coleen) and Janis Comb; and his twelve grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and his former wife Marilyn Comb.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Ocean Genome Legacy. <https://www.northeastern.edu/ogl/>

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Leonard D. Driscoll, 59

July 7, 1961 - October 10, 2020

ANDOVER — Lifelong resident of Andover, Leonard D. Driscoll (Lenny), 59, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, October 10, 2020.

Leonard was born on July 7, 1961 to proud parents Leonard and Cecilia (Kelley) Driscoll.

An avid participant in all things Andover, he played in Andover Little League, the Andover Hockey League, and Andover Junior Football.

He was a scholar athlete graduating from Andover High School in 1979 where he was the captain of both the varsity football and baseball teams. He then went on to continue his pursuit of academics at Bowdoin College where he was a member of the Alpha Kappa Sigma fraternity and the captain of the Polar Bear football team. He also received an M.B.A. from the Boston University School of Management.

Leonard had an accomplished career in banking, financial services, and most recently healthcare consultant services.

His proudest accomplishments, however, were his thirty-three-year marriage with his loving wife, Pam and their two children, Kelly and Alex. He was happiest when he was with his wife or coaching and watching both Kelly and Alex playing sports and enjoying all things Andover. Lenny traveled all across the country with Kelly for club lacrosse and AAU basketball every summer throughout her middle school and high school years. He was the proud coach of Alex and the 2004 Andover Little League All-Star team that made it all the way to the Massachusetts Sectional Finals. Lenny went on to continue as an assistant coach for the Andover Legion for several summers. He also coached Alex in the Andover Hockey league and the Merrimack Valley Warriors club hockey team.

He had the privilege of watching Kelly go on to play lacrosse at the University of Notre Dame, during which time Notre Dame became his adopted alma mater.

A twenty-year season ticket holder of the New England Patriots, Sundays during the NFL season were his favorite



time of year. He loved his trips to Gillette Stadium where he would tailgate and cheer on the Pats with lifelong friends from Andover High School.

He cherished the opportunity to walk Kelly down the aisle on her wedding day to his wonderful son-in-law, Matthew Dieterich. Most recently, he enjoyed spending time with Kelly and Matt in their new home in McKinney, Texas. Lenny loved visiting Chicago with Pam and spending time with Alex and his longtime girlfriend, Hailey Smith. The four of them spent a week on the Cape this past summer which Lenny loved to brag about as his best vacation of all time.

In addition to his wife, Pam, his children Kelly and her husband Matt, son Alex and girlfriend Hailey, he is also survived by his sister Sue and husband Steve Cobb, their children Harrison and Lydia, his mother Cecilia Driscoll, his mother-in-law Priscilla Macukewicz, brothers-in-law Robert and Edward, sister-in-law Debbie, and countless more family and friends. Lenny was predeceased by his father Leonard H. Driscoll.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A private family graveside will be held at Spring Grove Cemetery. A public celebration of life will be offered at a later date.

To offer online condolences please visit [www.contefuneralhomes.com](http://www.contefuneralhomes.com)



Man pleads guilty to 2018 bank robbery

By MADELINE HUGHES  
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A Rhode Island man entered a guilty plea in federal court in Boston to five bank robberies, including a 2018 robbery at Santander Bank in Andover.

Dong Lee, 50, pleaded guilty to five counts of bank robbery before U.S. District Court Judge Richard G. Stearns on Tuesday. His sentencing is scheduled for Feb. 16, 2021.

In Oct. 2018, Lee was charged with co-defendant Charles Lamont Wheeler, 46, who pleaded guilty in March 2020. Wheeler's sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 14, 2020.

According to the prosecutor, Lee and Wheeler were responsible for the robberies of the Santander Bank in Andover on Sept. 8, 2018; the Berkshire Bank in Boston on Sept. 8, 2018; the Rockland Trust in Braintree on Sept.

12, 2018; the Abington Savings Bank in Avon on Sept. 14, 2018; and Crescent Credit Union in Brockton on Sept. 14, 2018.

Lee and Wheeler were arrested following the Sept. 14, 2018 robberies, which resulted in a high-speed auto chase by the Massachusetts State Police.

They are facing sentences of up to 20 years in prison, three years of supervised release, and a fine of \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based on the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

The FBI, Massachusetts State Police, Brockton Police, Attleboro Police and North Attleboro Police were involved in the investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth G. Shine of Lelling's Major Crimes Unit is prosecuting the case.

