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CITY'S POP-UP FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTES 200 GROCERY BAGS



On Thursday, April 16, residents and volunteers gathered together at the municipal parking lot to hand out groceries to those in need. This was an initiative of Mayor Arrigo with support from Revere on the Move and the Revere Farmers Market.

EBNHC is working to ensure the safety of all

The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) is working aggressively on the front lines of COVID-19. We are coordinating and developing resources so that our patients,

staff, and community members have access to vital information and tools. As of April 19, EBNHC is offering COVID-19 testing seven days a week to patients as well as community members who have flu-like symptoms or have been in contact with someone who is COVID-19 positive. To be tested for COVID-19 at EBNHC, call 617-569-5800 for pre-authorization. Patients who arrive at Suffolk Downs or 79 Paris

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A TEAM APPROACH

Revere teachers are working hard to deliver a sound education

By Cary Shuman

Under the unprecedented situation of a global pandemic, Revere teachers are delivering the educational experience that has made the Revere school system a national model for urban cities in America.

It is not an easy assignment. Nothing can replace the daily, teacher-to-student interaction of a classroom, the shared goals of students learning together side-by-side, the joy of conversing in the school cafeteria during lunch, or a teacher stating simply to his/her

students, "Have a great weekend" at the conclusion of the school day on a Friday. The fifth-grade teaching team at the Whelan Elementary School is symbolic of what's happening across the city. The teachers were ready to work in an online

instruction format from the very first day school was postponed. They are dedicated, caring, professionals who are preparing their students for their transition to middle school. Lenore DiLiegro, Mari

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Temporary housing plan proceeding at Quality Inn

By Cary Shuman

The collaborative efforts of the mayor and the former mayor to provide non-congregate housing for those recovering from the coronavirus is proceeding well. Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo and Chelsea City

Manager Tom Ambrosino, who served 12 years as the city's chief executive, announced last week that the Quality Inn, Revere, would be used "to provide an alternate, safe housing solution for Chelsea and Revere residents who live in overcrowded housing

conditions or would otherwise be at risk of spreading the virus within their community." Kim Hanton of Revere's COVID-19 response team is the coordinator at the site for patients. Fire Capt. Robert Fortuna is the coordinator for all other matters.

The medical community has lauded the effort for its success in lessening the transmission of the virus. "Operations at the Quality Inn are going smoothly," said Arrigo. "According to

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WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES



Residents had some whacky weather to deal with over the weekend. Waking up to a city coated in snow on Saturday morning, while Sunday saw sunny skies and temperatures in the upper 50s. Needless to say, the snow didn't last very long.

COVID-19 cases approaching 700

Special to The Journal

The City of Revere's Emergency Response Team continues to take proactive steps to slow community transmission of COVID-19 and prepare for further spread of the virus. As of April 19, the Revere Board of Health has been notified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health of 694 positive cases of COVID-19 in the City of Revere, an increase of 115 since Friday.

"As we enter the peak, and as testing becomes more widespread in our city, we anticipate positive

cases will rise significantly over the next several days. What the most recent data is showing us is that there are likely many more people in our city who have contracted the virus but who do not exhibit symptoms," Mayor Arrigo said. "This underscores the importance of continuing to do your part to slow the spread. Even if you are feeling perfectly healthy, you can spread the virus. Despite today's beautiful weather, I'm urging all of our residents to stay home and protect themselves, their loved ones, our

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A gasoline tanker truck rolled onto its side at Brown Circle on Friday, April 17.

Truck rolls over at Brown Circle

By Cary Shuman

The incident had all the makings of a disaster last Friday afternoon at 2:30. A gasoline tanker truck had rolled over in the busy Brown Circle rotary in Revere, spilling out 11,000 gallons of fuel on to the road. With two gas stations and several businesses nearby, the potential for igniting a massive fire was present. But thanks to the swift and heroic action of the Revere Fire Department, the situation was brought under control and tragedy was averted.

"The call came in to dispatch as a report of tanker truck rolled over at Broadway Circle in front of Ray's Sunoco," said Revere Fire Chief Christopher Bright. The chief said it was miraculous that the incident didn't escalate in a hurry. "Someone was looking out for everybody that day," said Bright. "There were 11,000 gallons of product flowing out of big holes in the tank. It went all over the rotary and down to Route 107 to Ward Street and con-

tinued going down culverts and storm drains." Revere firefighters, led by Deputy Fire Chief Glen Rich on the scene, rushed in to contain the spill. Rich immediately called a second alarm. "Our members had their hands full from the get-go," said Bright. "The driver had a head injury but he made it out of the truck. There were no other vehicles involved in the accident. Fortunately, we had a full manpower situation that day, so everything was in service." A quick decision to kill all electrical power in the area was a successful preventative measure. "We shut down the power to

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Q & A // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Johnson, Janelle Sutherland, Amanda MacDonald, Katelyn Cochrane, and Meaghan DeSoto bring a combined 60 years of teaching experience to the classroom. They are the Whelan School fifth-grade “dream team” – rising to the occasion amidst a crisis that no one could have predicted when the school year began with such hope and optimism last August.

But teaching they are and the students are being engaged in new lessons and new assignments, Supt. of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly is understandably proud of what’s happening at the Whelan.

“We’re doing it as a team – we’re working together,” said DiLiegro, a science and social studies teacher with 28 years of experience in education. “The students are getting their lessons every day on Zoom. We started on March 15 and sat together and developed a lesson plan and talked about the way we were going to deliver it.”

And the teachers have delivered big time – to the heartfelt appreciation of their students and their parents.

The Journal presented questions to Whelan’s fifth grade teachers about teaching in a virtual classroom. Following are their responses:

LENORE DILIEGRO, 28 years in education field

QUESTION 1: Has teaching your students while they are at home and you are in another location been the biggest challenge of your teaching career? Has teaching your students while they are at home and you are in another location been the biggest challenge of your teaching career?

Yes, definitely. The challenge is adapting the curriculum so it is relevant in an online platform. At first it was difficult to determine how to present content in a manner that would allow students to interact with the material and become involved. Our success lies in the strength of our team. We worked together and were able to develop strategies that allowed us to reach each student.

QUESTION 2: What is the best way to keep your students engaged while they are participating online in your class and in the hours they are doing their homework?

Just like we do while in school, we work to make the material interesting and fun. We have strong relationships with our students and I think that is the key to student engagement.

QUESTION 3: Do you feel you are providing support to the parents in the education of their children at home and do you encourage parents to be involved in this process of at-home learning?

Yes, we do our best to

support parents as they help their children access lessons on Google Classroom and Zoom. This is actually an extension of what we have always done. As a district, we strive to involve and support parents in all aspects of their children’s education. It is a team effort.

QUESTION 4: Do you miss seeing your students in person at the A.C. Whelan School each day?

Terribly! That has been the hardest part of being away from school. We see students on Zoom, which is great, but nothing can replace seeing their smiling faces each day.

QUESTION 5: Do you feel your students will be fully prepared to enter sixth grade after what will be four months of at-home learning?

I have no doubt that when students enter grade 6, their middle school teachers will meet them where they are and ensure success for the upcoming year.

MARI JOHNSON, 7 years in education field

QUESTION 1: Has teaching your students while they are at home and you are in another location been the biggest challenge of your teaching career?

Yes, this has been an adjustment for not only us but the students and their parents.

QUESTION 2: What is the best way to keep your students engaged while they are participating online in your class and in the hours they are doing their homework?

We strive to make the work relevant but fun! On our Zoom calls we try to engage our students with games and interactive learning websites. As a team we have been collaborating daily to create creative content.

QUESTION 3: Do you feel you are providing support to the parents in the education of their children at home and do you encourage parents to be involved in this process of at-home learning?

We are definitely providing a lot of support to parents at home, as they navigate this new way of learning. For most parents using these online platforms like Google Classroom and Zoom are new to them. When parents are involved in their students at-home learning they are encouraging this process and students are more likely to complete it.

QUESTION 4: Do you miss seeing your students in person at the A.C. Whelan School each day?

Absolutely! This is something we never prepared our students for so it definitely came as a shock. Although we are trying our best to stay connected daily

and continue our learning, nothing will replace face to face interaction and our ability to build relationships in person.

QUESTION 5: Do you feel your students will be fully prepared to enter sixth grade after what will be four months of at-home learning?

I think it will be an adjustment for all getting back into the normal routine at school, but have full faith in their future teachers that they will be able to meet the needs of all students. We are working our hardest to continue to reinforce standards we have learned this year and engage our students for the remainder of the year.

JANELLE SUTHERLAND, 16 years in education field

QUESTION 1: Has teaching your students while they are at home and you are in another location been the biggest challenge of your teaching career?

Yes! Providing materials and resources that are easily accessible to all students has been a huge challenge as well as being able to support them with assignments that they may have questions about. It is much easier to work with a group of students face to face than trying to do so over a computer.

QUESTION 2: What is the best way to keep your students engaged while they are participating online in your class and in the hours they are doing their homework?

Our Zoom meetings not only focus on reinforcing academics but also allowing time for them just to be able to talk about whatever is on their mind. Our students’ emotional well being continues to be a major priority. Our fifth grade team tries to plan lessons and activities that are engaging for all students, such as interactive websites, a choice board of math activities, and students interacting with each other on a discussion board in Google Classroom. Our team works incredibly well together to best meet the needs of all students. I am so fortunate to be able to work with such an amazing fifth grade team.

QUESTION 3: Do you feel you are providing support to the parents in the education of their children at home and do you encourage parents to be involved in this process of at-home learning?

Yes, I feel that we are doing everything we can to support parents and are frequently communicating with parents to best support their child. This is a learning curve for everyone but by working collaboratively, we can provide learning opportunities that are meaningful for every child.

QUESTION 4: Do

you miss seeing your students in person at the A.C. Whelan School each day?

More than anything.....I miss seeing their smiling faces each and every day! Our Zoom chats help, but it is not the same as being with them in person

QUESTION 5: Do you feel your students will be fully prepared to enter sixth grade after what will be four months of at-home learning?

Teachers have superpowers! These kiddos will be in great hands as they transition to middle school in the fall.

AMANDA MACDONALD, 9 years in education field

QUESTION 1: Has teaching your students while they are at home and you are in another location been the biggest challenge of your teaching career?

This has definitely been the most unexpected challenge, but being on a team that consistently works together to make the best choices for our kids has made it easier to manage.

QUESTION 2: What is the best way to keep your students engaged while they are participating online in your class and in the hours they are doing their homework?

Our team works to create a balance between letting them enjoy the time with their classmates and keeping lessons creative. They are craving that social interaction. Meaghan shared a way to make an ELMO out of soup cans so they can watch us write and draw! We’re working to incorporate academic games like Kahoot, sharing science experiments, and just letting them know their teachers are here for academics and for the more stressful parts of life right now.

QUESTION 3: Do you feel you are providing support to the parents in the education of their children at home and do you encourage parents to be involved in this process of at-home learning?

This is really a new version of the relationship building we pride ourselves on in Revere. It’s 100% a partnership between kids, parents, and teachers. Our team has done a great job of trying to be consistent in our messages to parents and working together to find the best solutions in this situation. We’ve had parents send pictures of their computers to walk them through setting up Google Classroom, had individual Zoom sessions, and are trying to streamline this as much as possible for everyone.

QUESTION 4: Do you miss seeing your students in person at the A.C. Whelan School each day?

Not being with the kids is the hardest part of remote learning. It hurts my heart. Seeing their faces when they sign onto our online sessions is the highlight of being at home for me.

QUESTION 5: Do you feel your students will be fully prepared to enter sixth grade after what will be four months of at-home learning?

The next school year is going to be an adjustment for kids, parents, and teachers. It’ll be our job to meet the kids where they are at and I have full faith in our middle school colleagues that they will make the transition as smooth as possible.



Katie Cochrane Teaching Science.

KATELYN COCHRANE, 3 years in education field

QUESTION 1: Has teaching your students while they are at home and you are in another location been the biggest challenge of your teaching career?

This has absolutely been the most challenging experience in my teaching career. It was not easy figuring out the best way to make the curriculum accessible to our students. I am lucky enough to work with a wonderful team, and together we have been able to navigate through this.

QUESTION 2: What is the best way to keep your students engaged while they are participating online in your class and in the hours they are doing their homework?

Our Zoom meetings throughout the week are always an exciting and fun way to cover academic material and give the students an opportunity to simply interact with each other. The fifth grade team has worked closely together to create engaging lessons that also allow the students a time to converse with one another.

QUESTION 3: Do you feel you are providing support to the parents in the education of their children at home and do you encourage parents to be involved in this process of at-home learning?

Absolutely! Whether it be in school or at home learning, we are always in close communication with parents and encourage them to be involved. This is new territory for everyone, we are all working together to provide the best learning experience possible.

QUESTION 4: Do you miss seeing your students in person at the A.C. Whelan School each day?

Of course! Losing the opportunity to see my students face to face, every day has been the most difficult part of remote learning. From our time in school we formed great relationships and created such a wonderful classroom community. Even though we are continuing to build those relationships remotely, nothing is better than being together in class.

QUESTION 5: Do you feel your students will be fully prepared to enter sixth grade after what will be four months of at-home learning?

Entering middle school for these students will be a new adjustment for many reasons. As a team we are working together to create engaging and rigorous lessons for the students, and will continue to do that for the rest of the year. I am fully confident that the middle school teachers will be able to support these students when we enter the new school year.

MEAGHAN DESOTO, 12 years in education field

QUESTION 1: Has teaching your students while they are at home and you are in another location been the biggest challenge of your teaching career?

It has certainly been a major challenge. Finding ways for students to not only engage in the content but also with each other virtually has been a challenge. In class we ask students to work cooperatively and support one another, so asking students to work so independently has been very different. However our cohesive work as a fifth grade team has helped us to navigate and support each other and our students.

QUESTION 2: What is the best way to keep your students engaged while they are participating online in your class and in the hours they are doing their homework?

The structure of our weekly Zoom check ins, as well as our assignments, has been a combination of academic content, social-emotional support and fun. As a team, we felt providing this consistency would not only support students academically but also in their emotional well-being during this trying time. We have been getting creative too in how we discuss. For example I created a document camera using soup cans to review math content, my colleagues teaching science have done amazing hands on activities using what they have at home and my ELA counterparts have really engaged students in the text during their calls in creative ways.

QUESTION 3: Do you feel you are providing support to the parents in the education of their children at home and do you encourage parents to be involved in this process of at-home learning?

I think this aspect is similar to what we have always done as a team, and also within the district. We see ourselves as partners with families to support their students. In addition to the academic support, we also have provided some daily supports that are non-academic that the whole family can participate in such as Mindfulness Mondays where we might provide yoga suggestions, or What’s in your heart Wednesday where we encourage creativity.

QUESTION 4: Do you miss seeing your students in person at the A.C. Whelan School each day?

Yes! I miss hearing their lively discussions, learning about their lives and being there in person to support them!

QUESTION 5: Do you feel your students will be fully prepared to enter sixth grade after what will be four months of at-home learning?

For our fifth graders, middle school is always an adjustment. However I have no doubt the wonderful and talented sixth grade teachers next year will provide them with all the support necessary for them to succeed!



The A.C. Whelan Grade 5 Team: Janelle Sutherland, Lenore DiLiegro, Meaghan DeSoto, Amanda MacDonald, Mari Johnson, Katie Cochrane. Photo taken prior to the virus outbreak.

City Council will meet remotely on Monday

By Cary Shuman

City Council President Patrick Keefe said the 11-member board will convene via a Zoom remote broadcast Monday at 6 p.m. It will be the Council's second time utilizing Zoom for a meeting, having participated by remote for its March 23 session. That session went smoothly with Keefe presiding from his home and City Clerk Ashley Melnik performing her responsibilities from a separate remote site. The April 27 meeting will be broadcast live on Revere TV as well. Residents can join the remote meeting and request to

speak during the meeting. At the meeting, Keefe and Councillor-at-Large Steve Morabito will co-sponsor a motion about mail-in voting in respect to the COVID-19 global pandemic. Keefe said he and his colleagues are looking forward to seeing Ward 5 Councillor John Powers at the meeting. Powers recently returned home after undergoing surgery to repair his broken left hip. "Councillor Powers is back home and will be in attendance - that's good news," said Keefe. The council president was asked about Gov. Charlie Baker's order Tuesday to close all schools in Mas-

sachusetts for the remainder of the school year. Keefe and his wife, Jennifer, have two children in the Revere school system, Adrianna, a high school junior, and Patrick III, an eighth grader. "It was a tough decision for Gov. Baker," said Keefe. "For kids to lose a large part of their school year and extracurricular activities is a letdown. For seniors especially, memories they would have created are now overshadowed with this awful pandemic. But I feel the governor made the right decision. The students are incredibly resilient and I truly believe something good will come out of this current situation."

SAYING HI TO THOSE IN QUARANTINE



Saying 'hello' from a distance. With the Jack Satter House not accepting visitors this month and the pandemic growing more severe in Revere, these family members took to the seawall on Revere Beach to say 'hi' to their mother/grandmother, Patricia Manzo. Pictured here saying hello by sign is Lisa Manzo (Patricia's daughter), Carly Manzo (granddaughter), and Mallory (a family friend). Patricia said despite the distance, it was encouraging to look out her window and see family members wishing her well.

Powers continues recuperation at home

By Cary Shuman

Ward 5 Councillor John Powers reports he is "safe and sound" at his Revere home after spending two weeks at a rehabilitation

center following surgery to repair his left hip. "It's great to be back home," said Powers, who underwent surgery on March 27. "I'm resting up and will just stay inside for awhile. I've been in

touch with Mayor Arrigo and I will participate in our Council meeting next week (April 27). I look forward to seeing everyone." Powers expects his recuperative period at home to last another few weeks.

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Street without pre-registration will not be tested. Patients and non-patients can come to our 10 Gove Street Emergency Department and Influenza-Like Illness Clinic. EBNHC has three testing areas:

10 Gove Street: Emergency Department (open 24/7) and Influenza-Like Illness Clinic (open 7 days a week)

Drive-through at Suffolk Downs (must have pre-authorization)

Walk-in at 79 Paris Street (must have pre-authorization)

EBNHC patients with non-urgent health issues are encouraged to schedule telemedicine appointments. Telemedicine allows health care professionals to evaluate, diagnose, and treat patients at a distance using a smartphone or computer. We use certified medical interpreters for languages other than English. Telemedicine allows us to continue to provide high-quality care to our patients during the COVID-19 pandemic while minimizing exposures. This is especially important if you have a chronic or a behavioral health condition. Call 617-569-5800 to schedule.

As of April 20, Massachusetts had more than 38,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 1,706 deaths. According to the Boston Globe, more than 3,700 residents with confirmed or likely cases of

COVID-19 have been hospitalized. Chelsea, which is part of EBNHC's service area, continues to have the state's highest coronavirus rate. The majority of EBNHC's COVID-19 patients are Latinx, which is a reflection of our community as well as the health disparities that are intensifying the pandemic's impact. EBNHC president and CEO, Manny Lopes, has been appointed to Mayor Walsh's COVID-19 Health Inequities Task Force, which is responding to the racial and ethnic disparities that are emphasized by this pandemic.

Latinx and African Americans have greater rates of obesity, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and diabetes—all of which are likely risk factors for COVID-19. Minority groups also tend to have higher rates of poverty, which is associated with less healthy lifestyles, lower rates of health insurance, and increased morbidity. Many minorities work in service jobs that can't be done from home, which puts them at higher risk of novel coronavirus infection. Residents who are concerned about immigration status can be leery of governmental agencies and are less likely to seek medical care. Population density also plays a role in COVID-19 transmission rates—and East Boston and Chelsea are among Boston's most pop-

ulous neighborhoods.

Minorities will not only suffer worse health outcomes; they will also suffer economically. Poverty, unemployment, and underemployment are daunting factors in our community that are already worsening.

Business leaders and economists predict that the economic downturn in Massachusetts will be particularly painful and our recovery will be slow. In the greater East Boston area, a high rate of food insecurity is worsening as our residents lose jobs and income. Last week, in partnership with the American Red Cross, EBNHC staff and volunteers stocked our new Community Resource Center at 282 Meridian Street with emergency canned and dry goods, providing our most vulnerable population with 300 bags of food. We are now delivering food to our high-risk patients and will continue to work aggressively to address local food insecurity. Community members in need can contact EBNHC's Community Resource and Wellness Center at 617-568-4845.

