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If anyone needs help paying rent, they may be eligible for financial assistance through the Massachusetts Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program. RAFT has expanded its eligibility requirements to help people with COVID-19 related job losses or financial hardship. Some things to consider:

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**Christopher P. Bright, Chief of Department**

State Secretary Kathleen A. Theoharides, Revere Director of Health and Human Services Kim Hanton, and Major Matthew Gravini, commander of Mass. State Police Troop A, at a press conference last Friday to outline the measures in place along the beach for Memorial Day weekend.

The press conference proved effective as the nightly news shows used Revere Beach as an example of the regulations in place for the re-opening of

beaches Monday.

Arrigo said that the weather and COVID-19 factors kept away the large crowds usually present on Memorial Day weekend, a time that many proclaim as the start to the summer season.

“While Friday’s weather attracted a good number of beachgoers, it was nowhere near the number we would expect in normal times on the Friday of Memorial Day

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## Lack of decent weather keeps crowds down on Revere Beach

By Cary Shuman

While Friday was warm and sunny, the rest of Memorial Weekend was un-summer like, thus limiting the number of visitors to Revere Beach.

“Mother Nature certainly helped with our objective to keep people off Revere Beach over the weekend as Saturday, Sunday, and Monday were simply not beach days,” said Mayor Brian Arrigo.

The mayor appeared with

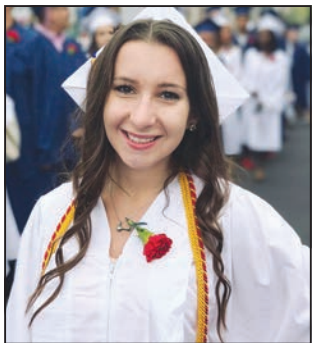
## THE FASTEST TRACK

Stevens says RHS experience paved the way to success at UNH

By Cary Shuman

Revere High 2017 graduate Lani Stevens, whom Supt. of Schools Dr. Diane Kelly describes as “an incredible student,” wasn’t going to let anything get in the way of her goal of completing her college studies in three years.

Stevens received degrees



Lani Stevens is pictured at the RHS Class of 2017 commencement exercises.

in Analytical Economics and Sustainability from the University of New Hampshire on May 16. The last semester of her college career was greatly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Classes were held online, her senior-year project was challenging under these conditions, and there was no on-campus com-

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### More than 16,000 masks distributed to residents to-date

Staff report

The City of Revere’s Emergency Response Team continues to monitor impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and develop policies and procedures to maintain public health and safety for all in Revere. As of May 26, the Revere Board of Health has been notified by the Massachu-

setts Department of Public Health of 1,570 positive cases of COVID-19 in the City of Revere. The City’s weekly average is 12.6 new cases each day.

Mayor Arrigo and the Revere Reopening Team expanded the City’s Mask Up Revere campaign to support Revere small businesses in acquiring personal protective equipment. Small busi-

nesses that are part of phase one of the state’s reopening plan, which includes offices, hair salons and barber shops, pet services, car washes and curbside retail, may request a two-week supply of masks and gloves for their employees and customers, with a limit of 50. The application is available.

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### ON THIS DAY, WE REMEMBER...



Flags were planted on the American Legion Lawn off Broadway this past Memorial Day in honor of all the Revere residents whose lives have been lost to combat over the years while serving in our Nation's armed forces.

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### REVERE FIRE RESCUE BOATERS STRANDED IN DENSE FOG



Shown above, left to right, firefighter Louis Iovine Jr., Lt. Cory Robson, and firefighter Giancarlo Pani, all from Engine Company 5, Group 1.

The small outboard-motor craft carrying the four men lost power and stalled about 250 yards off shore east of Bickford Avenue about 10:30 p.m. as the four made their way back from a Memorial Day fishing trip. Pines residents heard the men’s cries for help and called authorities. Revere Harbormaster John Hurley was on the scene and communicated with Coast Guard and Revere Fire. After considering the heavy fog and shallow, low-tide water which threatened a rescue by boat, firefighters donned cold-water rescue suits and waded into the water and were able to guide the boat back to shore. No injuries were reported.

## CHURCHES RE-OPEN

St. Mary of the Assumption will hold Mass on Saturday

By Cary Shuman

Following the two-month suspension of in-person, church services due to the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Mary of the Assumption will conduct its first Mass Saturday at 4 p.m. inside the church.

The Rev. John Sheridan, pastor, will be officiating the Mass that will be limited to 70 parishioners at the church that has a usual seating capacity of 250.

Asked about the projected turnout for the re-opening of the church to parishioners, the Rev. Sheridan “We’ll see what the Holy Spirit says, because it’s the Feast of Pentecost. I have

no idea what kind of numbers to expect - the capacity of the church is 70 with social distancing, but we don’t know in this equation.”