POLICE LOG

- Monday, Oct. 5**
- Request Officer:** A police officer removed portable speed bumps placed in the road, Bristol Lane, 3:27 p.m.
  - Fraud:** A resident filed a complaint for unemployment fraud, Elm Court, 6:37 p.m.
  - Noise Complaint:** Police spoke with about 10 teenagers after a woman complained they were too loud while they were talking on the street, Memorial Circle, 8:56 p.m.
  - Verbal Warning:** Police spoke to a driver who continued driving by and yelling at a home with Trump signs in the front yard, Whittier Street, 10:42 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 6**
- Theft:** Woman reported her car tires being stolen, Bullfinch Drive, 8:18 a.m.
  - Trespassing:** A person was removed from a business for not wearing a mask after being asked multiple times, North Main Street, 10:09 a.m.
  - Car Crash:** A car crashed into a pole, the driver got out and National Grid came to fix the pole, Reservation Road, 6:05 p.m.
  - Theft:** A child's black bike and white helmet were reported stolen, Surrey Lane, 6:51 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 7**
- Vandalism:** Mailbox was vandalized, Wyncrest Circle, 8:34 a.m.
  - Fraud:** A resident filed a complaint for unemployment fraud, Quail Run, 9:04 a.m.
  - Fraud:** A resident filed a complaint for unemployment fraud, Beech Circle, 12:07 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 8**
- Road Rage:** A woman was screaming racial slurs at another person in the parking lot, Central Street, 10:34 a.m.
  - Car Crash:** Car crashed into a fire hydrant, Abbott Street, 12:14 p.m.
  - Fraud:** A resident filed a complaint for unemployment fraud, Cardinal Lane, 3:51 p.m.
  - Found Dog:** A person found a golden retriever with a blue-and-green collar and took the dog to River Road Vet, Elm Street, 5:03 p.m.
  - Theft:** A store owner reports someone who came in took several items, North Main Street, 10:05 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 9**
- Harassment:** Railroad Street, 1:54 p.m.
  - Fraud:** A resident filed a complaint for unemployment fraud, Vine Street, 12:20 p.m.
  - Fraud:** A resident filed a complaint for unemployment fraud, Greybirch Road, 2:15 p.m.
  - Suspicious Activity:** A man in his 20s came to a woman's home because his lost earbuds were traced to there, Stoneybrook Circle, 5:51 p.m.
  - Car Crash:** A car hit two parked cars, North Main Street, 10:01 p.m.

Baker balks at extending state ban on evictions

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — With a state ban on evictions set to expire this week, the Baker administration has rolled out a new \$171 million program to help tenants and landlords impacted by the coronavirus but won't extend the moratorium.

Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito said the initiative is aimed at keeping tenants in their homes while easing the financial stress of landlords who are struggling to pay bills.

"Our goal is to provide new options for tenants to stay in their homes and to support the expenses of landlords by making investments to new and existing programs," she told reporters at a Tuesday briefing with Gov. Charlie Baker.

But the Baker administration is balking at demands from housing advocates to extend a ban on evictions and foreclosures that is set to

expire on Saturday.

The advocates say Baker's plan falls short of what is needed to protect low-income tenants worried about getting kicked out for not paying rent. To be sure, some of those tenants are shielded by a federal ban on evictions in place through the end of the year.

"The amount of money allocated, while not insignificant, is still a lot less than what we need to help people who are pressed by the loss of their job or unemployment benefits," said Lew Finfer, executive director of the Massachusetts Communities Action Network. "We need to extend the moratorium."

Doug Quattrochi, executive director of the trade group Mass Landlords, said the funding will help landlords by allowing them to seek help from the state's Residential Assistance for Families in Transition program on behalf of tenants.

By ALLISON CORNEAU  
Staff Writer

The Registry of Motor Vehicles has suspended the driving school licenses of a man charged with drug trafficking and started the process of getting refunds for students attending schools he owns in Andover, North Andover and Haverhill.

According to a Registry spokesperson, Michael Larocque "violated the terms and conditions of maintaining a professional driving school license and a professional driving school instructor's license," it was determined at a hearing held this week.

As a result, the state agency governing the driving schools owned by 56-year-old Larocque — MV Auto School in Haverhill, North Andover Auto School and satellite locations at North Andover High School and Greater Lawrence Technical School in Andover — said they must immediately cease operations.

The ruling comes less than three weeks after Larocque was arrested at his Lawrence home and booked at the State Police barracks in Newbury.

He was charged with having 2 pounds of methamphetamine and his Lawrence home and 400 grams of the drug at North Andover Auto School, according to police. As of last Thursday, Larocque was still held at Middleton Jail. His next court appearance is scheduled for Oct. 19.

Massachusetts laws that govern driving school instructors say the state may suspend or revoke a license or refuse to renew a license for various reasons,



MIKE LABELLA/Staff photo

After being arrested on drug trafficking charges, Michael Larocque lost his license to operate his driving schools in Andover, North Andover and Haverhill.

including the license holder being linked to criminal activity. State law also requires driving schools to post a bond to ensure students' tuition will be refunded if a school closes due to a license suspension or revocation, or for any other reason.

In an email sent Wednesday of last week to families of students enrolled in Larocque's schools, Registry officials said refunds will be secured through a performance bond that was put in place for reimbursement purposes in instances where services are not delivered.

"This (reimbursement) process is governed by statute and regulation, and as such, the RMV asks for your patience as this process may take several weeks to complete," the email read in part.

Students are asked to gather receipts for services not delivered, but not to submit them to the Registry until directed to do so. Additional instructions will be forthcoming depending on the specific amount of driver's education training a student has completed and/or the amount of money that has been paid to the school.