Massachusetts is bracing for a peak in COVID-19 cases at the end of April. We ask every person who lives or works in our community to practice social distancing, wash their hands, and wear a facial covering when outside. The physical, emotional, and financial health of every resident is at stake. Please do your part.

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vulnerable populations and our essential workers. If you must leave your home, it's incredibly important that you wear a facial covering."

Of the 115 new cases in the City, a vast majority are located within a private nursing facility. The National Guard was dispatched to the facility earlier this week to conduct testing of every resident and staff member. As of Saturday evening, more than half of the residents who had tested positive were asymptomatic. The City of Revere has been in frequent communication with the facility's management regarding



Mayor Brian Arrigo sports a homemade mask as he makes his way to City Hall.

restrictions and protocols, and issued a public health advisory to all senior living facilities on March 26. Examples of protocols in place include:

- Universal eye protection while in patient care areas for staff, since the week of 3/28.
- Bleaching and sanitation every shift and increased housekeeping hours.
- Increased staffing on dementia certified secured unit.
- Monitoring residents vital signs and for symptoms of COVID-19 three times daily
- Masking for any resident leaving the building or in hallways (as tolerated)
- Mobile City Hall is being dispatched again to Revere Beach to broadcast a multilingual reminder for beachgoers to stay at home and practice social distancing.

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make sure there was no explosive hazard and no fire hazard because any spark would have lit that bwhole area on fire - a floating, burning river if you will. A disaster was averted."

In addition to crediting his 26-member RFD contingent from every station in the city, Bright also praised the assistance of other fire companies including Massport.

"It was just a great all-around effort from all the crews and not just the fire side," said Bright. "We have G and J Towing in the city and they brought in all their resources and manpower to help out and deal with the

aftermath of the truck and have it righted. Mike Zaccharia of Action Emergency Services also helped out with his guys and the company's equipment."

The Revere Police Department also did a great job helping to secure the area, according to Bright.

Mayor Brian Arrigo commended the Revere Department for their efforts, adding, "Unfortunately, our Fire Department is all too familiar with rollovers at the Broadway circle, but thanks to that experience they were able to respond quickly and proficiently," said Mayor Arrigo. With the rollover occurring perilously close to two gas

stations, as well as other adjacent businesses, there was great concern about the potential for explosion and fire. At a time when our first responders are strained as the region deals with the Covid-19 crisis, we saw heroic action by the Revere Fire Department in preventing what could have been a catastrophe. We are reminded that even during the Covid-19 crisis, emergency situations do not let up: Fire Department and first responders in general are at their posts handling their duties in a professional and thorough manner that protects all of us every day, under every circumstance.



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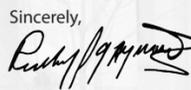
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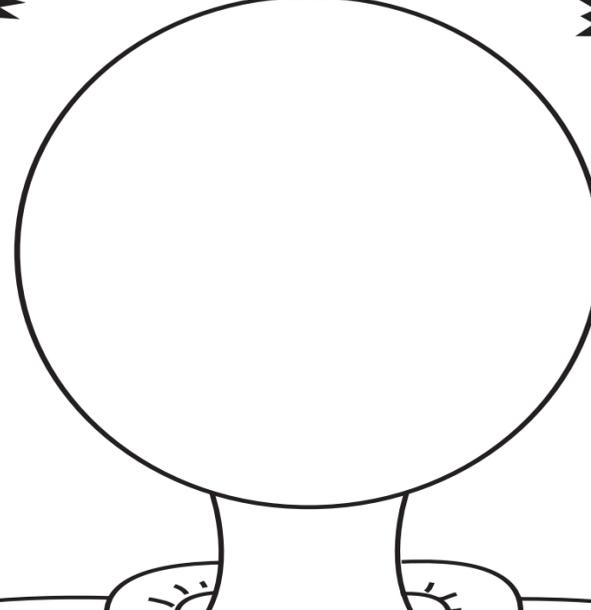
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ONCE AGAIN, MASS. IS SHOWING THE WAY

With the launch this past week of the COVID-19 Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC) to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus in Massachusetts, our state once again is taking a leading role at this critical time for our nation. Massachusetts is the first state to invest in an ambitious contact-tracing program, budgeting \$44 million to hire 1,000 people. Gov. Charlie Baker said the goal of the program is to enable state health officials to identify pockets of infection as they emerge and thereby prevent infected people from spreading the virus further. If successful, the program will provide government leaders in the coming weeks with the data they need to make meaningful decisions about relaxing our current strict social-distancing measures in order to reopen our economy. The collaborative effort with Partners In Health will focus on tracing the contacts of confirmed positive COVID-19 patients and supporting individuals who are in quarantine. It will augment the efforts already underway from the state's COVID-19 Response Command Center to assist the contact tracing being done by local boards of health. Partners In Health will provide staff and contribute technical expertise in community tracing. The Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority will provide a virtual support center and maintain connectivity, while the Massachusetts Department of Health will manage data. Accenture, a professional services company, and Salesforce, a global leader in customer relationship management, are implementing support center capabilities. We applaud this extraordinary joint effort between state government and private entities. In addition, we urge all of our residents who receive a call from CTC workers to cooperate fully with the program so that our communities can begin to take the offensive against this terrible pandemic.



CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY APR. 24TH AT A DISTANCE

GUEST OP-ED

A long road behind us, a longer road ahead

By Brian Arrigo

It's now a month that our favorite restaurants, gyms, theaters, and gathering places have been shuttered. For the most part, we've stayed indoors, isolated from relatives and friends. Zoom conferences have become the closest thing to face-to-face contact with business associates. When we venture out for basic necessities like food shopping, we wait, distant and wary of the others in line.

It is understandable that our current state of mind runs the gamut from depression, discouragement, and worry, to restlessness, to boredom and frustration.

Unfortunately, it's going to be this way for a while. I wish I could tell you something different, but we must never let truth become a casualty of Covid-19. The truth, right now, hurts.

Schools are closed for the remainder of the school year. Pretty much all public activities scheduled for May and June are, or will be, cancelled. We are probably months away from seeing our favorite professional sports teams return to action—if they return at all this season. The summer of 2020 will be unlike any we

have ever experienced.

Right now, we are in the throes of the "surge" that public health authorities have predicted for weeks. This means that the number of positive Covid-19 diagnosis will continue to grow. It means that hospitalizations will increase. And, sadly, it means that many more people will die.

If you have any doubts about the severity of our circumstance, reread the previous paragraph.

Our best efforts at quarantine and the habit of washing hands, keeping distant, wearing face coverings, and cleaning surfaces can keep those terrible statistics within some sort of acceptable empirical computation, but nothing will reduce the reality of personal suffering that underlies those growing numbers. That is sober reality.

But the small steps each of us takes will lead us through these treacherous times. When we consider the consequences of this disease, the sacrifices we are asked to make are small, indeed.

The sacrifice everyone has made during the last month has helped our medical community withstand the crush of Covid-19 illness. People are alive be-

cause each of us took the warnings to heart and followed the guidelines that have been trumpeted for weeks.

But if we do not persevere with our sacrifice, then all of it will be wasted. We still face a disease that has no cure and can spread rapidly and wildly from people who aren't even aware they carry it.

The news stories tell us that some people have decided that the sacrifice, the restraint on personal liberty, the inconvenience of it all just isn't worth it. They've decided, recklessly, that a face covering and social distancing is meaningless. Such irresponsible behavior is a menace.

Keep this in the forefront of your mind: those who flaunt and ignore the public health restrictions are a danger to you, just as surely as if they pointed a loaded gun at you. Arrogant disregard for public health precautions imperils you and your family. It can kill.

As the nicer weather arrives in the coming months, it will be more challenging for all of us to follow the restrictions that have protected us thus far. While we take heart that self-quarantine and social distancing has helped slow the spread

of Covid-19, it is imperative that every one of us appreciate that we must continue these practices. Even as some government-ordered restrictions are relaxed in the coming weeks, we cannot and must not relax our personal vigilance and caution. As the steps we have taken to this point have been careful, so also must every step ahead of us be taken wisely. Washing hands, social distancing, wearing a mask—every act helps.

Covid-19 already has taken a terrible toll on our public health, our economy, and our psyche. The anguish is real, and takes a different form for everyone. But there is strength, and survival, when we join together. Our community has responded bravely to the dire calls for sacrifice, and I trust we all will continue to do so.

Like every one of you, I dream of the time that this will be behind us, that life resumes a pace where we are unafraid of what lurks ahead. That time is not at hand today, but as we keep taking small and careful steps together, that time will arrive.

Brian Arrigo is the Mayor of the City of Revere.

GUEST OP-ED

Cleaner Air, Cleaner Water, Healthier Communities: An Agenda for the Environment and Public Health

By Joe Gravelle

Harvard's School of Public Health just published a study proving what those of us living in Revere, Chelsea and Saugus already know - that even small increases in air pollution lead to dramatically higher risks from COVID-19. This is part of why working-class neighborhoods like ours are the hardest hit.

Even before this pandemic, air pollution has been linked to tens of thousands of deaths annually - a toll that has only increased as the Trump administration has rolled back critical air quality protections.

Revere, Chelsea and Saugus are especially vulnerable to environmental hazards.

From the Wheelabrator plant in Saugus, to the continued unchecked expansion of Logan Airport without proper mitigation, to escalating tailpipe emissions due to underinvestment in public transportation, to proposed new fossil fuel infrastructure, working-class communities like ours bear the brunt of environmental burdens.

As such, the next State

Representative for the 16th Suffolk District must push for an aggressive agenda to make Massachusetts cleaner, greener, and more sustainable - for the sake of the environment, and for public health.

If elected, you can count on me to fight for cleaner air and public health, through these important priorities:

Clean, renewable energy: Massachusetts must move rapidly to 100% clean, renewable energy. By doing this, we can make our air and water cleaner, combat climate change, protect coastal communities, and create thousands of good jobs.

The manufacturing and installation of solar panels is already one of the fastest growing industries in the country, and we can strengthen it locally by removing unnecessary caps on solar production in Massachusetts. We can also become a global leader in offshore wind. We need to kickstart these industries and hasten the transition to clean energy by opposing any new fossil fuel infrastructure.

Stronger environmental enforcement: When the

Wheelabrator plant keeps residents of Revere and Saugus awake at night, remember that these risks increase due to understaffing of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). After the last recession in 2008, DEP was hit by a round of staff retirements, and these employees were never properly replaced. We now have the lowest staffing level in 12 years at the agency whose job it is to make sure our air is clean and our water is safe.

We are about to enter into another challenging period with the state budget. But when we get to the other end of this - and we will - we cannot repeat the same mistakes we made after the last recession and keep up austerity budgets. We need to properly invest in environmental protection, and make sure we dedicate at least 1% of the state budget to the environment.

Zero-waste: Massachusetts must pursue zero-waste policies, so there's less of a need for facilities like a trash-burning incinerator in the first place. There are several tools we could use to do this, such as pol-

icies that promote producer responsibility, and those that encourage reuse and recycling.

Reforming land use and transportation: The average resident of Massachusetts drove 30% more miles per person in 2017 than they did in 1981. Between underinvestment in public transportation, poor land use policies, and the explosive expansion of ride-hailing services like Uber and Lyft, pollution from tailpipe emissions is escalating around the state. Smarter land use and proper investment in transportation will help make our air cleaner and reduce carbon emissions while making Greater Boston more livable and economically productive.

Defining environmental justice: The state constitution declares that all residents have the right to be protected from environmental pollution. But in reality, low-income communities are likelier than wealthier ones to be home to facilities like Wheelabrator, fossil fuel infrastructure, and other environmental hazards. We need to define environ-

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REVERE THROUGH THE YEARS

10 years ago
April 20, 2010

The FBI is looking into the genesis of the anti-Semitic Internet advertisement attempting to denounce Ward Councilor candidate Corey Abrams because he is Jewish. The Internet video was replete with yellow Jewish stars, offensive words, and anti-Semitic labels superimposed on Abram's image and that of his family while music playing in the background was that of Fiddler on the Roof.

A down real estate market didn't stop a record sale at the St. George's condominium building recently, and one Beach realtor said the market on Revere Beach is holding its own. Century 21 Revere realtor Michael Benevento reported that he recently sold a condo in the St. George for a record \$500,000 – the highest anyone has ever paid in the building for a unit. The buyer is a man from Boston and he chose a seventh-floor unit with an ocean view.

Beachmont's Teresa Santiano-McHatton, a senior at Revere High School

who has been the top student in her class for the last four years and is the front-runner for this year's valedictorian, has been accepted to Princeton University, Columbia University, Brown University and MIT, among seven other schools.

"Date Night," "The Back Up Plan," and "Oceans" are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago
April 26, 2000

The City Council unanimously approved authorization for the city to borrow \$33.5 million for construction of a new West Revere school complex. A new elementary and middle school will be built at the corner of Newhall and Sargent Sts., next to the existing A.C. Whelan School, which will be torn down. Mayor Thomas Ambrosino, a driv-

ing force behind the project, gave an impassioned speech to the council before the vote.

A group of 29 RHS students who were on a spring break trip to Cancun, Mexico, were left stranded in Dallas when winds toppled a radar tower at the airport, shutting it down.

A man claiming to have a gun held up the Bank Boston branch in the Northgate mall and made off with \$2000 Monday afternoon.

"Erin Brockovich," "Road to El Dorado," and "Love and Basketball" are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago
April 25, 1990

After nearly a decade of warnings, a 47 year-old Saugus woman was gravely injured when a large chunk of concrete crumbled from the antique bridge at Lynn St. on the Revere/Malden line and plunged through her windshield.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Francis X. Bellotti has announced he is opposed to a sewage sludge incinerator being located by the MWRA at Rowe's Quarry.

The City Council has been cool to Mayor George V. Colella's call for consolidation of various city departments.

Vincent J. Catizone is the new President of the ITAM Seniors.

"Miami Blues," "The Guardian," and "Pretty Woman" are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago
April 23, 1980

Mayor George V. Colella has asked the City Council to convene a special meeting for the purpose of discussing the Revere Beach project and the prospect of 100 percent valuation.

Rev. William C. Wilson is the new Vicar of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The Revere Historical and Cultural Commission unveiled a series of his-

torical plaques and photographs in City Hall Sunday night.

John C. Russo is the new Exalted Ruler of the local Elks.

John Ritter and Anne Archer star in "Hero at Large" at the Kincade Theatre.

50 years ago
April 23, 1970

A six-month drug investigation by state and local police resulted in a series of raids Friday night that yielded 18 arrests. The raiding party of 15 State Troopers and 30 local officers was the largest ever conducted in this city. Revere Det. Michael Casoli, who heads the Revere Police vice and narcotics squad, said the raids were aimed at pushers. The largest cache was found at 70 Shirley Ave., where five men were arrested and a sizeable amount of heroin and cash were seized.

Citizens filled the First Congregational Church for funeral services for the late Clarence R. Borden, the city's Tax Collector, who died Saturday morning at the Grover Manor Hospital following a lengthy illness. Borden was 65. He had served as the city's Tax Collector since 1938.

Mayor George V. Colella has named Mrs. Lucy Christoforo as Acting Collector of Taxes.

The Mass. House has defeated a bill that would raise the mandatory minimum salary for a public school teacher from \$5750 to \$7000.

RHS senior Anita Scopa has been named the winner of the VFW Voice of Democracy Scriptwriting contest. Scopa wrote and recorded a five minute speech on the topic, "Freedom's Challenge."

John D. Graham is the new Exalted Ruler of the local Elks.

Miss Olga Mafera, a teacher in the local schools since 1927 and the retired Dean of Girls in the Revere school system, was feted to a retirement banquet at the

Town Lyne House in Lynnfield.

"Oliver" is playing at the Winthrop Cinema.

60 years ago
April 21, 1960

Revere Democrats gave their endorsement overwhelmingly to Mass. U.S. Senator John F. Kennedy and local Republicans endorsed Vice President Richard M. Nixon in Tuesday's Presidential primary election. Revere residents William J. Hartigan won election as Democratic State Committeeman and Katherine E. Collins won election as the Democratic State Committeewoman from this district.

Three fires on Friday, two within a half hour of each other, caused \$18,000 in damage. All three are being investigated by the State Fire Marshal's office.

Richard Cardinal Cushing confirmed 237 boys and girls at Immaculate Conception parish last week.

A bill before the State Senate to assess the MTA's deficit based upon the populations of the 14 cities and towns in the MTA district would result in a doubling of the assessment upon Revere.

The School Committee has approved a calendar for a school year of 185 days for next year.

Michael Riley of 60 Park Ave. was the winner of the Shurtleff School Science Fair for his exhibit of a clay model of the heart and respiratory system.

Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh star in "Who Was that Lady" at the Revere Drive In. Richard Burton and Barbara Rush star in "The Bramble Bush" at the Revere Theatre.

70 years ago
April 27, 1950

Gov. Paul A. Dever has proclaimed May 1 as Loy-

alty Day in Massachusetts. Revere Mayor John M. Liset has declared that citizens no longer can view the Reds with tolerance in this nation.

The School Committee held yet another secret session Tuesday evening, meeting with the school physicians and dentists behind closed doors from which the public was barred.

Contractors for the new veterans housing project on Cooleage Ave. met with the City Council to answer charges that the firms were not adhering to the terms of their contract to hire only union labor with preference to be given to Revere veterans.

City Manager Edward C. Monahan said he will be applying for federal grants to be used in the planning of future development projects in Revere.

Mickey and Richard Golub, eight and nine years old, won the Massachusetts State Roller Skating championships held last week at the Revere Arena. They are the youngest sister and brother skaters in New England to hold a state title.

Robert Cummings, Lizabeth Scott, and Diana Lynn star in Paid in Full at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

James G. Phillips is the new Commander of the Beachmont Post 6712, VFW. Sylvia G. Waldron is the President of the Ladies Auxiliary.

State health officials have warned whooping cough has soared to its highest levels since 1945 with 776 cases reported in the state last month. They have urged all children to receive their vaccinations immediately.

Police Chief Colin A.W. Gillis reminds all local motorists that their cars must be inspected this month.

Gary Cooper stars in "The Westerner" at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

80 years ago
April 25, 1940

Consumers of electricity in Revere and Winthrop will see lower electric rates after officials of the Suburban Gas and Electric company met with city and town officials to offer reduced rates.

Miss Mary M. Buckley was the grand prize winner of a new Glenwood Gas Range at the annual Revere Journal Cooking School, sponsored by the Suburban Gas and Electric Co., that was held before capacity crowds for three nights at the City Hall auditorium.

Mayor Laurence Gillis and the Chamber of Commerce are urging every resident to participate in the annual city wide spring clean-up campaign that will get underway this week.

The School Committee has rejected a proposal by School Supt. Carl Lindstol that would have eliminated the position of Athletic Director and made all coaches answerable to the school principals.

Three armed gunmen in a bold daytime robbery held up the manager and seven employees of the bowling alleys at the Nautical Recreation Center and made off with \$71 in cash. The robbers forced the employees to remove their trousers and crouch behind a counter.

The Revere High debating team hosted the Boston Latin team to debate the timely topic, Resolved: That the U.S. should adopt a strict policy of military and economic isolation toward all nations outside the Western Hemisphere.

Mae West and W.C. Fields star in "My Little Chickadee" at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

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at home!



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Richard J. O'Donnell

Retired RHS Business Education teacher

Richard J. O'Donnell, 1949–2020, a lifelong resident of Revere and a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1967, Suffolk University, Class of 1971, started teaching Business Education classes at Revere High School and taught until his retirement in 1971. He was a lifelong member of the Revere Moose Club and enjoyed watching the Red Sox and Patriots.

He leaves behind one sister, Maureen DeFrehn and was predeceased by

his mom and dad, Stephen P. and Dorothy (Leslie) O'Donnell and brothers, Michael O'Donnell and Stephen O'Donnell. He was a great uncle to his many nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

Due to current restrictions on social gatherings, a celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Parkinson's Research or Covid 19 fund. For condolences www.BisbeePorcella.com.

Richard 'Richie' Cecere, Jr.