The church’s spiritual leader said he has been corresponding regularly with parishioners via email and Facebook and intends to deliver a “Welcome Back, Today Is The Feast of Pentecost” message on Saturday.

“Pentecost is one of the most important Feast days of the church’s year,” said the Rev. Sheridan. “It is third or fourth on the list of the most important Holy Days. I want everyone to

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## School Committee votes not to participate in state’s school choice program

By John Lynds

At the last Revere Public School Committee meeting, committee member Stacey Rizzo made a motion to have Revere Public Schools not participate in the state’s School Choice program.

The school choice program allows parents to send their children to schools in communities other than the city or town in which they reside.

Each year the Revere School Committee must vote on whether or not they

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## RMV implementing further extensions to expiring licenses, permits, and plate registrations

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is announcing this week it will be implementing further extensions to the renewal timelines for expiring motor vehicle inspection stickers, passenger plate registrations, professional credentials, and driver's licenses and learner's permits, including Commercial Driver's Licenses and Commercial Learner's Permits (CDLs / CLPs).

While the RMV has previously announced extensions for most credentials, passenger plate registrations and inspection stickers expired or expiring in March, April, and May, today's action will apply an additional extension to those credentials and an extension to some credentials expiring in June, July, and August.

These extensions replicate the ongoing measures the RMV has taken to reduce the need for custom-

ers to physically visit an RMV Service Center or one of its business partners' facilities, allowing for 'social-distancing' by decreasing non-essential travel and customer volume. Additional, longer-term extensions will also allow the RMV to ensure 'social-distancing' guidelines are met as demand for in-person service and renewals resumes during the Commonwealth's reopening phases.

The new changes to expiration extensions will be in effect as follows:

- Driver's licenses and ID cards, including Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDLs), that expired or will expire in March, April, and May 2020, will now expire in September 2020 and do not need to be renewed at this time. Driver's licenses and ID cards that will expire in June have been extended until October 2020, those that will expire in July have been extended until

November 2020, and those that will expire in August have been extended until December 2020 and do not need to be renewed at this time. The specific expiration date typically coincides with an individual's birth date. Customers holding an RMV credential marked "Limited-Term" that has expired or will expire between March 1 and August 31, 2020 should visit [Mass.gov/RMV](https://www.mass.gov/RMV) for more information and to check the validity of their credential. The RMV also recently introduced an online renewal option for CDL holders if they are self-certified in the Non-Excepted Interstate (NI) category for medical certification.

- Learner's permits, including Commercial Learner's Permits (CLPs), that expired or will expire in March, April, and May 2020, will now expire in December 2020. Learner's permits that will expire in

June, July, and August will also be extended until December 2020. This extension will allow additional time for permit students and driving schools to complete in-car instruction and a road test when those functions are authorized to restart safely.

- \*Road tests for CDLs are still being conducted during the State of Emergency. Massachusetts State Police manage CDL road tests and require anyone taking a CDL road test to bring and wear a face covering for the entirety of the road test.
- In accordance with updated guidance from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), all CDL Medical Certificates expiring between March 1 and May 31, 2020, have previously been extended until June 30, 2020 and no additional extension will be applied. However, all CDL Medical Certificates expiring between

June 1 and August 31 have been extended until September 30, 2020 and do not need to be renewed at this time. Extensions to CDL Medical Certificates are intended to prevent license downgrades and elective medical visits, as well as alleviate demand on medical providers, during the State of Emergency.

- The annual motor vehicle safety and emissions inspection stickers that have expired or will expire in March, April, and May 2020 have been extended until July 31, 2020. No additional extensions will be applied, and inspection stations are open at their discretion within the public health guidelines to perform this work.
- All passenger plate registrations that have expired or will expire in March, April, and May 2020 have been extended until July 31, 2020. The RMV has also applied a 30-day extension

to registrations that expire in June, which will now expire on July 31, 2020. Registration renewals can continue to be performed online at [Mass.Gov/RMV](https://www.mass.gov/RMV) during this time.

- All school bus, school pupil (7D), and bus registrations that will expire in June have been extended 30 days until July 2020. Professional credentials for School Bus Certificates, School Pupil Transport Licenses (7D), Inspector Licenses, Inspection Station Licenses, Driving Instructor Licenses and Driving School Licenses that have expired or will expire in March, April, and May 2020 have previously been extended until 90 days after the State of Emergency is lifted. The RMV has added June expirations to the previous extension and professional credentials that expire in June have 90 days after the State of Emergency is lifted to renew.

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want to enter the program.