According to the email sent by the Registry, students who transfer to another driving school to complete their training may be required to pay for their new course even if they paid North Andover Auto School in full.

The cost for a student driver's course is \$725 at MV Auto School and \$750 at North Andover Auto School, according to their websites. Students were required to pay a non-refundable deposit of \$350 at registration, the

websites say. The email sent to students from the Registry outlines a variety of next steps for them to take, depending on how far along they are in their training. Road tests scheduled for Saturday of last week were rescheduled to Tuesday of this week.

If convicted of the drug-related charges against him, Larocque faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 12 years in state prison, according to Lawrence District Court Judge Michael Uhlarik, who presided over Larocque's arraignment after he was arrested.

Law enforcement officials said the drug investigation involving Larocque began about two months ago and included multiple controlled purchases from both Larocque's home and the driving school in North Andover.



# Officials brace for 'historic' vote

## Andover had 100-plus rejected mail-in ballots in primary

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
Statehouse Reporter

There were delays mailing ballots, and thousands of ballots arrived too late to be counted.

Despite that, elections officials called Massachusetts' first foray into large-scale voting by mail during the Sept. 1 primary a success, allowing voters to avoid the polls amid concerns about the coronavirus and fueling a record turnout.

Now local clerks are bracing for mail voting on a much grander scale for the Nov. 3 election, which some predict will bring the highest voter turnout in the state history.

More than 36% of Massachusetts' 4.6 million registered voters had requested mail ballots for the election as of last Friday, according to Secretary of State Bill

Galvin's office. About 62,000 people have already voted by mail, Galvin's office said.

"There's no doubt there will be a record turnout, so it's more important than ever that everyone's vote is counted," said Alex Psilakis, policy and communications manager for MassVOTE, a non-partisan group that seeks to increase voter participation. "We had far too many ballots rejected in the primary."

In the state primary, more than 800,000 of the record 1.7 million ballots cast were mailed or dropped off at town and city halls ahead of Election Day. Some communities saw more than half of all ballots cast by mail, as voters took advantage of expanded absentee balloting.

Several communities north of Boston — including Andover — reported 100 or more rejected ballots.

# Baker picks Rivera for vaccine advisory group

By ALLISON CORNEAU  
Staff Writer

LAWRENCE — When a coronavirus vaccine arrives, Mayor Daniel Rivera will be among the first in the state to know about it.

Rivera is one of 17 medical professionals, public health experts, elected officials, community leaders and others chosen by Gov. Charlie Baker to sit on a new COVID-19 vaccine advisory group, the Baker-Polito Administration announced this week. According to the governor's office, the group will help state officials as they plan to distribute the vaccine once available.

Rivera said last week he looks forward to making sure Lawrence residents have a seat at the table for something so critical in the fight against coronavirus.

"As the mayor of a community that has been, and continues to be, one of the most drastically impacted by COVID-19, I look forward to playing an active role in the assurance of not only complete access to the vaccine, but also equitable distribution through communities in



ALLISON CORNEAU/Staff photo

Lawrence Mayor Daniel Rivera receives a COVID-19 test Tuesday to launch a new mobile testing unit in Lawrence. Rivera has been chosen as one of 17 medical professionals, public health experts, elected officials, community leaders and others chosen by Gov. Charlie Baker to sit on a new COVID-19 vaccine advisory group.

the Commonwealth," Rivera said, calling his appointment an "honor."

The vaccine advisory group is chaired by Dr. Paul Biddinger of the Mass General Brigham hospital network.

In addition to Biddinger and Rivera, other members include Dr. Barry Bloom of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Sen. Cindy Friedman, chairperson of the Joint Committee

on Healthcare Financing, and Attorney Michael Curry from the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, among others.

They will be guided by state Department of Health experts and lean heavily on the Massachusetts Immunization Information System, which is the state's way to register, order and inventory vaccines, according to a statement from Baker's

office.

According to state Department of Health statistics released Wednesday, 5,002 Lawrence residents have tested positive for COVID-19 since the pandemic began and 143 residents have died. Those numbers put the densely populated city squarely in the red, high-risk zone, according to a color coded map released by state officials.

This week, Rivera launched a \$255,000 mobile coronavirus testing unit set to travel throughout the city to offer free testing to residents through a partnership with Lawrence General Hospital.

On Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., residents living near the Merrimack Court Housing Development on Melvin Street can receive a free test and only need to supply their name and phone number in order to receive results. The mobile unit also was in the neighborhood Thursday.

No insurance is necessary. Residents may track where the unit is headed next by visiting [www.cityoflawrence.com](http://www.cityoflawrence.com).

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# Child deaths decline amid pandemic

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — The number of child fatalities in Massachusetts has dropped to a five-year low, according to newly released state data.

There were 73 deaths of children age 17 and under reported to the state Department of Children and Families in the fiscal year that ended June 30, according to the agency's annual report.

That's the lowest number of child deaths reported to the agency in the past five years.

In fiscal 2019, there were 101 child deaths reported.