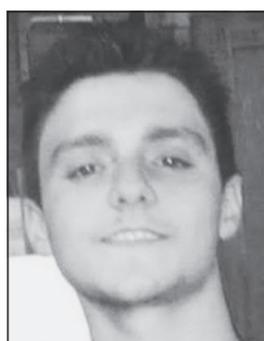
Apprentice electrician

Funeral Services will be held privately for Richard J. "Richie" Cecere, Jr. who died on Tuesday April 14 at the Massachusetts General Hospital, after suffering a severe asthma attack at home on Monday morning, April 13. He was 21 years old.

Richie lived in Revere all of his life and was educated in Revere Public Schools. After high school, Richie began to work for his uncle, Revere Firefighter Michael G. Amore in his electrical business, Amore Electric. He looked up to his uncle as being the biggest role model in his life and he had a positive impact on Richie. Richie began his career as an Apprentice Electrician alongside his uncle. He also had aspirations of joining the Revere Fire Department like his uncle and his grandfather, Gerald "Gerry" Amore.

Richie had a real knack for repairing anything as he was talented with his hands and was extremely mechanically inclined. Richie was also involved with both riding and repairing dirt bikes. Among other things, he had a deep affection for animals, especially dogs. He will always be remembered as being an individual with a great sense of humor, big heart and he was always sweet and kind to everyone he met. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 61.

The loving son of Kathleen R. Amore and Richard J. Cecere, Sr., he was the cherished brother of Alexa R. Amore, Christopher J. Cecere and Brianna Bonno, all of Revere; proud grandson of Ret. Revere Fire



Department Lt. Gerald A. Amore and his wife, Kathleen A. of Revere and the late Mary Cecere; adored uncle of Haley Grasso; beloved nephew of Christine M. Malley and her husband, Revere Police Lt. Glenn Malley of Danvers, Jennifer E. Amore-Angiulo of Revere, the late Revere Firefighter Michael G. Amore and his wife, Jillene Amore of Danvers, Krista Cecere and Stephen Cecere, both of Revere; treasured cousin of Anthony M. Amore, Nicole Amore, Jessica Malley, Cassidy Malley, Dominic Amore, Brooklynn Amore, Anthony P., Nickolas, Michael and Joseph Angiulo and he also leaves many other loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, Funeral Services and Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett will be private. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Northeast Animal Shelter, 347 Highland Avenue, Salem, MA 01970. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com. Funeral Arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

Gloria Hurley

Member of many social and civic organizations

Funeral Services and Interment were held privately due to the ongoing COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic for Gloria A. (Vitale) Hurley, who died on Saturday, April 18 at the Katzman Center for Living in Chelsea due to Covid-19 Coronavirus. She was 85 years old.

Gloria was a lifelong Revere resident. She was a proud graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1952. Gloria married Paul M. Hurley and the couple remained in Revere where they raised their only child, Jill E. Hurley.

Gloria was a homemaker and also proprietor of Jilly's Lounge in Chelsea. During Gloria's life, she loved traveling with her daughter, friends and family. Gloria's extensive travels took her all over the world where she experienced various cultures, foods and experiences one can only imagine. She and her daughter owned a condominium in Aruba that she loved to visit frequently. She was known for being a fashionable woman and loved nice things. She also loved to dine out at nice restaurants and was extremely kind and generous to all she loved.

Gloria had a vibrant personality and was extremely social. She belonged to many social clubs such as the Women of the Moose Revere Lodge #716, Patriots Civic Club and Revere Society of Historic & Cultural Preservation and the



Rossetti - Cowan Senior Center.

She was the devoted and beloved wife of the late Paul M. Hurley, together they shared 50 years of marriage; loving and cherished mother of Jill E. Hurley of Revere; dear sister of the late Laura A. Cataldo, Vincent Vitale, Phyllis A. Marino, Maryann D'Agresta and Lucy A. Patti; fond niece and best friend of Patti A. Fernandez and her husband, Richard F. of Revere and she is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews and by many treasured lifelong friends. Gloria's daughter, Jill will be forever grateful to the staff at The Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home / Katzman Center for Living for the wonderful care and attention they showed Gloria each and every day.

Funeral Services and interment were private. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com. Funeral Arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio and Smith, Home for Funerals.

Elaine 'Honey' Thomas

Dedicated wife, mother and daughter

Funeral Services and Interment were held privately due to the ongoing COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic for Elaine A. "Honey" (Benedetto) Thomas, who died on Friday, April 17 at the Katzman Center for the Living in Chelsea. She was 81 years old. Elaine's death comes just 11 days after her husband's passing on April 6. The couple shared 53 years of marriage. A Memorial Funeral Mass will be held at a later date at St. Michael the Archangel Chapel at Chelsea Soldier's Home in Chelsea and will be announced at a later time.

Elaine was born and raised in Chelsea. She was a graduate of Chelsea High School, Class of 1956. Elaine married Lee F. Thomas on April 16, 1966 and the couple made their home in Revere where they raised their daughter, Leigh Anne.

Elaine was a dedicated wife, mother and daughter caring for her family throughout her life. She worked in the Guidance Department at Martignon High School in Cambridge where she valued the many friendships she made over the years.

Elaine was affectionately known as "Honey," a nickname that portrayed her personality for the loving and graceful ways she lived her life and through her faith. She was a cherished member of St. Mary's Church in Revere. Elaine enjoyed shopping and



spending time with her family and lunches with her friends.

She was the beloved wife of 53 years to the late Lee F. Thomas, proud and loving mother of the late Leigh Anne (Thomas) Zarella; devoted daughter of the late Anthony T. and Dorothy F. (McCarthy) Benedetto; dear sister of the late Thomas G. Benedetto and his wife, Evelyn Benedetto of Revere and Robert A. Benedetto and his late wife, Joan; adored surrogate grandmother of Mark V. and Michael R. Zarella, both of Woodcliff, NY and the cherished aunt of Robin M. Brickley and her husband, Craig of South Yarmouth, formerly of Everett. She is also lovingly survived by her loyal and kind caregiver, Guerdy Pierre of Medford and by many lifelong loving friends, nieces and nephews.

The family extends a heartfelt appreciation to the staff of the Katzman Family Center for Living for their kindness and care of Elaine as well as the Leonard Florence Memory Care staff for the years of care and kindness they afforded Elaine. Immediate Funeral Services were private. A Memorial Mass will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be to the Katzman Family Center for Living, 17 Lafayette Ave., Chelsea, MA 02150. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com. Funeral Arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio and Smith, Home for Funerals.

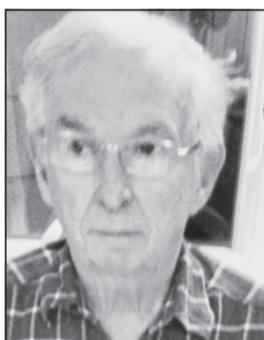
William Barnes

Longtime owner of Barney's Tires in Malden

William "Bill" Barnes of Saugus, formerly of Revere, died on April 12 at the age of 87.

After high school Bill proudly enlisted in the US Marine Corps where he received the Korean Service Medal with 4 stars, United Nations Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal for his efforts in the war. Bill was the owner of the Barney's Tire Centers in Malden for many years and was the past president of the Malden Rotary and the recipient of the Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow Award.

The beloved husband of 66 years to Julia (Annese), he was the devoted father of Ronald Barnes and his companion, Karen Sayles of Ipswich and Kevin Barnes of Saugus; dear brother of the late Edward Barnes and Winifred Annese and is also



survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

In accordance with the CDC's current restrictions on gatherings due to Covid-19, all services will be held privately. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Bill's memory to the Jimmy Fund, P.O. Box 970025, Boston, MA 02297. For guest book, please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Linda Lanciani

She will be forever in the hearts of her loved ones

Linda Lanciani, 71, of Peabody, formerly of Revere, passed away Saturday, April 18.

Linda worked as a regional distribution manager for the Boston Globe. Her true passion in life was her devotion to family. Those who were blessed with the opportunity to know her, would say that she was always selfless and a best friend to all. As time goes on without her, we cherish millions of happy memories that hold thousands of silent tears. Shall we exchange loving smiles in everlasting memory of a true angel that we are all so saddened to have lost. She will always be remembered as a loving daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. And most of all, as a friend. She will be in our hearts, always and forever.

She was born in Revere on July 10, 1948 to Mary (Vasile) and the late father Luis DeSantis. Beloved wife of Dennis Lanciani, she was a loving mother to Kim of Revere, Kellie and her husband of Worcester,



Shawn and his wife, Susan of Malden and Chris and his wife, Luciana of Newton; cherished sister to Louis of Florida, Frank of Connecticut, Joseph of Revere and Ruth of Peabody; adored grandmother of Darius, Tia, Kayleen, Ahkeem, Mariana, Gigi, Anthony, Becca, and Gabby. She also was loved by her six great-grandchildren.

In accordance with the CDC's current restrictions on gatherings due to Covid-19, all services will be held privately. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. Family and friends are encouraged to leave a message or share a memory in the online guestbook at www.buonfiglio.com.

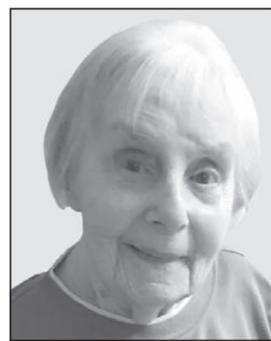
Dorothy Ventola

Of Wilmington, formerly of Revere

Dorothy I.(Doucette) Ventola of Wilmington, formerly of Revere, died on April 14 at the age of 91.

She was the beloved wife of the late Peter E. Ventola, Retired RFD; devoted mother of Petrice Ranno and her husband, Joseph of Wilmington, Peter Ventola and his wife, Karen of Windham NH, and Pamela Padovani of Swampscott; cherished grandmother of Gina, Lindsay, Peter, Marina, Gerald, and the late Joseph Peter Ranno and she also leaves one loving great-grandchild, Lily.

In accordance with the CDC's current restrictions on gatherings due to Covid-19, all services will be held privately. At the family's request and in lieu



of flowers, please consider planting a tree in Dorothy's memory at alivingtribute.org or make a donation to St Jude Children's research Hospital 501 St Jude place Memphis, TN 38105-9959. Interment will be in Wildwood Cemetery Wilmington. Please sign the guest book or share a memory www.Buonfiglio.com.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Robert A. Osgood Jr.

— APRIL 20TH —

Lovingly and Sadly Missed, Mom, Dad & Family xox

12th Year Memoriam
Vincent DiGregorio
April 28th, 2008 April 28th, 2020



Many happy memories we carry within our hearts

And vow never to forget them and never grow apart. Always Loved... Always Missed...

Your Grandsons Thomas, Joseph & John-Vincent

Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus.

May those who are infected receive the proper treatment and the comfort of your healing presence.

May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded from the onslaught of the virus.

Give solace to those who grieve the loss of loved ones.

Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health,

Help us to rise above fear. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and in the name of your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

OBITUARIES

Dominic Angelo Suppa

AKA 'The Yodeling Mainman of Cambridge'

 Dominic Angelo Suppa of Revere, formerly of Medford, passed away on April 18 at the Katzman Center for Living.



Dominic attended Bowling Green State University and then served in the United States Air Force. He was a veteran of the Korean War. He went on to work for the United States Postal Service until his retirement.

Dominic was known as the yodeling mailman of Cambridge. He was happiest when spending time with family and friends sharing good food and good wine. Dominic loved the beach especially his time spent on the shores of Revere Beach, Florida, and Aruba. He will truly be missed by all.

Dominic was born in Winchester on May 31, 1931 to the late James and Victoria (Stella) Suppa. He was the beloved husband of Marie (Mastrain) Suppa, the loving father of Lorraine Suppa of Revere, James Suppa and his companion, Maria Misiano of Wakefield and husband to their late mother, Teresa Polsonetti Suppa. Papa

Dominic was the cherished grandfather of Nicholas Suppa of Chelsea. He was the stepfather to Adriana Tringale and her husband, Ronald of Rowley, the caring brother of the late Mary Falzano, Andrew Diapella, and Frank Diapella and is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

All services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dominic's name to the Alzheimer's Association of Watertown, MA or St. Jude's Children Research Hospital of Memphis, TN. Family and friends are encouraged to leave a message or share a memory in the online guestbook at www.buonfiglio.com.

Joan Larsen

Former Secretary at Paul Revere School

Joan M. (Leardo) Larsen passed away peacefully in the tender presence of her God on Tuesday, April 14 at the Eastpointe Rehabilitation Center in Chelsea following a long battle with Lewy Body Dementia & Parkinson's Disease. She was 73 years old.



Joan was born in Cambridge and became a lifelong Revere resident. She was a graduate of Immaculate Conception School, Class of 1964. Joan married Robert H. Larsen on February 10, 1968 and they remained in Revere where they began their life together and raised their four daughters. Joan was a dedicated wife and mother, proudly caring for her family and her home. She worked for approximately 20 years for Dr. Leo P. Corey, D.D.S. Pediatric Dental Office as a secretary, later becoming the office manager. She went on to become a secretary at the Paul Revere School for 10 years before being forced to retire due to her progressive disease.

Joan loved spending her summers with her husband at their condo in Laconia, New Hampshire where they enjoyed spending time at the pool and playing cribbage poolside. She was a talented tennis player, played many tennis games with her fellow condo residents and won many games against her opponents, including the men who challenged her.

Joan had a gift to warm any room with her bright and beautiful smile. She proudly helped care for her mother in her later years. She often checked on friends and neighbors making sure they were "ok" and if they needed anything.

She was the devoted wife of Retired Massport Fire Chief Robert H. Larsen of Revere, sharing 52 years of unconditional love; cherished and proud mother of Susan M. Lemole and her husband, Peter D. of Peabody, Karen A. Raso and her husband, Marc A. of Tewksbury, Robin A. McLaughlin and her husband, Revere Firefighter Peter F. of Saugus and Janis M. Marshall and her husband, Adam J. of Peabody; adored grandmother of Mandi, Ryan, Daniel, Sarah, Arianna, Anthony, Emily, Richie and Emma; dear sister of Richard G. Leardo and his wife, Marilyn of Walpole, her twin sister, Jean M. LaQuaglia and her husband, Ronald J. of Revere and Anne M. Foster and her husband, Kenneth of Peabody. She is also lovingly survived by many loving nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

As a mother, she always attended any activity or games her children were involved in. She was a devoted parishioner and Eucharist Minister at Our Lady of the Airways Chapel at Boston Logan International Airport and St. Mary's Church in Revere.

Joan loved spending time with her family; that was always most important. She was an avid bowler and belonged to several bowling leagues and was the captain of her teams as well. She had a deep love and affection for New England Sports and would often have family gatherings watching games together. Many people knew that Joan was always a huge fan of her Wonderful Family Disney Vacations. Her warm and loving ways is how she will always be remembered, as well as being a strong woman of faith.

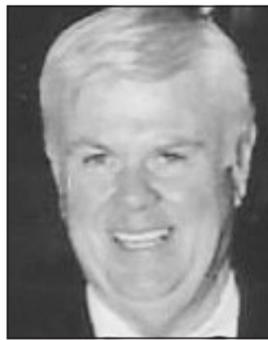
Funeral Services and Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett was held privately due to the current pandemic. Remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-9959. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com. Funeral Arrangements under the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

Lee Thomas

Retired Revere Schools teacher and guidance counselor



Funeral Services and interment were held privately due to the ongoing COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic for Lee F. Thomas, who died on Monday, April 6 at the Chelsea Soldiers Home in Chelsea following a long illness. He was 81 years old. A Memorial Funeral Mass will be held at a later date at St. Michael the Archangel Chapel, Chelsea Soldiers Home and will be announced at a later time.



Lee was born in Chelsea and was raised and educated in Revere. He was a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1956 and was a varsity athlete and excelled in sports. He was a graduate of Suffolk University earning a bachelor's degree in education and later a master's degree in counseling and psychology from Boston State College. Lee was a very proud U.S. Army Veteran honorably serving the country he loved.

In 1956, he married his wife, Elaine A. "Honey" (Benedetto) and the couple remained in Revere where they raised their only daughter, Lee Anne. He served during the Vietnam Conflict and was honorably discharged in 1969.

Lee had a long and meaningful career with the Revere Public School System that spanned over 40 years. He was both a teacher and guidance counselor. Lee had the distinct honor of making an impact on many students through his tenure. Many students became his friends and very often the students always held him in very high regard.

Lee and Honey sustained the very painful and tragic loss of losing their daughter, Leigh Anne on February 8, 2011 from Breast Cancer. We are comforted to know that after Lee's passing on April 6, Honey joined him on April 17. They are all together in heaven reunited with their daughter.

Lee enjoyed weekly gatherings at Richardson's Ice Cream with his lifelong friends.

He was the devoted and loving husband of Elaine A. "Honey" (Benedetto) Thomas of 53 years; loving and proud father of the late Leigh Anne (Thomas) Zarella; adored surrogate grandfather to Mark V. and Michael R. Zarella, both of Woodcliff, NJ and the cherished uncle of Robin M. Brickley and her husband, Craig of S. Yarmouth, formerly Everett. He is also lovingly survived by his loyal and kind caregiver, Guerdy Pierre of Medford.

He was a late member of Knights of Columbus Lodge # 179 and former member and past President of the Greater Boston Guidance Association, Massachusetts Teachers Association.

The family wishes to extend a heartfelt appreciation to the staff at the Chelsea Soldier's Home for their exceptional care and kindness, and because of that, they ask, in lieu of flowers, that remembrances be made to the Activities Fund at the Chelsea Soldier's Home, 91 Crest Ave., Chelsea, MA 02150. Immediate Funeral Services were Private. A Memorial Mass will be announced at a later date. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com. Funeral Arrangements were entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio and Smith, Home for Funerals.

Anita Sybertz

Employee of Skutters, Stevens, & Clark in Boston for 35 years

Anita Sybertz of Tewksbury, formerly of Revere, died on April 18.

Anita worked for 35 years at Skutters, Stevens & Clark in Boston. In her free time, she loved to travel and garden. Spending time with her sisters, nieces and nephews was very important to her.



The beloved daughter of the late Oswald and Elsie (Krebs) Sybertz, she was the dear sister of Pauline Dion and her husband, James of Burlington and the late Arlene DeAmelio, Ruth Sweeney, Martha Emmet and Marie Lyons. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

In accordance with the CDC'S current restrictions on social gatherings due

to Covid-19, all services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Children Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105-9959. Interment will be in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park. Family and friends are encouraged to leave a message or share a memory in the online guestbook at www.Buonfiglio.com.

Louis Rasetta

Second generation member of Local 4, International Union of Operating Engineers



Louis Rasetta of Revere and Somerville passed away on April 15 at the age of 88.



Louis was a highly respected and loved second generation member of Local 4, International Union of Operating Engineers with 65 years of service and a US Army Korean War veteran. Louis touched the hearts of everyone he met and will be dearly missed.

He was born in Boston on July 13, 1931 to the late Louis and Mary (Fabrizio) Rasetta and was the beloved husband of the late Esther (Ortega), devoted father of Linda Moccia and her husband, Robert of Pennsylvania, Louis Rasetta and his wife, Sherri of Norton, Michelle LeVie and her husband, Kenneth of Franklin, Stephen Rasetta and his wife, Karen of Abington and the late Rita Rasetta-Primo and her husband, Anthony of Revere; dear brother of Julia Rasetta and Rita Rasetta, both of Somerville and the

late Sabatino Rasetta and his late wife, Elizabeth. Louis also leaves behind 17 loving grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A loving uncle and friend to many, he was the longtime companion of the late Bernice Shuman.

In accordance with the CDC's current restrictions on gatherings due to Covid-19, all services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Massachusetts Fallen Heroes at www.massfallenheroes.org or Boston Resiliency Fund. Interment in Holy Cross Cemetery. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Barbara Napolitano

Retired Revere School Cafeteria employee

Funeral Services and Interment were held privately due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic for Barbara L. (Kezar) Napolitano, who died on Wednesday, April 15 at Alliance Health at Rosewood in Peabody. She was 85 years old.

Barbara was born in Winthrop, raised and educated in Revere and was a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1952. Two years later, she married the love of her life, Joseph P. Napolitano and the couple made their home in Revere together, where they raised their five children.