"I move that we the Revere School Committee vote to not accept non-Revere students into the revere public school system," Rizzo said while making the motion.

The motion was second-

ed and unanimously rejected by the School Committee, which also includes Mayor Brian Arrigo.

Prior to the motion, Revere Public School Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly, advocating for the district, said she did not support the

idea.

"I am asking not to vote in favor of School Choice for Revere Public School, which allows other students from cities and towns into our public schools," said Kelly. "You are all aware of the state we are in right now. All of our schools are overcrowded. We need to hold a yearly lottery lottery for our middle schools to ensure even distribution of students. There are over 2,000 students at Revere

High School and the school is nearly bursting at the seams and our elementary schools are not in much better shape."

The Inter-District School Choice law was passed into law by the Massachusetts Legislature in 1991.

The laws two main goals were to provide education options to Massachusetts parents and children, and to spur competition among districts.

School choice allows

school districts to enroll non-resident pupils from other districts at a tuition (chapter 70 funding) cost that starts at \$5,000 but averages more than \$6,000 when special education expenses are added in. The tuition is paid entirely by the students' home districts, at no cost to the parents.

More than 16,000 of the Commonwealth's 950,000 students were enrolled as choice pupils. Nearly 60 percent of the state's 322

school districts accepted students through the program.

School committees vote each year whether to accept new non-resident choice pupils. Their motivation to do so is usually to fill empty seats and bring in additional revenue.

However, as Dr. Kelly pointed out, Revere Public School don't seem to need any help in filling seats for the foreseeable future.

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wear red for the Holy Spirit."

The church will also hold Masses on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. It will livestream a Mass Sunday afternoon at a time to be announced.

The Rev. Sheridan acknowledged that Cardinal Sean O'Malley "has made it very clear that people are still not bound by the obligation yet due to that we are still under the COVID-19 watch."

The spiritual leader said he is looking forward to welcoming back members

of the church community.

"I'm beyond excited, I'm thrilled," said the Rev. Sheridan. "I can't wait to see folks. I can't wait to get back. It's been far too long, but I understand why. I get it. We're happy to follow the rules and regulations of the Commonwealth and the Governor and we're looking forward to seeing people again and understanding what the new normal means for all of us. This is a big step."

**St. Anthony of Padua will resume Mass on June 13**

The Rev. Xavier Arulraj of St. Anthony of Padua Church said the church will hold its next in-person Mass on Saturday, June 13 at 4 p.m.

"We are formulating the protocols of the church and the procedures our parishioners must do when we re-open, such as wearing of masks and keeping social distancing," related the Rev. Arulraj.

The spiritual leader said he will be sending the rules and regulations to each parishioner individually by mail.

The St. Anthony Church has a seating capacity of 800, but only 120 parishioners will be allowed to attend the Mass due to social distancing guidelines.

The Rev. Arulraj said there will be three Masses on Sunday, June 14 at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. (on Zoom), and 12 p.m. (noon).

"We will also be doing regular Masses weekdays at 7 a.m. and noon in the main church," said the Rev. Arulraj. "We will also have a Novena Mass on Tuesday at noon."

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able at [www.Revere.org/maskupbusinesses](https://www.Revere.org/maskupbusinesses).

Mayor Arrigo visited Karma Hair Salon on Squire Road last week to deliver masks and gloves to owner Kimberly Hilal, who prepared to reopen this past Monday.

"Our small businesses are the backbone of our city and while we can't solve all of the challenges they're facing today, we are going to show up and offer everything we can to help support them," Mayor Arrigo said.

All Revere businesses are being asked to respond to the City's Reopening Survey to help guide the City's response efforts, and small businesses are encouraged to apply for a grant through the City's Emergency Small Business Program if they have not yet done so. The program aims to provide immediate relief for small businesses in jeopardy as a result of COVID-19 public health safety measures and will award Qualifying businesses up to \$10,000. The



Mayor Brian Arrigo speaks with a resident and business owner who received PPE for her business on behalf of the City.

application and criteria for the funding is available to small business owners at [revere.org/smallbusiness](https://www.revere.org/smallbusiness). Grant funds can be used

for working capital costs such as payroll, lease obligations, utility and/or debt payments, and inventory expenses.

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# 32BJ SEIU, Maintenance Contractors of New England agree to a one-year contract extension in face of COVID-19 pandemic

Staff report

In a moment of employer and labor unity during the Coronavirus crisis, 32BJ SEIU and the Maintenance Contractors of New England have agreed to a one-year extension of their 2016-2020 contract. The new contract—which covers approximately 14,000 janitors who clean commercial office buildings and public spaces throughout Metropolitan

Boston, Central Massachusetts, and Rhode Island—was scheduled to expire this September but will now be extended through September 30, 2021.