A majority of deaths reported to the agency weren't attributed to abuse or maltreatment, according to the report. At least 25 involved active DCF cases.

Seventeen fatalities were related to unexpected sudden infant deaths. Fifteen were attributed to accidents such as

drownings and fires; another 13 children died as a result of medical conditions.

Five of the deaths were suicides; three were attributed to overdose.

Advocates point out that the agency's report only covers fatalities reported to the state, so the actual numbers could be higher. They also say it's not clear what's behind the drop, or whether the fact that kids are homebound during much of the COVID-19 outbreak was a factor.

Jetta Bernier, executive director of Massachusetts Citizens for Children, or MassKids, said the pandemic has shown that home isn't always the safest place for children.

"During the pandemic, stay-at-home orders have kept many safe, but they have also placed many children at increased risk of sexual abuse and exploitation," she said.

"We've also seen a dramatic rise in the number of child

abuse cases."

The DCF report doesn't draw a correlation between the drop in child deaths and the pandemic, pointing out that there is often "variability" in the data.

The report, however, points to a 12% decline in the number of "intakes" of children by the department for reported abuse and maltreatment, from 96,879 in fiscal 2019 to 84,664 in the past fiscal year.

The agency said the "substantial" decline in reported abuse was "directly related" to the COVID-19 outbreak.

"The steep drop in reports of alleged child abuse and neglect during the height of the pandemic significantly decreased the number of intakes received by the department in FY2020," the report's authors wrote.

Schools and health care providers account for about 80% of child abuse referrals to the agency, which investigates

allegations of abuse and neglect.

Advocacy groups have raised concern about a decline in calls to domestic abuse hotlines during the pandemic. While the reason remains unclear, some speculated that victims trapped at home with abusers are afraid to reach out for assistance.

Massachusetts has some of the nation's toughest laws on mandatory reporting of suspected child abuse. Teachers, doctors, nurses and child care workers are threatened with fines and other penalties for failing to report allegations.

The state is also one of six that doesn't require physical evidence or corroborating reports to launch an investigation of abuse.

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# Number of high-risk communities jumps

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — The number of communities at high risk for COVID-19 nearly doubled week over week, as infection rates in some communities north of Boston soared higher amid expanded testing according to data released Oct. 7.

The Department of Public Health reported 40 communities are coded "red," meaning they had an average of more than eight daily coronavirus cases per 100,000 residents over the last 14 days, once numbers are adjusted for population. That's up from 23 communities the previous week.

In the Merrimack Valley, several communities that were already considered high risk — including Haverhill, Lawrence, Methuen, and North Andover — saw their rates

increase over the past week.

Middleton skyrocketed to the state's highest rate — 58.1 per 100,000 residents — after reporting 84 positive COVID-19 cases from 1,189 tests in the past two weeks.

Under the state's four-phase reopening plan, communities that have been in the "red" for at least two consecutive weeks face tighter restrictions on public and private gatherings and businesses. That includes Lawrence, Methuen, Middleton and Haverhill.

The rising numbers of infections locally helped drive up Essex County to the highest rate in the state last Wednesday, at 12.1 per 100,000 residents. The state's rate is 7.3 per 100,000 residents.

The state's color-coded COVID-19 map is updated every week and classifies all 351 communities based on the rates of infection over

the previous two weeks.

As of Wednesday, at least 78 municipalities were coded yellow, a moderate-risk category of between four and eight cases per 100,000, in the state's weekly report.

Another 47 communities were shaded in green, meaning an average daily COVID-19 infection rate of less than four cases per 100,000 residents.

Overall, the majority of cities and towns in the state are coded white, which indicates fewer than five total cases.

Gov. Charlie Baker said most cities and towns have COVID-19 transmission rates low enough to lift restrictions on some businesses and allow schools to reopen for in-person learning.

Despite that, the state has seen an uptick in virus cases that's prompted public health officials to call on Baker and other state

leaders to roll back the reopening process.

More than 4,000 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in the past week, according to state health officials, an average of more than 500 positive tests a day.

Last Wednesday, the state reported 509 new COVID-19 cases from 16,134 individuals tested, a positive rate of about 3.1%.

The seven-day weighted average positive test rate is about 1.1%, up from 0.8% a month ago, according to state data.

For more information: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/community-level-covid-19-data-reporting#AlertsMA

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# Third parties pin hopes on ranked choice voting

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — From Ross Perot's Reform Party in the 1990s presidential elections to Ralph Nader's bid for the presidency on the Green Party ticket in 2000, third-party candidates are often called spoilers who siphon votes from a Democratic or Republican candidate and help tip the race to their opponent.

It's happened locally, in 6th Congressional District race in 2012, when Democrat John Tierney squeaked out a win with 48% of the vote and Republican Richard Tisei came in second with 47%. Libertarian candidate Dan Fishman placed a distant third, but peeled away 4.5% of the vote.

Third-parties blame the "winner-take-all" voting system, in part, for marginalizing their candidates. Many pin their hopes for a better showing in the future to a proposal on the November ballot to switch

to a "ranked choice" system that asks voters to weigh candidates in order of preference.