Barbara was a proud and devoted mother and wife. When her children became older, Barbara took a position within the Revere School System working in the cafeteria. Barbara held that position for over 10 years. Her heart and love was always with her family, she was the epitome of a "mother." She was a woman of grace and faith. Her humble ways were demonstrated through her actions and the way she lived her life. She enjoyed trips to the casino but always loved being at Revere Beach, one of her fondest places which she enjoyed throughout her lifetime.

In 2002, Barbara and her husband moved to Peabody and she remained there until her passing. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

She was the devoted wife of 63 years of the late Joseph P. Napolitano, who died on Dec. 12, 2017; beloved daughter of the late Nicholas D'Orlando and Dorothy "Dot" (Norton) D'Orlando; loving and proud mother of Joseph P. Napolitano, Jr. and his wife, Lisa of Tewksbury, Nicholas J. Napolitano, Sr.

and his wife, Michelle of Revere, Michael J. Napolitano and his wife, Barbara of Peabody, Gina B. Napolitano of Peabody and the late Lawrence J. Napolitano; adored grandmother of Samantha L. Woolaver and her husband, Derek of Chester, NH, Joseph P. Napolitano, III and his wife, Mackenzie of East Boston, Alicia L. Napolitano of Tewksbury, Michael L. Napolitano, Christopher P. Napolitano, both of Peabody, Nicholas J. Napolitano, Jr., and Kiana N. Napolitano, both of Revere; cherished great grandmother of Camden J., Peyton L., and Madison L. and dear sister of Marjorie A. Martorano of Nashua, NH and the late Patricia R. DiNatalie. She is also lovingly survived by many loving nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Funeral Services and interment were private. Remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-9959 or to the New England Center and Home for Veterans, 17 Court St., Boston, MA 02108.

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OBITUARIES

William 'Owen' Olenik

Longtime employee of Schraff's Candy Factory

William "Owen" Olenik of Revere, 93, died on April 18 at Boston VA Medical Center due to complications caused by Covid-19.

William was born in Charlestown to William Olenik and Hazel (Webb) Olenik and

raised in Charlestown. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran serving on both the USS Edgcombe and the USS Barnwell during WWII. William worked at Schraff's Candy factory for many years. In his free time, he enjoyed playing cards with family and friends, was an avid Boston sports fan and, on occasion, would visit Foxwoods Casino.

He was the beloved husband of the late Bernice "Bunny" (Pisano), devoted father of Kim Mancini and her late husband, Thomas Kulakowski of Revere, Shane of Revere, Cory and his wife, Monica of Everett, Colleen Fisher and her husband, Michael of Connecticut, Tracy Gacicia and her husband, Philip of Hanson, Stacy Olenik and partner,



Maggie Buchan of Saugus and the late Troy Olenik; dear brother of Pauline McLaughlin of Charlestown, Ronald Reeves of Lancaster and Laurie Reeves of Tyngsboro and the late Ada Tibbetts. He is also survived by nine loving grandchildren, four great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

In accordance with the CDC's current restrictions on gatherings due to Covid-19, all services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Patient Activities fund at Chelsea Soldiers Home., 91 Crest Ave, Chelsea, MA 02150. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. For guest book please visit www.Buonfiglio.com.

Rosemarie Guerriero

Lifelong educator

Rosemarie (Moscato) Guerriero, 80, a resident of Revere for 51 years, died on April 9.

Rosemarie grew-up in Everett and was a life-long educator who taught at the Chandler School for Women in Boston, St. Rose High School in Chelsea and Everett High School. She was a graduate of Everett High School, Salem State College and Boston University.

Rosemarie was a wonderful family-centered woman who gave her children and grandchildren unconditional love. In her later years, her grandchildren Karina and Nicholas provided her with much love and joy. She greeted everyone with a smile and was always quick to offer a helping hand to anyone who might need one. Rosemarie was not just a mentor to her students but also to many of her friends and family members. She was a wonderful mother-figure known for her kindness, warmth, generosity and famous Italian storytelling and cooking. Rosemarie loved the holidays, especially Christmas, and never missed a loved one's birthday. She will be deeply missed.

She was the beloved wife



of Nicholas for 50 years, mother of Anthony Thomas Guerriero of Lynnfield and Rosanne Guerriero of Reading and the loving granddaughter of the late Rosina Moscato. She is also survived by her two grandchildren, Karina Rose Olson and Nicholas Anthony Guerriero, her daughter-in-law, Diana Ubinas and her son-in-law, Jim Olson, Jr.

In light of the recent development with COVID-19, all funeral services will be private. A Celebration of Life Memorial Mass will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Rosemarie's name to: The Italian Home for Children. For more information: <http://www.roccofuneralhomes.com>.

Fredy Alberto Ramirez

Great chef who will be sorely missed by all who knew him

Fredy Alberto Ramirez of Revere, formerly of Colombia, passed away unexpectedly on April 10 at the age of 50.

Fredy was a great chef who enjoyed cooking for his family and friends. He was an avid Barcelona football fan who never missed a match. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Goodbye hurts the most when the story wasn't finished.

Born in Santa Rosa De Osos, Colombia to Maria (Gomez) and the late Gonzalo Ramirez, he was the devoted father of Christopher and Brian Ramirez and cherished step father to Duvan Lopera and Mateo Tobon; adored brother of Luz Ramirez, Jader Ramirez and Astrid Ramirez, all of Colombia



and Sandra Ramirez of Revere. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Fredy was a great chef who enjoyed cooking for his family and friends.

In accordance with the CDC's current restrictions on gatherings due to Covid-19, all services will be held privately. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Adolph 'Eddie' Abate & Lucille Abate

Husband and wife, of Winthrop, formerly of Orient Heights East Boston

Funeral services for Adolph E. "Eddie" Abate, 91, and Lucille A. (Viola) Abate, 80, husband and wife, of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston Orient Heights, were held privately together under the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, Revere.

Eddie Passed away on April 8 at the Massachusetts General Hospital, his wife, Lucille, passed one week later on April 15 at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center of Boston, both taken from the COVID - 19 Coronavirus.

The couple shared 35 years of marriage. They lived in Orient Heights in East Boston for many years, before moving to Winthrop in 2007. During their retirement they enjoyed dining out and wintering in Florida. They always cherished being surrounded with family and friends.

Lucille was born and raised in East Boston. She was a graduate of East Boston High, Class of 1957. Lucille worked for the Com-



monwealth of Massachusetts in the Department of Revenue Division, in Boston then later in Chelsea for over 25 years. Lucille was an avid shopper, her family recounts that she would enjoy shopping for anything but especially clothing.

The devoted wife of the late Adolph E. "Eddie" Abate for 35 years, she was the beloved daughter of the late Joseph and Phyllis (Delavora) Viola; dear stepmother of Dr. Thomas Abate and his wife, Fengqun Luo of Revere and the late Candis A. Casaletto; cherished sister of Philip J. Viola of Winthrop, Marie Graziano and her late husband, William of Revere and the late Jean R. Scarino and her late husband,



Raymond Scarino; adored aunt of Cheryl A. Vargus, Charles J. Green, Kenneth W. Green, all of Revere and the late David W. Green and grand aunt of Tiffany and Chloe Green, both of Revere.

Eddie was born and raised in East Boston and educated in Boston Public Schools. He had two children, Candis and Thomas Abate. He was a hardworking man and held several jobs throughout his life. He loved to swim and he was very well known down at the Boston Fish pier where he worked for most of his life. Later in life, he worked as a shuttle bus driver for Budget Rent A Car.

The the devoted husband of 35 years of Lucille A.

(Viola) Abate, he was the loving father of Dr. Thomas Abate and his wife, Fengqun Luo of Revere and the late Candis A. Casaletto; beloved grandfather of Keith Abate of New Hampshire and Taylor Ciampa and her husband, Dennis of Salem; grandfather of Victoria, Nicole, Natalia, Grayson and Devon Ciampa; dear brother of the late Alfred, Alvin, Norma, Carl and Jennie Abate; cherished uncle of Cheryl A. Vargus, Charles J. Green and Kenneth W. Green, all of Revere and the late David W. Green; grand uncle of Tiffany and Chloe Green, both of Revere and several other nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand nephews.

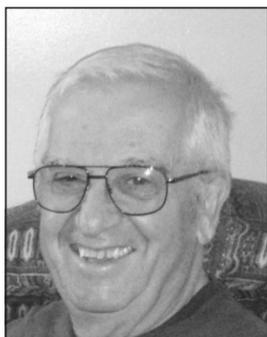
Interment in Winthrop Cemetery, Belle Isle section, Winthrop, In lieu of flowers remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 038105. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandamith.com.

Nicholas Guerriero

Of Revere

Nicholas Guerriero, 86, a 51 year resident of Revere, passed away suddenly on April 19.

He was the beloved husband of the late Rosemarie (Moscato) for 50 years, father of Anthony Thomas Guerriero of Lynnfield and Roseanne Guerriero of Reading; son of the late Anthony Guerriero and Mary (Napolitano); brother of Catherine Cardello and Olympia Mastrocola, both of Everett, the late Philomena DiSessa of Beverly, the late Dominic Guerriero of Everett and the late Pasquale Guerriero of Wakefield; proud grandfather of two grandchildren: Karina Rose Olson and Nicholas Anthony Guerriero. He is also survived by his daughter-in-law, Diana Ubinas and his son-in-law, Jim Olson, Jr.



In light of the recent development with COVID-19, all funeral services will be private. A Celebration of Life Memorial mass will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Mr. Guerriero's memory: American Lung Association of the Northeast and the Northeast Shelter. For more information: <http://www.roccofuneralhomes.com/>

Charles Santoianni

Avid Keno player and Suffolk Downs devotee

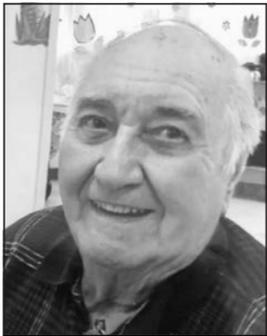
Charles A. Santoianni of Winthrop, formerly of Revere and East

Boston, passed away on April 18.

A US Marine veteran of the Korean Conflict, Charles was an avid Keno player at many establishments in Revere and was a frequent visitor at the Suffolk Downs Race track. May he rest in peace.

He was the beloved husband of the late Margaret (McBeth); companion of the late Katherine Gleason; loving father of Susan Giarratani and her husband, Robert of Winthrop and Tonimarie Hanton and her husband, Joseph of Methuen; dear brother of Robert Santoianni and his wife, Elaine of Peabody. He is also survived by four loving grandchildren: Samantha, Joseph, Robert Alexander and Jamie and one loving great grandchild, Michael James as well as many nieces and nephews.

In accordance with the CDC, Mass. Department of



Public Health, Archdiocese of Boston guidelines and local restrictions on gatherings and congregations due to COVID-19, all services will be held for the immediate family privately. If you have any questions or would like to express your condolences please contact the funeral home during normal business hours or leave a message for the family on the tribute wall.

A memorial mass in celebration of his life will be scheduled for a later date.

Donations in Charles' memory may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project by calling 1-855-448-3997 or by mail at support.woundedwarriorproject.org and download the form to be mailed.

Gina Speziale

Of Revere, formerly of East Boston

Gina (D'Incecco) Speziale, 94, of Revere, formerly of East Boston, passed away on April 18.

She was the beloved wife of the late Santino Speziale, loving mother of Tony "Nunzio" Speziale and his wife Maria of Revere and Alfredo Speziale and his wife, Denise of Millbury; cherished grandmother of Sandra and her husband, John, Mark, Daniella and Alessandro; adored great-grandmother of John "JJ" Jr., Alexandra and Brandon; dear sister of Luciana D'Incecco of Italy and the late Tosca Laguardia, Francesco and Renato D'Incecco. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.



In accordance with the CDC's current restrictions on gathering due to Covid-19, all services will be held privately. Entombment will be in Woodlawn Mausoleum, Everett. For online guest book please visit www.vazzafunerals.com

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the procedures we implemented, referrals have begun and we expect a steady but manageable increase in the number of those who are in need of a safe place to quarantine as part of our strategy to slow community transmission in Revere."

Arrigo spoke about the opening of the site on a virtual town hall broadcast April 16 with Board of Health Chair Dr. Nathalee Kong. It was the second town hall broadcast since the COVID-19 crisis began.

Arrigo called the collaboration with Chelsea "an amazing partnership."

"This site is open to any resident of Revere or Chelsea who has tested positive

[for the virus] and who is referred medically to the Inn," Arrigo told viewers of the broadcast. "We're really grateful for the coordination we've had from our state partners - MEMA has been very helpful, Partners Healthcare has really stepped up to the plate. We have onsite medical experts and healthcare services being provided in those hotel rooms.

Mayor's Office Chief of Staff Robert Marra moderated the forum during which Dr. Kong and Mayor Arrigo responded to a wide range of questions related to coronavirus and its continuing impact on the residents of Revere.

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mental justice in state law, ensuring that lower-income communities aren't overly burdened by environmental hazards compared to wealthier ones.

By taking these steps, we can create a new generation of well-paying jobs, fight against the impacts of climate change, and make our communities more resilient to public health hazards - from pandemics like COVID-19, to everyday challenges like asthma.

When I worked at the State House, I was part of a coalition that successfully fought to hold utility companies accountable for natural gas leaks. I was

also part of the long-running battle to hold the old Salem coal plant to tough environmental standards, before it eventually shut down - much to the benefit of residents' lungs all over the North Shore.

If elected, I will be a leader you can trust to lead on environmental and public health issues.

Joe Gravelle is a candidate in the Democratic primary for State Representative in the 16th Suffolk District (Revere, Chelsea and Saugus) on Tuesday, September 1, 2020. You can visit his website to learn more at www.joegrav.com.

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Governor closes schools for the rest of the year

By John Lynds

Twenty-four hours after the Mass Teachers Association (MTA) called for public school buildings to remain closed for the rest of the year, Gov. Charlie Baker announced that all public and private schools in Revere and Massachusetts will remain closed amid the COVID-19 pandemic for the remainder of the current school year.

Revere Public School Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly said she thinks the Governor made the right call.

“We think the Governor made the right decision in light of the current status of COVID 19, everyone’s efforts to prevent more spreading, and the need to ensure the safety of our staff and students,” said Kelly. “When we built our Remote Learning Plan, we intentionally focused on the ‘what if we can’t reopen’ scenario knowing we’d be able to peel back from that if we did re-open.”

Kelly said Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Commissioner Jeffrey Riley has

indicated that the DESE will release a second “Remote Learning Plan” guidance document soon.

“Once we receive that document, we’ll revisit our Remote Learning Plan (RLP) and make any necessary adjustments,” said Kelly. “Now that we know we won’t be back, we’ll look to provide more detail to the RLP and focus more on how we assist our seniors as they transition to college and the workforce. We’re also focusing on how to leverage the start of next school year to close the learning gaps for kids in grades Pre-K through 11.”

Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo said his office is working closely with Dr. Kelly and her team to communicate next steps for all families and ensure Revere is reaching its students by continuing to support them with as many resources as the City can.

“No one likes the idea of closing schools for the rest of the year but it’s the right decision based on the facts available to us,” said Mayor Arrigo. “We know our residents are facing many challenges right now

and that today’s announcement hits families hard - but our students will return to classes when we are confident that we can provide a safe re-entry plan and that our young people will be met with lesson plans that meet their academic needs. My heart goes out to all the high school seniors who will have a very different senior year experience than our typical traditions - perhaps this too will be part of their new education - adapting and thriving when things don’t go as planned. We’re going to do our best to recognize and celebrate their achievements and accomplishments during this unprecedented time.”

Revere School Committee member Carol Tye also agreed with the decision to keep schools in Revere and the state closed.

“In view of the continuing threat of the pandemic virus, I think that Governor Baker’s decision to cancel school is wise,” said Tye. “Painful, but wise”

However, she expressed heartfelt disappointment for Revere seniors.

“Our current seniors are experiencing a huge loss,”

said Tye. “We are all so sorry that they have not been able to participate in the ‘rites of passage’ associated with the life transition that is graduation from high school. But we view this as a postponement. We are a family, and we are committed to celebrating their many achievements in as many ways as possible in the future - at a time that is safe for all.”

City Council President Patrick Keefe and his wife, Jennifer, have two children, Adrianna, a junior at Revere High, and Patrick III, an eighth grader.

“I’m sure it was a tough decision for Governor Baker,” said Keefe. “For kids to lose a large part of their school year and extracurricular activities is a letdown. For seniors especially, memories they would have created are now overshadowed with this awful pandemic. It really stinks, but it’s the right decision. The students are incredibly resilient and I truly believe something good will come out of this current situation.”

Baker made the announcement Tuesday at

his daily briefing and said all schools in the state will continue remote learning for the rest of the school year to help prevent the spread of the deadly virus.

“It’s the right thing to do considering the facts on the ground associated with the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Baker Tuesday. “We believe students cannot safely return to school and avoid the risk of transmitting this virus to others. We’re making this decision to allow school districts to plan through the end of the year and offer remote learning through the end of the school year. School administrators, principals, and teachers have worked hard to create curriculums and materials and to help their students keep learning at home under these difficult circumstances.”

Baker added that the state’s Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will be prepared for ‘summer learning’ to prevent at-risk students from falling behind grade level. He said the plan will give students a “strong start for all students in the fall”.

On Monday the MTA

released a statement calling for schools to remain closed.

“Out of concern for our students, families, educators and communities, MTA members are demanding that Governor Charlie Baker immediately announce that our school buildings will remain closed and that remote learning will continue in Massachusetts for the remainder of this school year,” said the MTA statement. “That step is essential for the health and well-being of our students and all public education staff.”

The MTA said while educators and other school staff miss their students and their colleagues and the structure of the school day, keeping our students, staff and communities safe must be the highest priority right now.

“Massachusetts has among the highest COVID-19 infection rates in the nation,” continued the statement. “We are in the middle of a surge of cases. Our entire state is an area of great concern to epidemiologists and policymakers at the state and federal levels.”

WAY TO GO, JOE!

Former NE hockey star transports 5,000 pounds of food to Revere

By Cary Shuman

Revere’s Joe Scoppettuolo scored so many goals at Northeast Regional and won so many games and titles that he is being inducted in to the Wakefield’s school Hall of Fame in September.

But last week may have been Scoppettuolo’s biggest career assist, we’re talking Orr-and-Gretzky-like, here. Generously volunteering his time and services and using his own refrigerated truck, Scoppettuolo drove to Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, picked up 5,000 pounds of food (donated by the Patriots) and transported the boxes back to Revere for distribution at a pop-up pantry at the municipal lot on Central Avenue.

“We used my [Revere Dairy] truck to pick up the food and I helped distrib-

ute it,” humbly said Joe, the 48-year-old owner of Revere Dairy, a delivery service of dairy goods and other food items for homes and businesses.

Dimple Rana is letting Joe elude the spotlight on his charitable deed. Rana, who is a member of the COVID-19 emergency response team, worked closely with Scoppettuolo to make the Foxboro-to-Revere 80-mile trek a successful mission. Rana praised Scoppettuolo for coming through for the city in a time of emergency needs.

“Joe was able to go to Gillette Stadium and pick up 5,000 pounds of food which we used for the pop-up food pantry last week,” said Rana. “Joe’s extraordinary act of volunteerism is just amazing. He had an incredible truck and it’s refrigerated and it was exactly what we needed.”

Rana said Scoppettuolo’s “great deed” couldn’t have come at a more important time for Revere residents. “His volunteerism came full circle last week when we were able to feed 200 people here in the city with the donations he picked up. We’re ever so grateful to Joe.”

Scoppettuolo continued his charitable work Tuesday, helping the First Congregational Church of Revere move its food pantry to the city’s central food distribution site at the Rumney Marsh Academy. The Wednesday night food delivery system at the church has been moved to RMA where there will be curbside pickup and walk-up.

Answering the Call

Scoppettuolo was ready on a moment’s notice last Monday after getting the

call. The very next day he and his wife, Erica, were on their way to Foxboro. Because of the social distancing guidelines, Joe and Erica remained in the truck while workers loaded the food – eggs, tomatoes, onions, milk, cheese, potatoes, hash browns, strawberries, yogurt, cottage cheese – in to the refrigerated truck.