"I definitely think it would help us as a party," said Christina Crawford, treasurer and former chairwoman of the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts, which has endorsed the changes. "We will start getting more votes, and because of that I think we'll see more people interested in running for office as Libertarians."

Crawford believes so strongly in the cause she has contributed more than \$17,000 of her own money into the Yes on 2 campaign.

Question 2 on the Nov. 3 ballot, if approved, would depend how the state has chosen congressional, state and municipal leaders for hundreds of years. Ballots would look different, voters would have to do more homework, and close races might not be decided on Election Day.

Under the system, voters

rank candidates in order of preference. If no candidate gets more than 50% of the vote, the last-place candidate is removed from the running and votes for that candidate are redistributed based on their supporters' second choices.

This "instant runoff" process repeats until one candidate has picked up more than 50% of the vote.

While some cities, including San Francisco and Cambridge, have used ranked choice voting for years, Maine is the only state to make the switch broadly. It will use ranked choice in the Nov. 3 presidential election, after the state's Supreme Judicial Court rejected a GOP-led effort aimed at preventing its use.

Driven by voter dissatisfaction with the two major parties, Libertarians have seen a surge in numbers in recent years, even as other parties shrink. Despite that, Libertarian candidates have yet to win any federal or statewide offices and have

performed poorly in recent elections.

Supporters of ranked choice say it will essentially break the two-party hold on elections, giving Libertarians and other third-party candidates a better chance.

Critics of ranked choice voting say the changes will only redistribute votes among Republican or Democratic candidates and won't benefit third parties.

They also criticize the system as confusing.

"Libertarians have this fantasy that ranked choice voting is going to deliver them to the promised land," said Anthony Amore, a 2018 Republican nominee for secretary of state and interim spokesman for the No on 2 committee. "When, in fact, nowhere has it ever elevated a third party."

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# State's economic outlook remains uncertain

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
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BOSTON — Economists painted a murky picture of the state's pandemic-battered economy last week, saying the depth of a revenue shortfall will depend on relief from Washington.

State budget writers, economists and legislative leaders said fallout from COVID-19 continues to dampen state revenues despite recent upticks in tax collections.

Revenue Commissioner Geoffrey Snyder told lawmakers during a livestreamed hearing that the Baker administration projected state revenues will decline between \$2.8 billion to \$5.2 billion this fiscal year. He said there is "considerable uncertainty" in the estimates.

He cited the timing of a COVID-19 vaccine, whether the coronavirus can be contained and uncertainty around Congress and the White House as factors that

"have combined to create unprecedented challenges in revenue forecasting."

In Washington, a new relief package is tied up amid partisan disagreements. President Donald Trump issued conflicting statements this week about whether the White House will walk away from negotiations with Democrats.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Aaron Michlewitz, D-Boston, said the collapse of talks and a lack of progress on federal aid to state and local governments will have a "drastic, negative impact" on the state's finances.

"I think I speak for all of us in the Legislature when I call on Congress and the president to get back to the negotiating table and strike a deal that helps all 50 states," he said.

Eileen McAnney, president of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, predicted a \$3.9 billion drop in state tax revenues, which would increase without federal

relief.

"Even if there is a fiscal aid package, the proposed funding may be insufficient, especially if it's not properly targeted to sustain the economy," she said.

Sales tax collections — a major source of state revenue — will take a projected \$900 million hit this fiscal year, she said. Virus-wary consumers are putting off major purchases such as homes and cars.

"There's a lot of political uncertainty and social unrest," McAnney said. "That's also contributing to people's unease about the future."

David Tuerck, president of the conservative Beacon Hill Institute, offered a more optimistic outlook, suggesting a decline in tax revenues of only about \$1.3 billion.

Economists noted that conditions have gradually improved as businesses reopen and more people return to work, but that's not

been enough to offset overall tax revenue losses.

The state is running on a three-month, \$16.5 billion budget signed by Gov. Charlie Baker in August, which would keep the government funded until Oct. 31 when the Legislature is expected to consider a final spending plan for fiscal 2021.

Baker filed a preliminary \$44.6 billion budget in January, months before the virus forced the state to shudder the economy.

Uncertainty over the budget has created fiscal problems for a host of entities that depend on state funding, from nonprofits to health care providers. Meanwhile, city and town leaders struggling to finalize their budgets worry there will be deep cuts to local aid and school funding.

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# Sports

## FALL WARRIORS

### Andover teams ready for success in COVID-delayed season



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Star Emma Azzi and the Andover girls soccer team were prepared to star playing games last weekend.

By DAVID WILLIS  
Staff Writer

The fall high school sports season has been anything but predictable so far.

After months of wondering if there even would be a fall season, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all sports other than football, girls swimming and cheer were given the go-ahead to play.

Then, as games were set to begin at the start of October, the Merrimack Valley Conference suspended boys and girls soccer, field hockey and volleyball due to an increase in coronavirus cases in many MVC communities — but not Andover.

Sports were on again last weekend, temporarily approved by the MVC, and Golden Warrior teams — other than football, cheer and swimming, which will still play in “Fall II” from Feb. 22 to April 25 — were prepared to begin playing games. Golf and cross country already started play.

The Andover boys soccer team delivered a remarkable turnaround in 2019, going from two wins in 2018 to 11 wins and a trip to the Division 1 North semifinals last fall, the program’s deepest postseason run since 2003.

The Golden Warriors graduated plenty of talent, but return the likes of **Anton Pace**, who scored the game-tying goal in the team’s tournament upset of St. John’s Prep last year, and **Anthony Previte** (5 goals last year).

The girls soccer team is

#### GOLF KEEPS ROLLING

The Andover High golf team stayed hot with a pair of victories last Monday. The Golden Warriors scored a 242, out-distancing Haverhill (250) and Billerica (276).

Leading the way for the Golden Warriors were **Evan Giggey** (36), **Cade Cedorchuck** (38), **Steve Ingram** (41), **Nick Ventura** (42) and **Noah Farland** (42).



The Andover cross country teams opened last Wednesday against Lowell. The boys fell 15-50 and the girls fell 18-40.

**Leila Boudries** led the way for the Golden Warrior girls, taking third overall in 20:00. **Abby Redington** (20:56) was seventh.

**Matt Serrano** (8th, 16:27) and **Pat McCarthy** (9th, 16:31) were the top Andover boys finishers.

coming off its best season in nearly two decades, advancing to the Division 1 North finals for the first time since 2001.

The Golden Warriors graduated three stars, but return 15 players from last year’s squad, including **Emma Azzi** (7 goals last fall, tied for team-high), and reigning Merrimack Valley Conference Coach of the Year **Meghan Matson**.

The Andover girls field hockey team is always among the best in New England, and likely would have been poised for a state championship run if COVID had not cancelled the postseason.

The Warriors return **Hanna Medwar**, one of the most accomplished field hockey players in state history, who has committed to three-time defending Division 3 national champion Middlebury. Medwar scored 17 goals last fall and has 49 for her career.

Also back is **Heather Graham**, who also scored 17 goals last fall, while **Emma Reilly**, a Division 1 college prospect, had five goals. Returning goalie **Paige**

**Gillette** had 14 shutouts with a 0.71 goals-against-average and 91% save percentage last year.

The golf team is coming off a huge 2019 when it went 14-1 in the regular season, then placed sixth at Division 1 states. The Golden Warriors return the likes of **Cade Cedorchuck**, who shot a 78 and tied for 15th at Division 1s, and **Nick Ventura** and **Evan Giggey**, who shot an 81 and 83 respectively at Division 1s.

The girls cross country team returns a pair budding standout in sophomore **Molly Kiley**, who won the 2-mile in 11:28.61 at Division 1 states last winter, and junior **Leila Boudries**, who excelled on relays in winter track. The boys cross country team returns seniors **Charlie Beams**, **Zack Nepomnayshy** and **Michael Koral**.

The Andover volleyball team will look to bounce back after a tough 2019. They return the likes of seniors **Maddie Tutwiler**, **Abbie Ledoux** and **Hannah Goff**.

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## Andover Fall Sports Previews

By DAVID WILLIS  
Staff Writer

#### BOYS SOCCER

**2019 record:** 11-8-3, lost D1 North semis

**Coach Jim Saalfrank:** (11th year, 84-88-38)

**Returning lettermen (11):** Jared Moses, Sr., defense; Anton Pace, Sr., forward; Anthony Previte, Sr., midfield; Ryan O’Sullivan, Sr., midfield; Logan Carr, Sr., midfield; Vincent Giurleo, Sr., forward; Cam Riley, Sr., defense; Jackson Brown, Jr., goalie; Emerson Lund, Jr., defense; Aidan Magner, Jr., midfield; Jack Walsh, Jr., defense

**Promising newcomers:** Ethan Gasse, Sr., midfield; Donovan Gaggioti, Jr., midfield; Charlie Higgins, Jr., defense; Luke Sintros, Jr., forward; Will Spellman, Jr., midfield; Gannon Sylvester, Jr., goalie; Tyler Ardito, Soph., forward; John Bessette, Soph., midfield/defense; Matt Haney, Soph., defense; Nik Previte, Soph., midfield; Jacob Srivastava, Soph., midfield

#### GIRLS SOCCER

**2019 record:** 14-3-3, lost D1 North final

**Coach Meghan Matson:** (17th year, 180-85-53)

**Returning players (15):** Ashley Kendrigan, Sr., midfield; Colleen Shay, Sr., defense; Ashley Smith, Sr., defense; Ashley Sheldon, Soph., defense; Annabelle Chan, Sr., midfield; Emma Azzi, Sr., forward; Riley Lowe, Sr., forward/midfield; Val MacDonald, Sr., defense; Maya Schwinn-Clanton, Sr., forward; Amanda Smith, Sr., defense; Lauren Adams, Jr., midfield; Morgan Nusky, Jr., defense; Dylan Troy, Jr., forward; Samantha Jenney, Soph., midfield