When he arrived back in Revere, Rana greeted him and Erica at the parking lot. “Dimple had a mini-army of people to help me unload the truck and sort out the food on tables,” related Joe. “There were three lines of vehicles and we rotated the lines so people could receive the food.”

How does the all-time Northeast Regional hockey great and 1990 graduate feel about helping Revere residents in a time of crisis?

“To be honest, it feels great to help out,” he re-



Joe Scoppettuolo, owner of Revere Dairy, stands adjacent to his company’s refrigerated truck that he used to transport 5,000 pounds of food back to Revere to assist residents in need during the COVID-19 crisis.

sponded. “I just wish things would be back to normal. It makes you feel sad and good at the same time. There were a lot of people that were very appreciative of what we were all doing for them.

“And they definitely needed it and I’m glad that myself and all the other volunteers were there and we could help,” Joe said.

Joe’s wife, Erica, noted that it was a Facebook

post by Councillor-at-Large George Rotondo that got the ball rolling in the endeavor. Ralph DiCicco also inspired Joe to get involved.

Needless to say, Erica Scoppettuolo is quite proud of the man she calls “Joseph.”

“If any resident from Revere wants me to pick up products for them, they can contact me directly at Revere Dairy,” concluded Joe.

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Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA on the application of Bernard J. Schram, Trustee of the 257 Washington Avenue Realty Trust for the purpose of considering the discontinuance and abandonment of a certain portion of Lincoln Street as illustrated on the petitioner’s plan. In accordance with an Executive Order issued on March 12, 2020 by Governor Baker, the public hearing as advertised may be held remotely. Remote meeting participation information will be provided on the City Council agenda for the meeting of May 18, 2020 at least 48 hours in advance of the public hearing, not including weekends or holidays. Alternatively, commentary on this public hearing may be submitted in writing to amelnik@revere.org or by mail to Office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151.
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The City of Revere is currently planning for the use of fiscal year 2020-21 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds. As part of this process, the City of Revere will submit its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or before May 15, 2020 or at such a date thereafter prescribed by HUD. The Consolidated Plan, which has a duration of 5 years, describes the City’s community development priorities and multiyear goals based on assessment of housing and community development needs, an analysis of housing and economic conditions, and available resources. CDBG funds are made available to the City as an entitlement authorized by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Revere anticipates an allocation of \$812,260 in new 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for fiscal year 2020-21. The City is also required to submit an annual Action Plan to HUD. The Action Plan provides information on the needs of low- and moderate-income residents and eligible target areas of the City during the period between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021. The City proposes to

allocate \$651,000 of its 2020 CDBG funds to activities that will help prevent the spread of coronavirus 19 (COVID-19) and facilitate assistance to eligible communities, households, and persons economically impacted by COVID-19. These funds will supplement the \$477,809 CDBG-CV funding the City received from HUD made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Eligible CDBG activity categories include, but are not limited to: Interim assistance, which could assist low- and moderate-income households with rental assistance for no more than three months; Public services, which could include grab and go delivery meal program and programs that support COVID-19 response services; Business assistance programs; Program Administration. By this Notice the City is publishing the following actions to solicit public comment on the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, 2020 Annual Action Plan, and use of CDBG funds:

comment period from April 22, 2020 to April 27, 2020. The draft plan will be posted on the City website: www.revere.org/departments/economic-development. Citizens wishing to provide written comments during the public review and comment period may submit them to Bethany Rosa, CDBG Program Director, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 or BRosa@revere.org.

Public Hearing
In light of the recent COVID-19 pandemic, a virtual Public Hearing will be held on Friday, April 24, 2020 at 12:00PM EDT. Instructions for participating in the virtual hearing will be provided on the City’s website: <https://www.revere.org/departments/economic-development>. The purpose of this Public Hearing will be to invite the general public and representatives of public service agencies to express comments regarding the City’s Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan for community development and housing needs. The Action Plan contains the proposed use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for Program Year 2020, which extends from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and the five-year plan for the time frame 2020-2024. More information on

the Consolidated Plan is available on the City’s website at <https://www.revere.org/departments/economic-development>.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
In accordance with 24 CFR 91.05(c)(2) and subpart B of the federal regulations relative to citizen participation for Community Planning and Development Programs and applicable waivers made available to those requirements through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), the City of Revere is making an amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan available to the public through this notice.

Public Comment Period and Process:
This substantial amendment is available for a 5-day public review and comment period from April 22, 2020 to April 27, 2020. Citizens wishing to provide written comments during the public review and comment period may submit them to Bethany Rosa, CDBG Program Director, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 or BRosa@revere.org.

Amendment:
This is an amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan for the City of

Revere to enable the City to receive and administer \$477,809 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Additional CDBG made available to the City by HUD through the CARES Act is unknown as this time but will be used for the same purpose of the initial allocations indicated above which is to prevent the spread of coronavirus 19 (COVID-19) and facilitate assistance to eligible communities, households, and persons economically impacted by COVID-19. Eligible CDBG activity categories include, but are not limited to: Interim assistance, which could assist low- and moderate-income households with rental assistance for no more than three months; Public services, which could include grab and go delivery meal program and programs that support COVID-19 response services; Business assistance programs; Program Administration. Public notices regarding future amendments to the Consolidated Plan will be printed in local newspapers and posted online on the Office of Strategic Planning &

Economic Development website at <https://www.revere.org/departments/economic-development>. Lastly, as part of this amendment, the County has revised the Consolidated Plan’s Citizen Participation Plan to include the 5-day comment period as indicated above as well as to make other changes. The revised Citizen Participation Plan is available for review on the Office of Strategic Planning & Economic Development website at <https://www.revere.org/departments/economic-development>.

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NOTICE OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23A of Chapter 38 of the General Laws, that a meeting of the Revere Housing Authority will be held in accordance with all Federal, State and local Board of Health COVID-19 precautionary guidelines for social distancing. This meeting will be held virtually via a GoToMeet-

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Public Hearing
Notice is hereby given in accordance Sections 1-40 of Chapter 82 of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 12, Chapter 12.12, Section 12.12.050 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere that the Revere City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday evening, May 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber of Revere City

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CITY OF REVERE
5 YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN/
2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Public Comment Period and Process
The Draft 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan is available for a 5-day public review and

comment period from April 22, 2020 to April 27, 2020. The draft plan will be posted on the City website: www.revere.org/departments/economic-development. Citizens wishing to provide written comments during the public review and comment period may submit them to Bethany Rosa, CDBG Program Director, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 or BRosa@revere.org.

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Background on the Consolidated Plan:
The Consolidated Plan describes the housing and community development needs, as well as activities to address those needs through the City of Revere, as defined and funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As required by HUD, the Consolidated Plan brings together, in one (1) consolidated submission, the planning and application aspects of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). More information on the Consolidated Plan is available on the City’s website at <https://www.revere.org/departments/economic-development>.

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Uncertain Unemployment: New claims face uncertainty, inconsistency and no answers

By Seth Daniel

Those filing new unemployment claims with the state Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) are facing great inconsistencies with their regular payment and the extra \$600 promised from the federal government as part of the CARES Act - and getting through to the state for answers to those questions is increasingly a fool's errand.

This at the same time that the state is running through the Unemployment Trust Fund that pays out the claims at a faster rate than any state in the nation, according to the U.S. Treasury Department figures.

Most new claims began during the last week of March, and those new claims started getting their payments on April 7 for their first week of unemployment (for week ending April 4). Unilaterally, readers of the paper reported they got the \$600 federal bonus in total on April 9 or 10 - two days later. Last week, however, things seemed to change without explanation. Some still got their regular unemployment payment on April 14, but

never got the \$600 bonus. Those who did get it reported that taxes were taken out of it, making it \$510, and the understanding was it was tax-free money.

It has left a tremendous amount of questions - and some still haven't even gotten their first \$600 payment, with notes on their accounts saying they will get it on April 24.

The situation, most say, lacks any consistency or explanation. Those who have tried to call the DUA have gotten nowhere. Those who filled out online request for information/call forms also got no response.

What those frustrated folks did was flock to the Independent News Group's websites - particularly the Chelsea Record and Everett Independent where more than 350 original comments were registered under a story posted on April 9 about the initial procedures for signing up for unemployment - a story that was mostly made up of clear information relayed to the paper from state government. (A typical story on the paper's website would normally get two or three comments a week).

Most of the comments were related to the extra \$600 and why it was taxed one week and not the other, why it didn't arrive in one payment and why it came on random days. Many, many readers were upset about the inability to contact anyone.

"Thank you Chelsea Record and Everett Independent!" wrote reader Robin Vachon. "This is the only article I could find with issues related to receiving both Massachusetts state Unemployment Insurance (UI) and the additional \$600 FPUC. Like many here, I received no notification either by mail or on my UI account before \$600 was deposited to my regular UI prepaid debit account furnished by the state on Thursday, April 9. However I did not receive my next weekly \$600 boost which I assumed would hit my account by Thursday, April 16 or the 17 at the latest. As far as I could tell there is no updated information on any glitches with payments on the DUA website, or anywhere else in the media. This is not only frustrating, but added stress at a time when we don't need it. The

least Massachusetts officials could do is acknowledge the problem for people like us who might have families that rely on our financial support. Thank you again to any reporters who are working on finding some answers."

The newspaper did try to get questions answered about the unemployment issues, particularly because there were so many readers that responded to the stories. Reaching out to the Governor's Office, a spokesperson put the paper in touch with a spokesman for the Department of Labor, Charles Pearce.

He first referred that reporter to a general website, which offered no new information.

Then he denied the paper an opportunity for an interview, saying they would try to answer written questions on the matter. The e-mail exchange went like this.

"Information related to the CARES act and other COVID-19 related unemployment issues can be found at mass.gov/unemployment/covid-19," Pearce wrote.

"I understand that," the paper wrote back. "I've

looked there. I was hoping to do an interview with someone whom I could ask questions of and write a story on. People would really appreciate that and it would go a long way in all of our papers for giving clarity. Let me know."

"If you could send along your questions I will work to get you responses as soon as possible," Pearce replied.

"Is there no one there that can speak to a reporter?" asked the paper.

"Not at this time," wrote Pearce.

The paper did submit a list of about 10 questions that were most frequently asked on its websites, but by press time, neither Pearce nor the Governor's Office had responded to any of the questions.

Pearce, however, did have time to grant an interview to the Wall Street Journal on Tuesday, and it appeared the answers were clearer as to the confusion.

The issue seems to be because Massachusetts is running through its Unemployment Trust Fund at a faster rate than any state in the nation - likely needing to ask the federal government

soon for a loan to cover future claims.

States typically pay regular benefits out of a trust fund that is supposed to be supplied to handle a one-year recession. However, more than 100,000 people apparently applied for unemployment two weeks ago, and since February the state has used up nearly 55 percent of its trust fund for regular UI payments (not the extra \$600 though that is paid by the federal government). That was a much faster rate than any other state in the nation, with New York the closest in going through about 45 percent of its trust fund, according to the U.S. Treasury Department.

The only remedy for the state, according to the Wall Street Journal article, if it runs out of money in the trust fund is to seek a no-interest loan from the federal government to pay out claims.

Pearce told the Wall Street Journal on Tuesday the state "will continue to take any steps necessary to ensure the solvency of the trust fund, including seeking support from the federal government."

Northeast Metro Tech closure extended through end of academic year

Superintendent David DiBarri announces that, in accordance with a new order from Gov. Charlie Baker and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Northeast Metro Tech will remain closed through the end of the 2019-2020 academic year as a precaution against the COVID-19 pandemic.

The statewide closure of schools, originally set to end on April 7 and previously extended to May

4, has been further extended through the end of the school year.

The last day of school at Northeast Metro Tech is scheduled to be June 19.

The extended closure of schools is an unprecedented step in limiting the potential spread of COVID-19 and continuing the practice of social distancing as more positive cases and deaths are announced in the state each day.

The Northeast Student Benefit Fund is currently funding the preparation and delivery of multi course meals daily to students and student families in need, and the district plans to continue this initiative as long as social distancing advisories remain in place through the end of the school year. Students and their families in need of additional resources are also encouraged to call the state's 211 number, which was established by the state to connect people throughout the Commonwealth to information regarding COVID-19 and services they may need throughout the course of the pandemic.

All athletic programs, events and after school

activities will remain suspended and fields will remain closed until further notice.

Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education Jeffrey Riley canceled MCAS for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year across grades 3-10. The Commissioner has not yet made a decision regarding competency determination for high school graduation.

Discussions about events like graduation, prom and academic awards ceremonies will be addressed in the coming days and weeks and further information will be shared as it becomes available.

"It is no surprise, given the extent this pandemic has affected us all, that this decision was announced today by the state, and we at Northeast Metro Tech have been aware that this was a possibility for some time now," Superintendent DiBarri said. "We will provide an update on our remote learning plans moving forward as soon as we receive further guidance from the state; the Northeast family has pulled together throughout this situation

to move forward, continue learning and support one another, and we will continue to do so."

Remote Learning Remote learning will continue through the end of the school year, June 19, and new content will continue to be introduced to students by their teachers.

Commissioner Riley will be releasing additional guidance and recommendations to school districts statewide within the coming days.

Teachers and administrators have worked since the initial school closure to support students' connections to their school community and classwork.

During the school closure, teachers have remained vigilant and mindful of their individual students' needs and have made adjustments according to those needs. Teachers will continue to reach out to students and families on a regular basis throughout the remainder of the school closure.

For more information, visit the district's website at <https://northeastmetrotech.com/>.

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REVERE'S IRON HORSE

DiCarlo has been a diamond presence for a half century

By Cary Shuman

Peter DiCarlo was an All-Scholastic and All-Catholic running back at Immaculate Conception High School in Revere during the tenure of legendary football coach Ronnie Corbett.

DiCarlo, a 1956 IC graduate, would go on to become a legendary coach himself – but his field of expertise has been baseball. This spring DiCarlo is in his 50th consecutive year as a baseball coach and it is a career that cannot be measured solely in victories – but moreso by the instruction and guidance he has given to his players and the positive impact he has had on their lives beyond the diamond.

Coaching his nephew's teams

"I started coaching because of [my nephew] Steven DiCarlo," recalled Peter. "I went down to watch him when he was practicing at the old city field near Bianchi's. Guy Meli was the coach and Steven was a 10-year-old on that team. Before I knew it, I was out there helping Guy Meli, a wonderful person."

The DiCarlo connection stayed intact in the Revere Babe Ruth Baseball League when Peter coached the Bruins and Steven (Oakland Athletics) was one of two incredible pitchers on that team who would eventually be drafted by a Major League Baseball team. The other was a flame-throwing 13-year-old lefthander

named Steve Cushing who was later selected by the Cleveland Indians in the first round of the 1981 amateur draft following a brilliant career at St. Leo's College.

"Those were two players who really blossomed as baseball players in the years to come," said Peter.

In 1976, Peter took over the Revere Senior Babe Ruth (ages 16-18) travel team and held that position for 14 seasons.

"During that time I was also coaching the Bruins so I was coaching two teams at the same time," he said.

DiCarlo coached many of Revere's greatest players on the Senior Babe Ruth team. His 1977 team won the districts, the sectionals, the state championship, and advanced to the New England finals, just one win away from a trip to the World Series.

The '77 roster was loaded with talent. In addition to the incomparable duo of pitchers DiCarlo and Cushing, there was Vin Martelli, who went on to star at Harvard and was drafted by the Cleveland Indians, and Ray Foster ("One of the best second basemen I ever had," said Peter).

Kris Oldoni, director of the Revere Police Activities League, and Paul Dawley, who now sits as the chief justice of the Massachusetts district courts, were among the standouts in the early 1980s. He coached some terrific brother combinations such as the Villanis (Mike and Steven), the Leones (Emilo and John) the

Brights (Ronnie and Brian), and the Busseys (Bernie and Karl).

DiCarlo still raves about the hitting of current Revere schoolteacher Bobby Catinazzo as if it were yesterday. "Wow, what a player. He is in the top three or four pure hitters I had of all time."

Other players that elicited DiCarlo "wows" for their baseball exploits included Chucky Blizzard, Jimmy Chesna, Dave Castellarin, current Revere Parks and Recreation Director Mike Hinojosa (Suffolk), Louie Oliveri (UMass/Amherst), Matt Ferullo (Michigan and New York Mets draft pick) Emilio Leone, Boston Red Sox draft pick Brian Bright, John Leone, and Terence Butt.

He also coached Revere Little League President Ronald LaQuaglia's son, Ronnie ("A very good player," said Peter).

He continued his baseball coaching at Dom Savio High School, leading the Spartans' program from 1989 to 2005 when the school closed its doors.

"Two of the best pure hitters I had at Savio were Chris DiFlumeri and Joey Guarino, who had great hand-to-eye coordination," said Peter.

James Moore of Revere became an All-Scholastic pitcher at Savio. Anthony DiCicco was another excellent pitcher for the DiCarlo-led Spartans. Three members of the fabulous Forbes family of East Boston, John, Michael, and Anthony, all played baseball

for DiCarlo.

Other Savio players tearing it up in the Catholic Central League during the DiCarlo Era were: pitchers Mike McCarthy, Chris DiCicco, and Danny Delia, catcher Chris Orlandella, second baseman Paul Travaglini, shortstop Eric Serino, outfielder Brian Adamson, and power hitter Paul Tedesco.

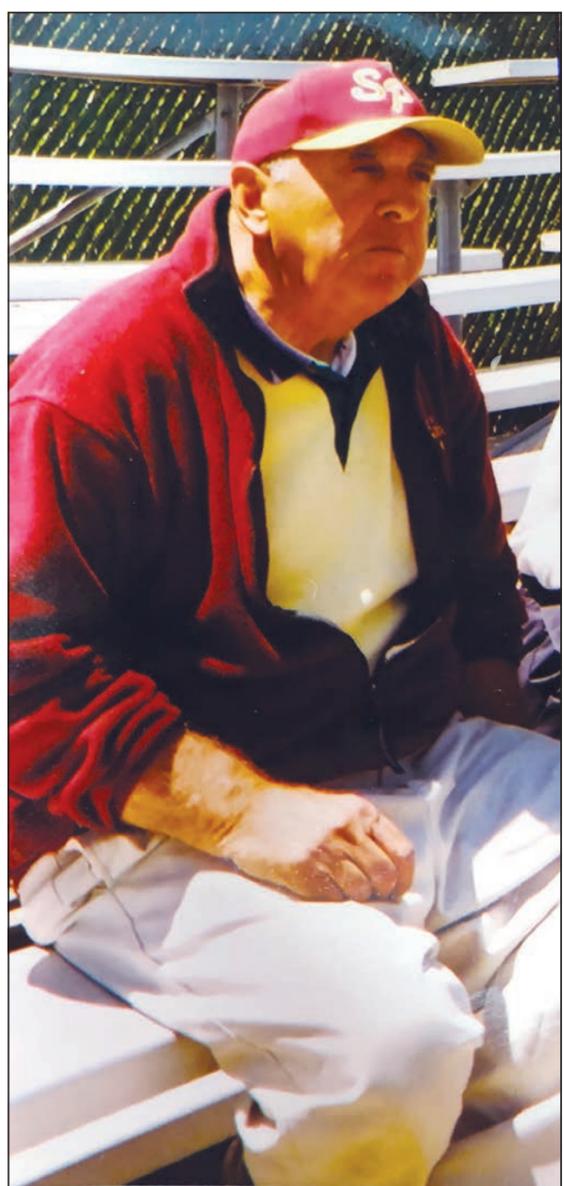
Looking back that memorable time of coaching baseball, Peter said, "I learned a lot of my baseball from the wonderful George Doucette, who coached with me for 30 years. He was a great guy. We were Boston Braves fans. I'm a lifelong Braves fan. I saw Spahn and Sain and I went to the 1991 World Series in Atlanta."

Peter remembers receiving the ultimate compliment from Major League baseball scout Lennie Merullo. "He came to one of my baseball camps at Savio and he said to me, 'You're a real baseball man.'"

Daughter Logan, a three-sport captain

Any story about Peter DiCarlo has to include his stint as the coach of the Revere middle school softball team and having his daughter, Logan DiCarlo, competing as one of the team's best all-around players.