**Promising newcomers:** Grace Hauser, Sr., midfield; Ameera Mazraany, Sr., midfield; Sophie Azzi, Jr., forward; Aimee Lu, Jr., forward/midfield; Morgan Shirley, Jr., midfield; Kaitlyn Crowley, Jr., goalie; Ainsley Napolitano, Soph., goalie

#### FIELD HOCKEY

**Coach Maureen Noone:** (23rd year, 344-56-57)

**2019 record:** 16-3-4, lost D1 state semifinals

**Returning starters (9):** Quad-captain Hanna Medwar, Sr., forward; E-T All-Star; Quad-captain Paige Gillette, Sr., goalie, All-MVC; Quad-captain Heather Graham, Sr., forward, MVC All-Star; Quad-captain Alana Miller, Sr., back; Abby Miller, Jr., back; Olivia Beucier, Jr., forward; Lily Farnham, Jr., forward; Hailey Doherty, Jr., midfield; Emma Reilly, Soph., back, All-MVC

**Returning lettermen:** Lindsay Parziale, Sr., forward; Jaylin Deleon, Sr., forward; Olivia Broderick, Sr., back; Grace Reilly, Jr., back; Rose McLean, Soph., forward; Tess Gobiell, Jr., back; Ella Brockelman, Jr., back; Kate Harris, Soph., forward; Anna Broderick, Soph., back

**Promising newcomers:** none

#### BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

**2019 season:** 3-7

**Top returnees:** Charlie Beams, Sr.; Zack Nepomnayshy, Sr.; Michael Koral, Sr.; Owen Salamone, Sr.; Matt Serrano, Jr.; Colin Spring, Jr.; DJ Walsh, Jr.; Pat McCarthy, Jr.

**Promising newcomers:** Cameron Kirm, Sr.; Spencer Belson, Frosh.; Ryan Todisco, Frosh.

**Coach Sue Kiley (3rd year)**

#### GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

**2019 season:** 4-6

**Top returnees:** Kayla DiBenedetto, Sr.; Leila Boudries, Jr.; Juliet Sellers, Jr.; Camille Storch, Jr.; Jenna Freeland, Jr.; Abby Redington, Jr.; Molly Kiley, Soph.; Abby Osborne, Soph.; Hannah Rose, Soph.

**Promising newcomers:** Meredith Williamson, Jr.; Mary Lonergan, Soph.

**Coach Sue Kiley (3rd year)**

#### GOLF

**Coach Dave Fazio:** (8th year)  
**2019 season:** 6th at Division



STAFF FILE PHOTO

Anthony Previte, center, and the Andover boys soccer team are looking to build off last fall’s success.

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**Top golfers:** Evan Giggey, Cade Cedorchuck, Steve Ingram, Nick Ventura, Noah Farland, Timmy Kobleski

#### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

**2019 record:** 9-11

**Top returning players:** Maddie Tutwiler, Sr., 5-8, OH; Abbie Ledoux, Sr., 5-10, MH; Hannah Goff, Sr., 5-9, Right-side; Tatum Shaw, Sr., 5-7, utility; Alex Papazian, Sr., 5-5 L; Emma Kindland, Sr., 5-4, DS; Allie Kindland, Sr., 5-8, Setter; Olivia Foster, Jr., 5-8, OH; Marissa Kobleski, Soph., 5-10, OH

**Promising newcomers:** Ava Siple, Jr., 5-7, S/OH; Ksenia Julie Kessler, Jr., 5-6, DS; Gabby Roldan Rodriguez, Jr., 5-4, L; Isabel Rodenberger, Jr., 5-7, Oh; Sophia Miele, Soph., 5-8, OH; Lila Siple, Soph., 5-7, DS

**Coach Jane Bergin (7th year, 111-24)**



STAFF FILE PHOTO

Andover’s Hanna Medwar, right, is one of the state’s most dangerous scorers.

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# German dinner to benefit Boys & Girls Club scholarships

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
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West Parish Church Men's Club is planning a German Oktoberfest dinner to benefit its Lawrence Boys & Girls Club scholarship program.

On the menu is a choice of sauerbraten (sweet and sour marinated beef with gravy) or bratwurst, served with spaetzle (handmade egg noodles with gravy), red cabbage, sauerkraut and applesauce.

A drive-through will be set up at the church on Reservation Road starting at 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 17. Tickets are \$15, with profits benefiting the 17-year-old scholarship program. "There have been 99 scholarships given since 2013 totaling \$78,000," said dinner organizer Jonathan Glesmann.

Scholarships were \$500 until three years ago, he said, then doubled to \$1,000. "Many are repeat recipients, as we helped them through their college years," Glesmann added.

Advance tickets can be purchased through the Facebook event "Oktoberfest Drive Through Dinner" under "Find Tickets."

When paying online, for "description" specify either "sauerbraten" and/or "bratwurst" and the number of each.

The event runs from 5 to 7 p.m. Organizers encourage pre-paid customers to pick up meals by 6 p.m. Cash and credit cards will also be accepted the day of the event. Scholarship details are at westparish-church.org/scholarships.