Logan was a talented infielder for the Revere seventh-and-eighth-grade softball team, from which many players went on to help Coach Joe Ciccarello's Revere High team achieve the program's greatest



Coach Peter DiCarlo.

season ever: a Division 1 North sectional championship in 2014, just a few innings away from a trip to the state finals.

An outstanding student and athlete, Logan became a three-sport captain at Revere High and graduated from the highly acclaimed Isenberg School of Management at UMass/Amherst. Now 25, Logan is working in finance and accounting at a Boston firm.

"Those have been my proudest moments, watching my daughter, Logan,

excel in the classroom and on the field and matriculating and graduating from UMass," said Peter.

Peter DiCarlo would be doing what he enjoys most right now - coaching Revere baseball players – if not for the current coronavirus crisis.

But this true gentleman of the game – who coached more than 1,200 players during his illustrious 50-year career - will be back to the baseball diamond soon.

Peter DiCarlo wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

RHS SPORTS Through the Years

10 years ago
April 22, 2010

Silvio Cella, Revere High teacher, athletic director, and head football coach, was remembered as a sports legend during an outpouring of tributes from his former players, colleagues, family, and friends. Mr. Cella died on Wednesday morning, April 14, 2010, after a brief illness. He was 87. Mr. Cella was a standout in football, baseball, and track at Revere High School. He earned All-American honors at Boston University and was a football teammate of Harry Agganis, who went on to play for the Boston Red Sox. He served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. He graduated from BU where he also earned a Master's Degree in Education. In 1950, he became a mathematics teacher at Revere High and was later appointed athletic director, a position he held for 40 years, retiring in 1999. He was the head football coach for many years at RHS, leading his 1971 team to the Division I Super Bowl.

The Revere High baseball team earned its first win of the season with a 4-2 triumph. RHS senior

pitcher Nick DiMare turned in an outstanding game for the Patriots, going all seven innings and allowing just five hits while fanning seven enemy batters. Key hits in the RHS run-producing rallies were delivered by DiMare (who was two for three at the plate on the day) in the opening frame and then in the fifth, by Bryan Robichaud, who produced an RBI double, and Jay Sasso, whose base hit brought across David Krassnoff, who was pinch running for Robichaud. Patriot lead off man Jonathan Chiarelli also had two hits for the Patriots.

The Revere High softball team celebrated Patriots Day in fine fashion by earning its first win for new head coach Joe Ciccarello with an 18-1 triumph over Waltham. Lady Patriot hurler Briana Lauetta went all five frames, allowing just one hit and one walk to earn the victory. Although Revere benefitted greatly from some shoddy fielding by Waltham, the entire lineup contributed to the offensive production, with sophomore DH Courtney Gurska's two-run homer highlighting the Lady Patri-

win of the season with a 4-2 triumph. RHS senior

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From left: Anthony Floramo, nephew to Route 1 Grill House owner Jeff Floramo, and Jeff Floramo, son to Route 1 Grill House owner Jeff Floramo.

Northeast Metro Tech partners with Grill House to provide hot meals to local students in need

Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to share that a local restaurant has partnered with Northeast Metro Tech to prepare and deliver hot meals to students in need.

Northeast Metro Tech closed its facility in mid-March in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and all schools in Massachusetts have since been ordered by the state to remain closed through the month of April.

In an effort to provide hot meals to student families in need, Route 1 Grill House in Saugus is preparing a different, multi course

meal daily. Volunteer staff from Route 1 Grill House are delivering the meals, including owner Jeff Floramo, his son Jeff Floramo and his nephew Anthony Floramo.

“I’d like to thank Route 1 Grill House and the Northeast Metro Tech staff who have come together to make sure our students and their families have hot meals during this time, which has been incredibly difficult and life changing for many,” Superintendent DiBarri said. “I think this effort is a testament to the caring nature of our school and our community.”

The initiative began on Sunday, April 19, and is being paid for by the Northeast Student Benefit Fund.

The fund is overseen by Northeast Metro Tech Student Benefit Coordinator Tracey O’Brien, and more than \$2,000 has been donated to the fund by staff since Northeast Metro Tech closed in March.

As of Monday, 15 student families are receiving the daily deliveries.

Northeast Metro Tech aims to continue the deliveries in partnership with Route 1 Grill House until social distancing advisories are lifted.

State announces distribution of PPE to all emergency responders in Mass.

Gov. Charlie Baker on April 17 announced the distribution of approximately 200,000 respirator masks for all local law enforcement officers and firefighters to ensure they have the protective equipment during the COVID-19 crisis.

These FDA-approved respirator masks will be distributed to all local law enforcement officers, including sheriffs and college and university police, and firefighters starting today through a coordinated effort by the COVID-19 Response Command Center and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). Emergency Medical Service (EMS) providers are continuing to receive these types of masks and other PPE.

To facilitate quick distribution of these masks, MEMA is employing a regional point of distribution (POD) model where communities can pick up their supply of masks at their designated MEMA POD. These POD sites are open and have already distributed tens of thousands of masks to first responders.

This new distribution will ensure that local law enforcement and firefighters will have five respirator masks each, equivalent to a one month’s supply. Including conservation methods currently being used by some organizations, this will provide each individual a mask per week and a spare, allowing the mask to dry overnight and reuse for up to one week.

The Baker-Polito Administration and its COVID-19 Response Command Center continue to prioritize the procurement and distribution of personal protective equipment for front-line workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. As of yesterday, the Commonwealth has delivered over four million pieces of PPE statewide. This includes over 2.3 million gloves, over 370,000

masks from the “AirKraft” shipment, almost 190,000 gowns and 380 ventilators.

The following PPE distributions as of April 17

went to municipalities of facilities in the area, including those below.

Breakdown of all PPE, ventilators to local agencies, homes, facilities

MUNICIPALITIES

- March 24 – Revere: 200 Masks, 100 Gowns.
- March 27 – Chelsea: 500 Masks, 3,600 Gloves, 4 Shields.
- April 1 – Boston: 5,600 Gloves.
- April 5 – Chelsea: 600 Masks, 200 Gowns.
- April 5 – Boston: 4,500 Masks (Kraft), 10,000 Masks, 35,500 Gloves, 200 Goggles.
- April 6 – Chelsea Board of Health: 1,500 Masks.
- April 7 – Winthrop: 5,000 Gloves, 300 Gowns.
- April 11 – Chelsea Welsh Funeral Home: 10 Masks, 10 Shields.
- April 11 – Boston: 4,000 Masks, 16,600 Gloves, 2,950 Gowns, 2,946 Shields.
- April 13 – Chelsea: 200 Shields.
- April 13 – Winthrop: 300 Masks, 300 Shields.
- April 14 – Chelsea: 200 Shields.
- April 16 – Chelsea/Revere Quality Inn Shelter: 200 Masks, 500 Gloves, 200 Gowns.
- April 16 – Everett: 4,400 Masks, 100 Gowns, 125 Goggles.

Gloves, 120 Gowns, 314 Shields.

- April 4 – Rehab and Nursing of Everett: 1,000 Masks, 120 Gowns.
- April 4 – Chelsea Jewish Life Care: 1,000 Masks (Kraft).
- April 4 – CHA Everett Hospital: 1,000 Masks (Kraft).
- April 4 – East Boston Neighborhood Health: 1,000 Masks (Kraft).
- April 5 – Boston EMS: 5,000 Masks (Kraft).
- April 5 – Chelsea Katzman Family Center: 1,000 Masks (Kraft).
- April 5 – Chelsea Leonard Florence: 1,000 Masks (Kraft).
- April 7 – Chelsea Katzman Family Center: 120 Gowns.
- April 9 – South Boston Convention Center Hospital: 420 KN95 Masks, 4,500 Masks, 25,000 Gloves, 10,002 Gowns.
- April 13 – CHA Everett Hospital: 1,000 Coveralls, 300 Gowns.
- April 15 – Chelsea Katzman Family Center: 480 KN95 Masks, 1,000 Masks, 12 Coveralls, 60 Gowns.
- April 17 – Chelsea Eastpointe Home: 2,000 Masks, 100 Coveralls, 420 Shields.

FACILITIES, NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS

- March 29 – Chelsea Jewish Life Care (CJLC): 120 Masks (Kraft), 90 Gowns.
- March 30 – Chelsea Leonard Florence: 30 Gowns, 90 Shields.
- March 30 – Chelsea Katzman Family Center: 60 Gowns, 192 Shields.
- April 3 – CHA Everett Hospital: 300 Gowns.
- April 4 – East Boston Neighborhood Health Center: 120 KN95 Masks, 1,500 Masks, 2,000

VENTILLATORS

- Boston Medical Center, 28
- Beth Israel Medical Center, 23
- Cambridge Health Alliance, 19
- Lahey Hospital & Medical Center, 18
- Tufts Medical Center, 15
- Brigham & Women’s Hospital, 15
- Melrose Wakefield Hospital, 13
- Mass General Hospital, 5

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Wilmington Svgs Fund Soc	Mario, Linda	22 Fiske St	\$68,189
Zairef, Mounir	Hunkapiller, Adam	204 Mountain Ave #204	\$450,000
Gao, Hongxiang	Cao, Liu	510 Revere Beach Blvd #1102	\$230,000
Guha, Debjani	Dicks, Donna	510 Revere Beach Blvd #904	\$303,000
Luxe Freedom Plaza Corp	Frank P Mongiello T	207 Squire Rd	\$400,000
Luxe Freedom Plaza Corp	MJM T	207 Squire Rd	\$440,000
Tallent, Russell J	142 Washington Street	142 Washington St	\$699,900
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ot attack.

The Revere High girls tennis team opened their 2010 campaign with a tight 3-2 win over Northeastern Conference rival Salem. Coach Carla Maniscalco’s four senior captains led the way to the victory. Elma Meskovic, playing at No. 1 singles, handily dispatched with her Salem counterpart in straight sets, as did Victoria Mauro at No. 2 singles. The first doubles tandem of Jennifer Kingston and Donna Le then clinched the match with a hard fought 6-4, 6-3 triumph.

Souhil Arariche captured first place in three events to lead the Revere High boys track team to a 91-40 win over Lynn Classical last week. Arariche sprinted to firsts in the 100 meter dash in 11.7 seconds, a personal record (PR), and the 200 dash in 24.2. He then led the field in the long jump with a leap of 18-7. However, Arariche was not alone in the hero’s circle for the Patriots, who posted 23 PRs on the day en route to the convincing victory. Other first-place finishers for Mosko’s squad were: Brahim Ghazi in the two mile in 11:17 and in the 400 in 56.7; Bobby Driscoll in the mile in 5:18; freshman Karim Sahilia in the 800 in 2:23.4; Omar Morales with a shotput toss of 36-1 and a discus hurl of 98-0; Vin Dichiara with a javelin throw of 117-5; and the 4 x

400 relay team of Rawlings Toglon, Driscoll, Jon Tran, and Ernesto Bonilla in 4:06.

“Senior leadership” was the watchword for the Revere High girls track team, as Lady Patriot seniors accounted for 57 points to pace their team to an 89-47 triumph over Lynn Classical last week. Senior Captain Liz Nutile won the 400 intermediate hurdles, turning on the jets for the last 20 yards to overtake her Lynn Classical foe and grab first place in a personal record (PR) time of 78.4, which also is a new RHS record in that event. Senior Shaye Nelson, a newcomer to the track program, gave Revere another first place finish with a time of 13:30.8 in the two mile. Senior captain Theresa Santiano McHatton then sped to victory in the 100 meter dash in 13.7 and senior captain Colby Hough gave Revere its fourth first place of the day in the mile in a time of 6:05.5. The 100 meter high hurdles saw another Revere triumph thanks to sophomore Racquel MacDonald in a time of 18.3 and senior captain Tayla Hough added five points onto the Revere scoresheet with a first place in the 800 in 2:38.9. Sophomore MacDonald added another first place laurel with a PR leap of 4-8 in the high jump and Santiano McHatton copped her second first place finish of the day with a long jump leap of 14-10.5.

Nutile scored five more points with a first in the triple jump of 29-2. Briana Scata won the shotput with a throw of 25-3 and senior Jessica Mack captured the discus with a toss of 64-8. The 4 x 400 relay quartet of the Hough sisters, MacDonald, and freshman Caitlin Caramello then capped the victory with a win over their L.C. counterparts in 4:48, which is close to the RHS record of 4:43.

20 years ago April 26, 2000

RHS star softball pitcher Carleen Wastafarro has struck out 28 batters over 21 innings in three games, allowing only two earned runs and walking just eight in that span, to lead the Lady Patriots to three straight victories. Jess DaSilva and Whitney Stowell have led the Revere offense during the stretch in which coach Joe Nichinello’s team has outscored its foes 37-10.

30 years ago April 25, 1990

Revere Little League held its opening day ceremonies under sunny skies Sunday.

40 years ago April 23, 1980

Kochia of the Ryan Kennel captured the 28th annual, \$20,000 Huestis Marathon Championship at Wonderland Dog Track last week.

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Suffolk County Sheriff details containment measures at jail facilities

Staff Report

With the inevitable arrival of the first cases of COVID-19 to its facilities, the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department has engaged in a rigorous containment and spread-prevention strategy aimed at limiting the effect of the global pandemic within its facilities.

Presently, as of April 17, there have been six positive tests for COVID-19 among those in Department care and custody – all within the detainee population at the Suffolk County Jail – and eight staff members who tested positive for COVID-19 (seven officers and one medical contractor). One detainee testing positive was hospitalized at Boston Medical Center

overnight, and discharged back to Department facilities the following day. All six detainees have been transferred to a special quarantine unit at the House of Correction and positive staff members went into mandated quarantine. An additional two residents of the Jail are currently being housed separately at the House of Correction while awaiting test results.

In the instance of a positive test for officers, the Department conducts a review of on-duty contacts (staff/detainee/inmate) that an officer may have had. Typically, an officer does not fall within the CDC guidance of "close contact" with inmates, unless they have had physical contact through a "use of force"

action or an assignment that put him or her in an enclosed area for a prolonged period of time. The Department also reviews staff contacts and assignments. Certain staff contacts have led to mandated quarantine, others, self-quarantine, and still others no quarantine, depending on the review and level of contact.

Consistent with the Department's enhanced sanitization and decontamination protocols, the Jail units in which the individuals who tested positive lived pre-test, underwent deep cleaning and decontamination. Sanitization efforts continue in those units on an accelerated pace, in addition to the cleaning and sanitizing protocols enforced multiple times throughout

the day throughout both facilities.

The use of masks for all personnel has been mandated, and anyone entering Department facilities is screened for symptoms and administered a temperature test. Custody and medical staff have been assigned personal protective equipment (PPE), and all staff, detainees and inmates have been given masks, which are replaced as needed.

"The arrival of COVID-19 in our facilities is something that we have been preparing for since the outset of the pandemic," said Sheriff Tompkins, stressing the Department's readiness. "As many of the health organizations and infectious disease experts have stated, the introduc-

tion of the COVID-19 virus in prison settings is inevitable, and we are all a microcosm of what is happening on our streets and in our communities."

"The key for us is in the implementation of our plans and the consistency in their operation," Sheriff Tompkins continued. "As I said, we are prepared for this unfortunate but inevitable situation, and we will do everything in our power to limit the incidence of the virus in our facilities and mitigate its effects by quarantining people who test positive, those who may have been in close contact with them, continuing our rigorous sanitizing and decontamination procedures, and following and updating the protocols that we've

already implemented, as needed."

The Department has also enlisted the expertise of Infectious Disease Specialist Dr. Alysse Wurcel of Tufts Medical Center to bolster the practical and strategic planning of its COVID-19 response.

In addition to the protection and mitigation protocols, the Department has also been working with the courts to reduce the population within its facilities in compliance with the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) Order 12926. To date, 31 detainees, meeting specific criteria identified by the SJC, have been released from Department custody.

RCN Boston partners with iHeartMedia Boston to honor community heroes

RCN Boston, an award-winning and leading provider of fiber and broadband services, announced a partnership with iHeartMedia Boston to honor local community heroes of the coronavirus pandemic.

The partnership was developed to show appreciation during these uncertain times to the people who are

working tirelessly to keep the community safe and comfortable. These heroes include medical professionals, first responders, delivery service workers, cleaning staff, cooks, teachers, stock clerks and others.

"We are all in this together," said Jeff Carlson, VP and General Manager of RCN Boston. "Highlighting these

heroes in the communities in which we live and work is our way of showing our support and appreciation."

iHeartMedia Boston Region President, Alan Chartrand adds, "There are so many selfless people doing amazing things to help their neighbors. Our hope is to spotlight as many of them as possible. We're thankful

that RCN has partnered with iHeartMedia Boston to honor our Community Heroes."

RCN and iHeartMedia Boston are asking for nominations of individuals or organizations who are going above and beyond during these unprecedented times. Nominations will be accepted through Friday, April 24.

Ten heroes will be se-

lected to receive a \$250 gift card to continue their amazing work for which they are being recognized. The 10 heroes will also be acknowledged on-air on iHeartMedia Boston's eight radio stations and will be highlighted on social media platforms of iHeartMedia Boston and RCN Boston. In addition, four winners

who are located in the RCN Boston service area will be gifted with a six months free Internet, Digital TV and Phone package and accompanying equipment of their choice with a value of up to \$300 per month.

To nominate a community hero, visit <https://tinyurl.com/Kiss108heroes>

WEEKLY INCIDENT Report

The following are among the calls received by the Revere Police Department for the period of April 7-16.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

- 1053: A motor vehicle was reported stolen on Broadway.
- 1225: Police served a 209A restraining order at a Rose St. address.
- 1239: Police served a 209A restraining order at a North Shore Rd. address.
- 1240: Motor vehicle accident at Brown Circle.
- 1309: Domestic disturbance on Dashwood St.
- 1348: Domestic disturbance on Sumner St.
- 1428: Vandalism on Overlook Ridge Rd.
- 1600: Domestic disturbance on Washington Ave.
- 1657: Breaking & entering on the Revere Beach Parkway.
- 1738: Police served a 209A restraining order at an Allston St. address.
- 1741: Motor vehicle accident at Brown Circle.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

- 0956: Report of a parked motor vehicle blocking a driveway on Winthrop Ave.
- 1110: Domestic disturbance on Bickford Ave.
- 1517: Breaking & entering on Beach St.
- 1647: Assault on Leverett Ave.
- 1750: Vandalism on Curtis Rd.
- 1824: Larceny on Bay Rd.
- 2051: Domestic disturbance on Crest Ave.
- 2112: Domestic disturbance on Campbell Ave.
- 2331: Domestic disturbance on Bay Rd.
- 2359: Domestic disturbance on Broadway.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

- 0013: Domestic disturbance on North Shore Rd.
- 0101: Noise disturbance on Haskell Ave.
- 0109: Noise disturbance on Patriot Parkway.
- 0229: A sudden death on Ocean Ave.
- 0247: Noise disturbance on Constitution Ave.
- 1437: Domestic disturbance on Newman St.
- 1455: Breaking & entering into a building on Beach St.
- 1520: A hit & run motor vehicle accident with personal injury on the Lyn-

- nway.
- 1734: Domestic disturbance on Keayne St.
- 1820: Motor vehicle accident on Broadway.
- 1841: Domestic disturbance on Tuttle St.
- 1911: Domestic disturbance on Delano Ave.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

- 0009: Noise disturbance on Greentree Lane.
- 0016: Disturbance on Gage Ave.
- 0148: Noise disturbance on Beach St.
- 0712: Larceny on Beach St.
- 1036: Domestic disturbance on Campbell Ave.
- 1308: Violation of a 209A domestic abuse prevention restraining order on the Revere Beach Parkway.
- 1443: Domestic disturbance on North Rhore Rd. & Calumet St.
- 1456: Larceny on the Revere Beach Parkway.
- 1619: Stolen motor vehicle on the Revere Beach Parkway.
- 1941: Motor vehicle accident on Washburn Ave.
- 2155: Disturbance on Squire Rd.
- 2348: Noise disturbance on Thornton St.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

- 0712: Disturbance between a landlord & tenant on Curtis Rd.
- 0842: Motor vehicle accident at Broadway & Central Ave.
- 1104: Larceny on Kimball Ave.
- 1107: Disturbance on Bennington St.
- 1114: Domestic disturbance on Washington St.
- 1123: Disturbance on North Shore Rd.
- 1129: Motor vehicle accident at Revere St. & North Shore Rd.
- 1223: Domestic disturbance on Agatha St.
- 1343: Assault on Broadway.
- 1358: Motor vehicle accident on Winthrop Ave.
- 1412: Domestic disturbance on Sears St.
- 1445: Disturbance between a landlord & tenant on Washington Ave.
- 1456: Motor vehicle accident at Revere St. & No. Shore Rd.
- 1619: Ticket issued for illegally parking in a handicapped spot on Vane St.
- 1846: Assault on Over-

- look Ridge Rd.
- 1916: A hit & run motor vehicle accident with property damage.
- 2128: Noise disturbance on Atwood. Rd.
- 2157: Domestic disturbance on Sears St.
- 2249: Domestic disturbance on Washington Ave.
- 2311: Noise disturbance on the American Legion Highway.
- 2339: Domestic disturbance on Warren St.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

- 0034: Disturbance on Ocean Ave.
- 0101: Noise disturbance at Brown Circle.
- 0337: Noise disturbance on Janvrin Ave.
- 0710: Domestic disturbance on Endicott Ave.
- 0835: Vandalism on Conant St.
- 1416: Larceny on Harris St.
- 1445: Report of a fraud or forgery on Eliot Rd.
- 1515: Disturbance on the Lee Burbank Highway.
- 1705: Assault on Charger St.
- 1741: Domestic disturbance on Constitution Ave.
- 2049: Motor vehicle accident on the American Legion Highway.
- 2106: Noise disturbance on Sumner St.
- 2127: Domestic disturbance on Beach St.
- 2150: Domestic disturbance on Beach St.
- 2207: Disturbance on Pearl Ave.
- 2258: Domestic disturbance on the American Legion Highway.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

- 0225: Sudden death on Washington Ave.
- 0741: Breaking & entering into a motor vehicle on Sweeney Ave.
- 0809: Domestic disturbance on Northern Ave.
- 1038: Motor vehicle accident on Squire Rd.
- 1046: Motor vehicle accident at Mahoney Circle.
- 1404: Domestic disturbance on George Ave.
- 1411: Motor vehicle accident on Beach St.
- 1423: Domestic disturbance on the Winthrop Parkway.
- 1545: Hit & run motor vehicle accident with property damage on Ward St.
- 1703: Disturbance on Furlong Ave.