West Parish Church's 2019 scholarship award winners, from left, were Taylor Marrero, Andres Pichardo, Yankuel Ceballos, Dalis Cabrera, Biorveranis Reyes, Marielis Rodriguez, Lidyanette Gonzalez, John Omosefe, Ashley Gonzalez, Bryanna Matias, Zuleidy Perez, and Zoe Marrero. Other recipients, not pictured, were Anairis Caraballo, Jailene Garcia, Brian Martinez, Maribel Mateo, Bryanna Matias, Sabrina Paulino and Yeraldo Rodriguez.

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## Managing the effect of childhood trauma

### Family Matters

Larry Larsen



Dear Doctor,

The other day, my daughter, who is 3, was separated from me in the mall. She was playing in a store while I shopped. She was crying and terrified, but a stranger brought her to me.

Do things like this stay with children and cause them harm?

Regretful Mom

Dear Mom,

As a rule, no, this will not cause her harm, although remnants and associated emotions may remain.

Every child experiences some sort of trauma during the early years. Separation from mother is not at all unusual. The emotion is a memory without words and is processed in the brain as such. There are times in a child's or even an adult's life that feelings and situations may be felt, even when the particular specifics of the event are not recalled.

Two cases out of scores come to

mind. One was during the Christmas rush at a Boston department store. Mom was holding her daughter's hand, but got into the elevator without her. The little girl had some moments of terror until Mom came back down to find her. Of course, Mom was hysterical, and this was more traumatic than the separation. This was the memory of an adult woman who developed a very strong control issue as she mothered her own teen children.

Another example is a man who recalled waking up from his nap as a 3- or 4-year-old. His mother was not in the house. He was beset with fears of abandonment. She was in the backyard talking with a neighbor. He had dreams associated with emotions from this event.

Trauma can be mild, as is the case here or with your daughter. It is often seen in emotions associated with adult behavior. Generally, it is integrated with other aspects of development and does not produce dire results. Reassurance, experience and love are the best medicine.

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

## ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

### Susan McKelliget

Andover Center for History and Culture

100 Years Ago: Oct. 22, 1920

Kenneth W. Todd, the 8t-year old son of Harry and Lucetta Tod of 60 Poor St., was killed last Friday afternoon when the overhanging portion of a 6-foot banking on Kensington Street, near which the boy was playing, caved in. The child went out to play after supper and when he failed to return a search was made. The street has not as yet been accepted by the town of Andover. Out of respect to the memory of the boy, the fourth-grade class of the Richardson school in which he was a pupil was closed Monday afternoon and prior to the services the pupils marched to the Todd home and passed silently by their late playmate.

John Haggerty, our well-known driver of the town teams in this village (Ballardvale), met with a serious fall last Friday, while picking apples. Medical aid was summoned, and it was found that Mr. Haggerty had sustained a broken arm and several fractured ribs, as well as numerous scratches and bruises.

While Nuckley's ice cart to which two horses were attached was going down Essex Street on

Monday afternoon, the neck yoke broke, letting the heavy team down onto the horses. They started to run but were guided into the yard next to the Colonial theatre where they were stopped.

75 Years Ago: Oct. 18, 1945

"This is just a word of warning to some of the liquor-license holders here in Andover. It's another year before the town votes again on liquor, but it wouldn't do any harm to start being careful once more. We know of a few incidents which have been happening in a few of the places. We know of glasses being thrown, bartenders running into difficulty, people drinking beyond their power to hold it, noise emanating from places in sufficient volume to be classed a public nuisance. So watch yourself, fellows. You're on the spot." (Editorial excerpt.)

The Andover Selective Service Board has inducted a large number of men into the armed forces during the last five years and now is ready to assist these same men in re-establishing themselves in civilian life if they want and need assistance. The board will advise and assist the veteran by referring him to the proper agencies for securing G.I. loans and arranging for insurance conversion, educational opportunities and the like to do the utmost to save him time and

trouble in getting back in stride as a civilian.

50 Years Ago: Oct. 29, 1970

A photo caption reads, "Members of Boy Scout Troop 75 barbecued a pig last weekend for their fathers during a camping program at Deer Jump reservation last weekend. Shown at the 'pit' are Mark Reynolds, Charles Champagne, Jimmy Galbiati, Roger David, Keith Kenney, Billy Bruner, Jim Smyth, Mike Witt, and Bobby Burke."

Candidates for the representative post in the 13th Essex District will debate Friday, Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. at the People's Choice Coffee House at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Lowell Street. Rep. Paul W. Cronin, Republican representative serving the district, and his challenger James P. Hurrell of North Andover will debate the issues, speaking initially, then responding to a question and answer period.

Construction of a new business building on Barnard Street is moving along rapidly. Upon completion the new building is expected to house stores and offices.

A photo shows students who have recently graduated from a babysitting course at the junior high schools. They are Nancy Webster, holding infant Christopher Coliano, and Jane Allen. The instructor is Mrs. Joseph Sullivan.

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