- 1952: Hit & run motor vehicle accident with property damage on Freeman St.
- 2003: Domestic disturbance on Wave Ave.
- 2238: Sudden death on Patriot Parkway.
- 2348: Breaking & entering into a building on Overlook Ridge Terrace.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

- 0001: Disturbance on Beach St.
- 0025: Noise disturbance on Bellingham Ave.
- 0139: Motor vehicle accident on the Revere Beach Parkway.
- 0341: Disturbance on Sumner St.
- 0401: Disturbance on No. Shore Rd.
- 0939: Motor vehicle accident at Washington Ave. & Squire Rd.
- 1138: Motor vehicle accident on Squire Rd.
- 1436: Abandoned motor vehicle on Cheever St.
- 1540: Motor vehicle accident on No. Shore Rd.
- 1927: Shoplifting on Furlong Drive.
- 2025: Noise disturbance on Lantern Rd.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

- 0613: Vandalism on Newell St.
- 0935: Domestic disturbance on Keayne St.
- 1010: Disturbance on Furlong Drive.
- 1102: Motor vehicle accident at Mahoney Circle.
- 1153: Shoplifting on Ward St.
- 1159: A domestic abuse prevention restraining order pursuant to c. 209A was

- served on a party on Kimball Ave.
- 1231: Domestic disturbance on Kingman Ave.
- 1308: Shoplifting on Ward St.
- 1405: Motor vehicle accident on Beach St.
- 1426: Service upon a party of a domestic abuse prevention restraining order pursuant to c. 209A was attempted on Prospect Ave.
- 1627: Motor vehicle accident on Ward St.
- 1726: A report of fraud & forgery on Philomena Ave.
- 1752: Motor vehicle accident on the Lynn Marsh Rd.
- 1807: Larceny on Furlong Drive.
- 1905: Disturbance on Sears St.
- 2007: Disturbance on Harris St.
- 2016: Disturbance between a landlord & tenant on Prospect Ave.
- 2123: Disturbance between a landlord & tenant on Thorndike St.
- 2238: Disturbance on Oxford St.
- 2318: A report of threats on the Revere Beach Parkway.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

- 0101: Domestic disturbance on Calumet St
- 0331: Larceny on Bickford Ave.
- 0436: Disturbance on Squire Rd.
- 0647: Motor vehicle accident on Squire Rd.
- 0806: Parked motor vehicle blocking a driveway on Bellingham Ave.

ARREST Report

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

A 22 year-old Kimball Ave. resident received a summons on charges of violating a domestic abuse prevention restraining order and larceny of property over \$1200.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

A 46 year old Stoneham woman was issued a summons on a charge of assault & battery.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

A 35 year-old Saugus man was issued a summons on charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs (2nd offense) and reckless operation of a motor vehicle. He also was cited for the civil motor vehicle infractions of a marked lanes violation and speeding.

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THE FIRST EARTH DAY

Every year on April 22, Earth Day marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970.

As we prepare to mark 50 years of Earth Day in 2020, let's take a look at the last half-century of mobilization for action:

ORIGINS OF EARTH DAY

Earth Day 1970 gave a voice to an emerging public consciousness about the state of our planet —

In the decades leading up to the first

Earth Day, Americans were consuming vast amounts of leaded gas through massive and inefficient automobiles. Industry belched out smoke and sludge with little fear of the consequences from either the law or bad press. Air pollution was commonly accepted as the smell of prosperity. Until this point, mainstream America remained largely oblivious to environmental concerns and how a polluted environment threatens human health.

However, the stage was set for change

with the publication of Rachel Carson's New York Times bestseller *Silent Spring* in 1962. The book represented a watershed moment, selling more than 500,000 copies in 24 countries as it raised public awareness and concern for living organisms, the environment and the inextricable links between pollution and public health.

Earth Day 1970 would come to provide a voice to this emerging environmental consciousness, and putting environmental concerns on the front page.

THE IDEA FOR THE FIRST EARTH DAY

1990: EARTH DAY GOES GLOBAL

As 1990 approached, a group of environmental leaders approached Denis Hayes to once again organize another major campaign for the planet. This time, Earth Day went global, mobilizing 200 million people in 141 countries and lifting environmental issues onto the world stage. Earth Day 1990 gave a huge boost to recycling efforts worldwide and helped pave the way for the 1992 United Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. It also prompted President Bill Clinton to award Senator Nelson the Presidential Medal of Freedom — the highest honor given to civilians in the United States — for his role as Earth Day founder.

EARTH DAY FOR A NEW MILLENNIUM

As the millennium approached, Hayes agreed to spearhead another campaign, this time focused on global warming and a push for clean energy. With 5,000 environmental

water pollution. Senator Nelson announced the idea for a teach-in on college campuses to the national media, and persuaded Pete McCloskey, a conservation-minded Republican Congressman, to serve as his co-chair. They recruited Denis Hayes, a young activist, to organize the campus teach-ins and they choose April 22, a weekday falling between Spring Break and Final Exams, to maximize the greatest student participation.

Recognizing its potential to inspire all Americans, Hayes built a national staff of 85 to promote events across the land and the effort soon broadened to include a wide range of organizations, faith groups, and others. They changed the name to Earth Day, which immediately sparked national media attention, and caught on across the country.

Earth Day 1970 achieved a rare political alignment, enlisting support

groups in a record 184 countries reaching out to hundreds of millions of people, Earth Day 2000 built both global and local conversations, leveraging the power of the Internet to organize activists around the world, while also featuring a drum chain that traveled from village to village in Gabon, Africa. Hundreds of thousands of people also gathered on the National Mall in Washington, DC for a First Amendment Rally.

30 years on, Earth Day 2000 sent world leaders a loud and clear message: Citizens around the world wanted quick and decisive action on global warming and clean energy.

from Republicans and Democrats, rich and poor, urban dwellers and farmers, business and labor leaders. By the end of 1970, the first Earth Day led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of other first of their kind environmental laws. These laws have protected millions of men, women and children from disease and death and have protected hundreds of species from extinction.

EARTH DAY 2010

As in 1970, Earth Day 2010 came at a time of great challenge for the environmental community to combat the cynicism of climate change deniers, well-funded oil lobbyists, reticent politicians, a disinterested public, and a divided environmental community with the collective power of global environmental activism. In the face of these challenges, Earth Day prevailed and Earth Day Network reestablished Earth Day as a major moment for global action for the environment.

Over the decades, Earth Day Network has brought hundreds of millions of people into the environmental movement, creating opportunities for civic engagement and volunteerism in 193 countries. Earth Day engages more than 1 billion people every year and has become a major stepping stone along the pathway of engagement around the protection of the planet.

EARTH DAY TODAY

Today, Earth Day is widely recognized as the largest secular observance in the world, marked by more than a billion people every year as a day of action to change human behavior and create global, national and local policy changes.

Now, the fight for a clean environment continues with increasing urgency, as the ravages of climate change become more and more apparent every day.

As the awareness of our climate crisis grows, so does civil society mobilization, which is reaching a fever pitch across the globe today. Disillusioned by the low level of ambition following the adoption of the Paris Agreement in 2015 and frustrated with international environmental lethargy, citizens of the world are rising up to demand far greater action for our planet and its people.

The social and cultural environments we saw in 1970 are rising up again today — a fresh and frustrated generation of young people are refusing to settle for platitudes, instead taking to the streets by the millions to demand a new way forward. Digital and social media are bringing these conversations, protests, strikes and mobilizations to a global audience, uniting a concerned citizenry as never before and catalyzing generations to join together to take on the greatest challenge that humankind has faced.

By tapping into some of the learnings, outcomes, and legacy of the first Earth Day, Earth Day Network is building a cohesive, coordinated, diverse movement, one that goes to the very heart of what EDN and Earth Day are all about — empowering individuals with the information, the tools, the messaging and the communities needed to make an impact and drive change.

2020 marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. In honor of this milestone, Earth Day Network is launching an ambitious set of goals to shape the future of 21st century environmentalism. Learn more at www.earthday.org/earth-day-50th-anniversary/.

We invite you to be a part of Earth Day and help write many more chapters—struggles and victories—into the Earth Day book.

EARTH DAY COLORING CONTEST



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AGE _____

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What to do if you are sick with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

Can people in the U.S. get COVID-19?

Yes. COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in parts of the United States. Risk of infection with COVID-19 is higher for people who are close contacts of someone known to have COVID-19, for example healthcare workers, or household members. Other people at higher risk for infection are those who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19. Learn more about places with ongoing spread at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html#geographic>.

Have there been cases of COVID-19 in the U.S.?

Yes. The first case of COVID-19 in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020. The current count of cases of COVID-19 in the United States is available on CDC's webpage at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>.

How does COVID-19 spread?

The virus that causes COVID-19 probably emerged from an animal source, but is now spreading from person to person. The virus is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It also may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. Learn what is known about the spread of newly emerged coronaviruses at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath

What are severe complications from this virus?

Some patients have pneumonia in both lungs, multi-organ failure and in some cases death.

How can I help protect myself?

People can help protect themselves from respiratory illness with everyday preventive actions.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

What should I do if I recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19?

If you have traveled from an affected area, there may be restrictions on your movements for up to 2 weeks. If you develop symptoms during that period (fever, cough, trouble breathing), seek medical advice. Call the office of your health care provider before you go, and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. While sick, avoid contact with people, don't go out and delay any travel to reduce the possibility of spreading illness to others.

Is there a vaccine?

There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to take everyday preventive actions, like avoiding close contact with people who are sick and washing your hands often.

Is there a treatment?

There is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19. People with COVID-19 can seek medical care to help relieve symptoms.

Statistics for Massachusetts

COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts as of April 21

Confirmed cases of COVID-19 41,199
+1556 from the 20th

Massachusetts residents subject to COVID-19 quarantine by current status as of April 14

Total of individuals subject to quarantine 17605
Total of individuals who have completed monitoring (no longer in quarantine) 8118
Total of individuals currently undergoing monitoring/under quarantine 9487

COVID-19 INFECTION BY AGE BRACKET

≤19 years of age: 974 20-29 years of age: 4789
30-39 years of age: 5869 40-49 years of age: 5901
50-59 years of age: 7126 60-69 years of age: 5709
70-79 years of age: 4107 ≥ 80 years of age: 6335

DEATHS IN CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES

1961

Total Number of Cases by County

Barnstable	672
Berkshire	404
Bristol	1852
Dukes	14
Essex	5521
Franklin	192
Hampden	2553
Hampshire	337
Middlesex	9621
Nantucket	9
Norfolk	4062
Plymouth	3043
Suffolk	8669
Worcester	3341
Unknown	929

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As COVID-19 care continues, legal questions arise in the ER

Hospital rejoices in successfully bringing 1 person off ventilator and into good health

By Seth Daniel

The intensity of the surge of COVID-19 patients hasn't let up at CHA Everett over the last two weeks, but new challenges have emerged as the face of critical patients gets older and legal questions arise more often about their wishes.

Last week, Dr. Melissa Lai-Becker, chief of the Emergency Department at CHA Everett, had a team of doctors and support staff ready to put an older woman on a ventilator – a task that is not easy or trivial. They had received information from the EMTs and nursing home to treat her. Literally a moment before they were ready to medicate the patient, the nurse manager came running in with paperwork they had just found on file – she was not to be resuscitated or intubated, known as a 'DNR.'

"The nurse had the paperwork in hand and I was literally one moment away from pushing the drugs to intubate her," said Lai-Becker. "It was a very intense moment because we have to have laser focus when we're about to intubate. It was emotionally draining."

Lai-Becker and most hospitals in the area over the last two weeks have absorbed the surge of critical patients who are older, especially those coming from nursing homes. As testing and information sharing has gotten better at those nursing home institutions, nearly all of them in the area have realized they have a severe outbreak even though some are asymptomatic. But it hasn't stopped the spread in homes to more vulnerable patients who soon end up in the ER at CHA Everett.

Lai-Becker said one good thing about caring for older adults is they've often thought about end-of-life care decisions, and have clear instructions for doctors about what to do. However, in COVID-19, often times family members want that changed, or the circumstances aren't clear – leaving doctors to try to sort out the madness in the midst of the hectic ER or ICU while on the phone with the hospital's legal team.

"Many have had end-of-life discussions already and that part is good but there are less confident instructions at times, but thank-

fully the whole hospital system has stepped up," she said. "No one could have predicted we'd be speaking to the general counsel of the hospital 24/7 for the legality of so many situations."

In response, the hospital has created a small squadron of case managers to assist in the Emergency Room and that are part of the ER team now. Some patients come in with a "code," meaning they are critical, but instructions from the first responders doesn't match up with what the health care proxy/family tells them. Then sometimes the family health care proxy changes their mind at the last minute, not wanting their loved one to die of COVID-19. Other times, Lai-Becker said they learned, a legal guardian is not the same as a health care proxy, and in some families those two roles are fulfilled by different people with different ideas about care. It makes the daunting task of fighting COVID-19 even more difficult, and in a critical time-sensitive moment.

The case managers have stepped in to try to help solve those issues, she said.

"They are now an integral part of a critical care team," she said. "When a patient comes in that is coding and we're doing CPR, they are on the phone calling the next-of-kin, the health care proxy and pulling together information and making sure we're respecting patient wishes. It's a different challenge and a different aspect of this challenge...It's another part of what we're doing. It's like having another appendage that is also doing something."

She said she has heard from other sister institutions that the same thing is happening, and it has become an unfortunate trend in busy ERs.

"We have maintained the same intensity over the last two weeks with a slight drop off last weekend," she said. "We're still seeing a pretty broad age mix. The patients coming from nursing homes are older. Certainly being up the hill from Chelsea – there have been so many patients coming from Chelsea in their 40s, 50s who have an interesting mix of symptoms – asymptomatic patients and patients who have the atypical but prevalent symptoms."

•ICU'S ARE FULL, BUT ONE GLIMMER OF HOPE LAST WEEK

Nearly four weeks ago, CHA Everett converted an anesthesiology recovery room into an overflow ICU department, and since that time it has not emptied. The

same has happened at the CHA Cambridge hospital, and both hospitals are completely full.

"The ICU overflow for Everett and Cambridge are full and the ICU departments in Everett and Cambridge are full all the time," she said. "We are thankful we have a great critical care network."

Many patients when there aren't enough beds in the ICU are being transferred into Boston to their partner networks, including Beth Israel which has seen a major surge in patients starting last weekend. Nevertheless, they are hoping that patients in the ICU can get better through treatments – such as the innovative Tylenol poisoning antidote being used at CHA Everett – so they can come off a ventilator and make space for more critical patients.

"Every day patients are hopefully getting better and can be moved to the regular medical floor or to make room we'll transfer patients to an in-town bed," she said. "It's a lot of moving parts...Now we are all looking for more and more ways to prevent someone from having to go onto the ventilator. That's actually our greatest hope short of a cure or vaccine is that all the therapies and treatments can prevent people from going on a ventilator."

Despite that sobering news, there was a silver lining moment at CHA Everett last week when a patient who had been on a ventilator was able to come off the ventilator and is recovering and likely able to go home. Typically up to now, when someone comes off a ventilator, it is because they aren't going to make it and life-care is being discontinued.

"We have had our first successful extubation seeing the patient come off the ventilator," she said. "We are very pleased we've had someone come off the ventilator and onto the floor and on their way out of the hospital."

While some hospitals play the theme from 'Rocky' on such occasions, that didn't happen at CHA Everett, but it was grounds for some celebration, she said.

•TYLENOL ANTIDOTE TREATMENT GAINING STEAM

The new treatment being studied at CHA Everett under Dr. Lai-Becker is also gaining momentum – that treatment being to give the antidote for Tylenol poisoning to patients who seem to be having a huge immune system response to COVID-19, so much so that

it is tearing them down instead of helping them. The idea in using the antidote is to slow down that immune system response and prevent patients from spiraling into a worse condition not caused by COVID-19.

They are almost done with an Institutional Review Board application to move the treatment to a clinical trial.

"We have been giving it now for about three weeks and we have just enough information to see whether or not it is working," she said. "The hope is to register this as one of the 500 or so clinical trials going on right now – continuing it and spreading the word. Honestly, we want to convince some bigger institutions in Boston to add this in."

She said there appears to be some credibility to the treatment, and the fact that it is already approved, it's safe, plentiful and available in generic form make it a great option, if proven.

"We're hopeful," she said.

•COMFORT CARE UNIT ESTABLISHED FOR END OF LIFE

At the Everett and Cambridge campuses, CHA has established Comfort Care Units to help COVID-19 patients be comfortable when they are expected to survive no more than two or three days. This is for patients whose families have decided not to pursue treatment and life-saving care. Palliative care physicians are on site to help them remain comfortable in their last days.

That unit has brought comfort to the staff and families affected by the pandemic, she said. In fact, many on the staff have had their spirits brightened by reading the patient stories written by those tending to folks in their last days.

"Frankly that's been a comfort for patients and

families and also the staff," she said. "I'll be honest; I have found comfort in following up on a patient there and reading the report from a palliative care physician that goes into all the considerations about the decision and a lovely, touching synopsis about the person's life. It has meant a lot."

•SEEKING MASKS, NEW TESTING GREAT

As the pandemic response at CHA Everett continued, Dr. Lai-Becker said they are still seeking new N95 masks made by 3M or Honeywell – as they are approved for full medical uses. They are running low, she said, and anyone with those kinds of masks are encouraged to bring them to the hospital for donation.

"We have run out of the small size of those and are on the hunt for them right now," she said.

Last week, CHA announced it was moving to the Cepheid quick-test for its in-house lab – pushing wait times for a result down to four hours. That has been a fantastic addition, Lai-Becker said.

"It was successful enough we already ran out of those tests and were without them for 48 hours," she said. "On Monday morning, we got a new shipment and I'm sure we'll plow through them quickly too. It is amazing what Dr. Osgood was able to do for a small community hospital."

•COVID-19 WAS PROBABLY HERE IN JANUARY

As the pandemic has advanced, there are now great suspicions that COVID-19 was present and spreading quickly in Boston as early as January.

The new blood test for anti-bodies – which is being tested now across the country – is revealing quite a few people who appar-

ently had the virus earlier this year and didn't know it. Many reported having a cold or some type of flu in late January or February, but had no idea it was COVID-19.

Dr. Lai-Becker said they haven't done any patient research, but anecdotally she is beginning to think that community spread was more prevalent in Everett and Boston as early as January.

She said last year many patients came in with the flu and 90 percent tested positive for the flu with the standard flu test. This year, starting in January, many were coming in with what appeared to be the flu, but were testing negative.

"Anecdotally, in February, I remember feeling that so many patients were having negative flu tests," she said. "It will be very interesting to have a full roll out in a month. We'll have a much better sense of real anti-body testing that will show perhaps all of us that it was around earlier...If you pressed me on it about whether it was community spread in January, I would say that yes it probably was. It's the only way I can explain the BioGen super spreader event in Boston."

She added that there hasn't been research or case studies to lend credibility to those hunches, but she said more and more people are leaning towards the idea COVID-19 was around months before things got serious.

"It has been with uniformity that people agree it has to have been around much earlier than people thought," she said. "I think that's the best explanation for why the BioGen conference really turned out to be a super-spreader event."

That will remain to be seen as time goes on, but for now, call it a hunch.

State announces implementation of CARES Act unemployment benefits

Staff Report

The state announced today that Massachusetts residents who are not eligible for regular unemployment benefits can now apply online for the new Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program – more than one week ahead of the original schedule that predicted an April 30 rollout.

The new federal PUA program provides up to 39 weeks of unemployment benefits who are unable to work because of a COVID-19-related reason but are not eligible for regular or extended unemployment benefits. This includes self-employed workers, independent contractors, gig economy workers, and those with limited work history. Some of the most affected workers in this category were ride-share (Uber or Lyft) drivers who are not officially employees.

Applicants can learn more and apply at www.mass.gov/pua. "As a Commonwealth, we are committed to doing everything in our power, and moving as urgently as possible to get workers impacted by the COVID-19 crisis the benefits they deserve," said Governor Charlie Baker. "With the implementation of this new federal benefit program, we can better support workers not normally covered by the unemployment system like those who are self-employed or work in the gig economy."

To be eligible for this new program, individuals must provide self-certification that they are otherwise able and available to work, but are prevented from do-

ing so by circumstances relating to COVID-19, including their own illness or that of a family member.

Those able to telework with pay and individuals receiving paid sick or other leave will not qualify for PUA. Individuals receiving paid sick leave or other paid leave benefits for less than their customary work week, however, may still be eligible for PUA. Also, those working fewer hours, resulting in a loss of income due to COVID-19, who are not eligible for regular unemployment benefits may be eligible for PUA.

"It is vital that our workforce gets the resources and help they need during this critical time," said Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development Rosalin Acosta. "I'm proud of everything our team is doing to rapidly implement new programs, and ensure that as many eligible workers as possible get some relief."

The federal CARES Act signed into law on March 27 created PUA, as well as another temporary federal program called Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) that provides an additional \$600 weekly benefit for those receiving unemployment benefits or PUA. FPUC provides that additional benefit through July 25, 2020.

All approved PUA applications will initially receive the minimum weekly benefit amount, plus the additional \$600 FPUC weekly benefit. Once a worker's wages are verified, weekly benefit amounts may increase. The amount of PUA benefits received is based on the individual's reported previous income. PUA ben-

efits may not be more than the state's maximum weekly benefit rate for regular unemployment, which is \$823 in Massachusetts.

Weekly benefits, including any increase to your weekly benefit amount, will be retroactive to January 27, 2020, or the date when you became unemployed, whichever is more recent, as long as you became unable to work because of a COVID-19 related reason.

•PUA Application Process:

To apply, individuals must provide their Social Security number or US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) number if not a citizen of the United States, and their wage records for 2019, which includes 1099 forms, pay stubs, or bank statements. Applicants will also need the Social Security numbers and dates of birth for dependent children and, if requesting direct deposit for payment, your bank account and routing numbers. A full list of required documents is available at www.mass.gov/pua.

Please note that, initially, the system can only pay benefits retroactively to the week ending March 14, 2020. Eligible workers will be able to certify for benefits, and will be able to request benefits retroactively to January 27, 2020, if their dates of unemployment make them eligible.

Individuals who are determined ineligible for PUA will receive a written disqualification along with information on how to pursue an appeal. Additional information about the appeals process will be separately posted at a later date.

Commonwealth now providing COVID-19 text alerts in Spanish

The state announced on Friday, April 10, that its COVID-19 text message alert system "AlertsMA" is now available in Spanish. This expansion of the text-alert system means that the same text alerts that are distributed via the English-language system will now be available to Spanish-language users.

Users can subscribe to the Spanish-language service by texting 'COVID-MAESP' to 888-777.

"Throughout the COVID-19 outbreak, we have consistently reminded residents to get their information from trusted sources, and with the expansion of the AlertsMA text alert system, we are making it easier for Spanish-speaking residents to access important updates from the Commonwealth," said Gover-

nor Charlie Baker. "This new service builds on our efforts to keep people in all communities across the Commonwealth informed as we confront COVID-19 together."

Since its launch on March 24, more than 215,000 individuals have signed up to receive text-message updates from AlertsMA.

The Spanish-language text alerts are the latest effort from the Commonwealth to deliver crucial COVID-19 information to non-English speakers. All of Mass.Gov (including Mass.Gov/COVID19) is available in 13 different languages, and the Commonwealth's non-emergency help line, 2-1-1 is available in over 150 languages. Several agencies, including the Department of Public

Health and the Department of Unemployment Assistance, offer additional fact sheets available in multiple languages.

The Commonwealth's Executive Office of Technology Services and Security partnered with Everbridge, a Massachusetts-based company whose platform powers AlertsMA, to initially bring the notification service online. The Commonwealth and Everbridge partnered with UMass Medical School and the Center for Health Impact for Spanish-language translation services.

The Commonwealth will continue to promote the service on Mass.gov, through digital displays and billboards at the MBTA, via MassDOT, and through social media.

Tobin Bridge traffic plummets, toll revenues down in March

By Seth Daniel

Trips across the Mystic/Tobin Bridge have plummeted over the last month, reducing toll revenues and creating much less congestion over the Bridge that drivers have become used to over the years.

For the most recent data available, which is the week ending April 3, trips in both directions on the Bridge are down 55.4 percent, according to data released from MassDOT on Tuesday. That includes an average weekday decrease of 45,639 trips over the Bridge compared to the same week in 2019.

The number of trips over the Bridge on Monday, April 1, 2019 was 87,299, while on Monday, March

30, 2020, it was 35,509.

For the month, going from March 2 to April 7, use of the Bridge has gone down from about 80,000 trips per day on March 3 to about 22,000 trips per day (both ways) on April 5. There was an uptick in usage between April 5 and April 7, which has been a bit of a pattern emerging for weekend and weekday differences.

That decrease over the Bridge and throughout the highway network all over Greater Boston has led to dramatically cleaner air. NASA has grown very popular online lately in posting its satellite photos of nitrogen and particulate matter releases from previous years compared to the months of March and April

this year.

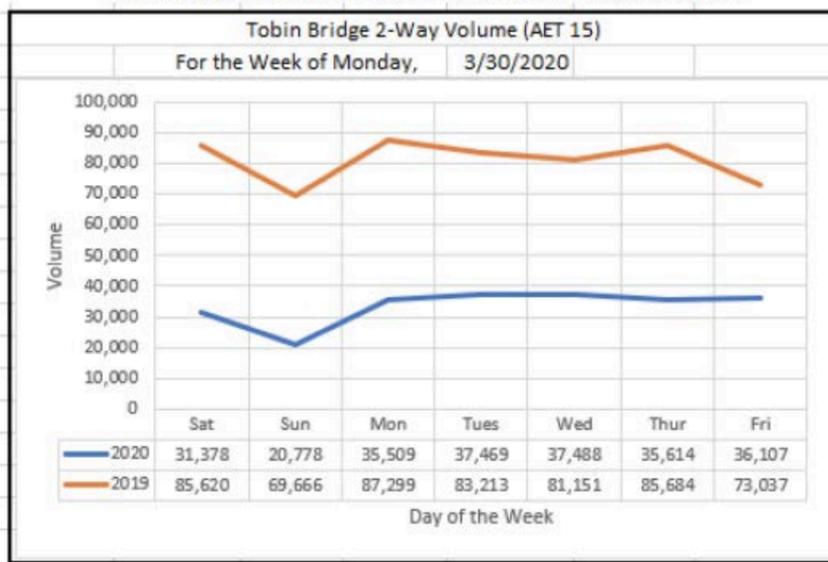
The differences are astounding throughout the northeast and Ohio Valley – where red-colored emissions in previous years have given away to blue colored clear air pockets. This is very noticeable in Boston.

The decreases also lead to major losses in toll revenues too.

However, at the MassDOT Board meeting on Monday, Secretary Stephanie Pollack said despite loss of revenue on the Bridge, tunnels and Mass Pike, they will be able to use reserves to make up the losses.

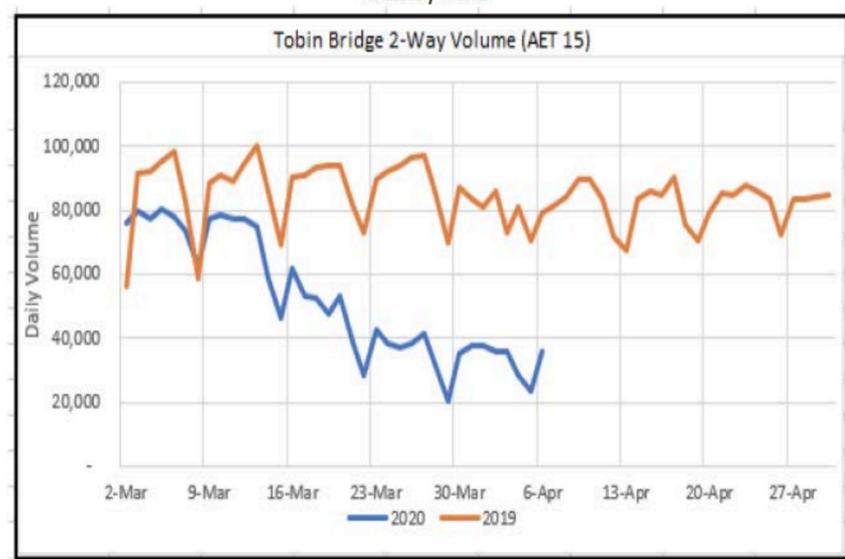
“Even with the preponderance of lost toll revenue through FY 2020, we are in good shape,” she said. “We even have reserves to cover construction projects...

Trend for the weeks of Monday, March 30th, 2020 and Monday, April 1st, 2019



US 1, Tobin Bridge 2-Way Volume (AET 15)

Monthly Trend



2020 Traffic Volumes			2019 Traffic Volumes			Volume Change (# / %)	
Sat	3/28/2020	31378	Sat	3/30/2019	85620	-54242	-63.35%
Sun	3/29/2020	20778	Sun	3/31/2019	69666	-48888	-70.17%
Mon	3/30/2020	35509	Mon	4/1/2019	87299	-51790	-59.32%
Tues	3/31/2020	37469	Tues	4/2/2019	83213	-45744	-54.97%
Wed	4/1/2020	37488	Wed	4/3/2019	81151	-43663	-53.80%
Thur	4/2/2020	35614	Thur	4/4/2019	85684	-50070	-58.44%
Fri	4/3/2020	36107	Fri	4/5/2019	73037	-36930	-50.56%
AVG Weekday		36,437			82,077	-45639	-55.4%

We do have reserves to get through the remainder of Fiscal Year 2020... We are not putting specific restrictions to keep expenses down or putting on things like hiring freezes or anything like that.”

Pollack said toll revenues had been tracking ahead of budget for the first eight

months of the fiscal year, which is helpful now. The year-end projection, however, will be substantially impacted by COVID-19 losses. She said they expect toll revenues to be below projections by 8 percent.

MassDOT said it expected to have operating reserves of \$625 million

available to cover any shortfalls to cover capital projects on July 1, 2020 (the beginning of FY 2021).

Toll revenues pay for improvement and construction projects on things like the MassPike and the Mystic/Tobin Bridge.

U.S. Attorney urges health care sector to report fraud related to the COVID-19 Pandemic

As part of the comprehensive federal response to the COVID-19 outbreak, United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling is urging leadership at Massachusetts hospitals to report individuals and companies that may be engaged in wrongdoing related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a letter to leadership at Massachusetts hospitals, U.S. Attorney Lelling encouraged health care facilities to report to federal authorities individuals and companies that may have acquired vital medical supplies in excess of what they would reasonably use, or for the purpose of charging exorbitant prices. This includes 15 categories of health and medical supplies designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) as “scarce,” thus triggering civil and

criminal enforcement remedies that the U.S. Attorney’s Office will pursue. In addition, the U.S. Attorney’s Office will investigate any other fraudulent conduct designed to benefit from the pandemic (e.g., false treatments, tests, and/or vaccinations for COVID-19).

“In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, my office is prioritizing the investigation and prosecution of wrongdoing related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including those engaged in hoarding and/or price-gouging with regard to critical medical supplies,” said United States Attorney Lelling. “These practices are not only morally repugnant in light of the pandemic but also, if left unchecked, will inhibit hospitals, physicians, other health care professionals, and government agencies

from fully implementing measures designed to save lives and mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus.”

U.S. Attorney Lelling named Amanda Strachan, Chief of the Health Care Fraud Unit, as the COVID-19 Fraud Coordinator for the District of Massachusetts.

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North Suffolk Mental Health Association adapts to helping those in recovery amid COVID-19

By John Lynds

Last week marked one month in isolation for most of us in East Boston. While this has been a trying time for all, the COVID-19 pandemic has created a possible deadly challenge for those in recovery.

During these uncertain times, those in recovery are struggling to find resources to help obtain their sobriety with local AA and NA meetings and in-person sobriety events being canceled.

It’s been really difficult for those in recovery to feel connected from a distance.

However, places like Eastie’s North Suffolk Mental Health Association (NSMHA) have adapted and found creative ways to help their clients remain on a path of sobriety.

“Some are having difficult times,” said NSMHA Director of Recovery Support Services Katie O’Leary, a recovering addict herself. “It’s a tough thing to say but a lot of people are going to relapse but we are trying our best to help this vulnerable population we work with from heading down that road.”

O’Leary said March 23, 2020 changed the face of the recovery community in the state by limiting gatherings to less than 10 people and encouraging the Commonwealth to stay at home due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Without recovery support groups and traditional face to face treatment, what does the recovery journey

for the disease of addiction now look like?

First off, O’Leary says, addiction is progressive and fatal if not arrested.

“The disease wants addicts and alcoholics isolated and alone with little to no support, however the recovery community thrives on the very opposite—connection,” she said.

O’Leary said NSMHA made the very difficult decisions in the early days of the COVID crisis to close its doors to the general public. Staff came to the office over a weekend in March and worked tirelessly to move client appointments and reach out to individuals for support. Teams and management met all day one day in March to strategize and come up with innovative and creative ways to support this very vulnerable population, who would soon be told to stay at home.

“We kept running into the same roadblock HIPAA and 42CFR, which protect client’s/patient’s confidentiality,” said O’Leary. “As an agency we moved forward with an abundance of caution. Our entire operation has been shifted to Telehealth and recovery supports have been increased agency wide. There was a tremendous learning curve with this process and some of the staff and clients had never worked with some of these platforms before such as Zoom and Webex. Although we came across quite a few obstacles we came together as not only an agency but as a commu-

nity. North Suffolk worked closely with community partners to ensure individuals had any support and resources that were available to them.”

For example, at the NSMHA run recovery home, The Fran Rowan Meridian House in Eastie, the support staff and clients are running multiple virtual recovery meetings each week for residents.

“They are even able to watch AA and NA online conventions that are broadcasting around the clock,” said O’Leary. “We have even been able to connect clients with featured guest speakers via Zoom on Sunday evenings.”

In the end, O’Leary said the recovery community is resilient and will come back stronger than ever.

“This pandemic will strengthen and enhance the recovery journey going forward,” she said. “We have come up with out of the box techniques to enrich our tool box and fill it with unconventional items that will support our recovery journey. I know for me, I had an opportunity to check out more meetings whether it be AA, Refuge Recovery, AL-anon. I would never have taken the opportunity to go to meetings virtually if I didn’t feel forced. And if I was working from the office, I would not have had the time. If you have a loved one or a friend suffering from addiction or know someone in recovery reach out, check in on them, show them they are not as alone as they feel.”

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Congressman Joe Kennedy III signing the final nomination paper sheet on the porch of his home last week. He was notified he will appear on the September Primary Election ballot for U.S. Senate.

Congressman Kennedy officially on Sept. ballot

Massachusetts Secretary of State William Galvin's office confirmed April 15 that Congressman Joe Kennedy III will appear on the ballot for U.S. Senate in September.

After months of collecting signatures across the Commonwealth, the Kennedy for MA campaign received final confirmation

that they had reached the 10,000 signature requirement to get on the ballot. The campaign had submitted more than 15,000 signatures to local town and city clerks.

Kennedy signed the final nomination sheet from his home in Newton on Wednesday.

Public health groups file to stop proposed ballot question on alcohol licensing

Special to the Journal

The Massachusetts Prevention Alliance (MAPA), along with the Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts, has announced the filing of a brief asking the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court to stop the Cumberland Farms' proposed ballot initiative that would lift the cap on alcohol licenses in the state of Massachusetts. The organizations are raising alarm about the impact on the health of the state's communities due to deregulation that will vastly expand alcohol outlet density and lead to significantly more addiction and social harms across the Commonwealth.

"Our sole concern is the potential impact on the health of our families and communities," said Heidi Heilman, president of MAPA. "Limits on the number of licenses for retail sales is the cornerstone of our measured, balanced approach to alcohol regulation. It's arguably the most critical public health

standard of our alcohol system, is the template upon which our adult use marijuana law is based, and is strongly supported by the World Health Organization, United States Surgeon General and Centers for Disease Control. Alcohol is addictive and harmful when misused, and death due to alcohol poisoning is pervasive and preventable. The research makes clear that deregulation will lead to increased health inequities and social harms that will be close to impossible to reverse."

In the brief, MAPA and the Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts have asked the high court to intervene and prevent the complicated, confusing measure from being placed on the ballot in November. They cite a number of issues, including:

•Increase in Alcohol Availability: Alcohol is an addictive substance, which is why it is closely regulated at the state and federal level. Unlimited sales of beer and wine at all food stores will substantially increase

the number of alcohol retail outlets in every community.

•Public Health & Safety Concerns: Increased alcohol outlet density directly contributes to health inequity, Alcohol Use Disorders and associated harms, greater youth diversion, and disproportionately burdens socioeconomically disadvantaged communities.

•Simultaneous Increase in Retail Marijuana Outlets: A significant, though perhaps unintended, consequence of the petition is that it will increase retail marijuana outlets in communities. Currently, marijuana licenses are calibrated to the number of off-premise alcohol licenses in a municipality.

"This petition will allow 3,279 convenience stores in Massachusetts to be automatically eligible to sell beer and wine, and four years later be eligible to transition into selling hard liquor, too," said John Scheft, the attorney who wrote the brief. "The problems are extensive and far-reaching and adequate oversight of such a system

is unlikely. Although Cumberland Farms claims that the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission will receive more funding, they recently acknowledged in a court filing that there is no guarantee that increased oversight will be funded by the legislature. Furthermore, there are no plans to increase funding for the Cannabis Control Commission even if more marijuana stores open as a result."

Initiative Petition 19-14 proposes (1) unlimited licenses by a single entity for beer and wine sales (not spirits) by retail establishments that sell food; (2) unlimited licenses by a single entity for beer, wine and spirit sales in any municipality and across the Commonwealth; (3) a point-of-sale ID checking requirement for all off-premises alcohol retailers (not on-premises bars and restaurants); and (4) diversion of alcohol excise taxes to fund the Alcohol Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) and a ratio of one inspector for every 250 licenses.

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