Both parties agreed that coming together in this unprecedented economic and public health crisis is crucial, especially as people start coming back to work at the office buildings these workers clean. The extension will allow man-

agement, union officials, and workers to strategize together on protecting the health and safety of all as Governor Baker’s administration rolls out his four-phase reopening plan, and making sure that building owners are doing the same. The extension also maintains quality, union healthcare for the janitors and their families, which is crucial for this vulnerable workforce and the gen-

eral public in the face of COVID-19.

“The cleaning contractors of Massachusetts and Rhode Island put tremendous value in our employees,” said Michael White, President/Chairman of the Association. “We are glad that this agreement will enable the industry to continue and maintain our focus on providing our clients with the services they need in this unprecedented mo-

ment as well as to ensure the stability they and our employees depend upon.”

“The pandemic has forced all of us on both sides of the table to unite around economic stability and workplace safety as the Bay State slowly reopens,” said Roxana Rivera, Vice President of 32BJ SEIU and local leader of the union. “Our commercial cleaners come from some of the most impacted communi-

ties in our state—they are primarily immigrants and people of color living in places that have been ravaged by the disease, such as Chelsea, Lynn, and Mattapan. Right now, they need stability and collaboration with management, and I’m very pleased that the Contractors Association agrees. By coming together, we will do our part to make the Bay State’s working families safe and secure as we fight this terrible disease.”

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your security deposit (for first or last month’s rent), you can specify the unit you plan to move into, even if you have not yet signed the lease.

- You are not eligible if you are in an Emergency Assistance Shelter.

Households can receive up to \$4,000 for a 12-month period. To check eligibility and for help with applications, call the CONNECT Hotline at 617-712-3487.

## CAPIC FUEL ASSISTANCE UPDATE - YOU MAY NOW BE ELIGIBLE!

COVID-19 is affecting us all whether it’s our health, household income, our social well-being or a combination of all three. If you are a resident of Chelsea, Winthrop or Revere and are finding it difficult to keep up with home heating expense during this time please do not hesitate to reach out to CAPIC. All applications can be completed remotely. Call today, you may be surprised you qualify! Please call 617-884-6130.

## FEMA ANNOUNCES OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE FOR THE 2020 HURRICANE SEASON

To address the challenges of managing disaster response and recovery efforts during this year’s hurricane season, FEMA is releasing the “COVID-19 Pandemic Operational Guidance for the 2020 Hurricane Season” to help emergency managers and public health officials best prepare for disasters, while continuing to respond to and recover from coronavirus (COVID-19). The guidance can also be used by private sector and non-governmental organizations to gain an understanding of the government’s posture, planning and readiness efforts.

The guide provides actions emergency managers and public officials can take to prepare for response and recovery operations during ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response efforts. Specifically, the guidance:

- Describes anticipated challenges to disaster operations posed by COVID-19;
- Highlights planning considerations for emergency managers based on current challenges;
- Outlines how FEMA plans to adapt response and recovery operations;
- Creates a shared understanding of expectations between FEMA and emergency managers; and,
- Includes guidance, checklists and resources to support emergency managers response and recovery planning.

Although some aspects of FEMA’s program delivery are different this year, others remain the same. FEMA does not anticipate major changes in program eligibility, timeliness of grant awards, or level of assistance provided under the Individual and Households Program.

While the guide focuses on FEMA’s program delivery during the 2020 hurri-

cane season, most planning considerations can be applied to any disaster operation during the COVID-19 pandemic, including no-notice incidents.

FEMA will continue to operate under the framework of locally executed, state managed, and federal supported incident response. By creating a shared understanding of expectations among FEMA and state, local, tribal and territorial partners prior to hurricane season, the nation will be better positioned to achieve operational outcomes in disaster response and recovery efforts.

## LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO THE DEAN’S LIST AT MCPHS UNIVERSITY

MCPHS University is pleased to announce the students who have been named to the Dean’s List for the Fall 2019 semester:

- \* Danelia Santos is a native of Revere and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Predental-Dental Hygiene. Danelia will graduate in 2020 from the Boston, Massachusetts campus.
- \* Victoria Pelletier is a native of Revere, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene. Victoria will graduate in 2019 from the Worcester, Massachusetts campus.
- \* Nicolas Velasquez Leon is a native of Revere, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Nicolas will graduate in 2021 from the Boston, Massachusetts campus.
- \* Keyri Chan-Ramirez is a native of Revere, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography. Keyri will graduate in 2021 from the Boston, Massachusetts campus.
- \* Amanda Barrett is a native of Revere, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Radiation Therapy. Amanda will graduate in 2020 from the Boston, Massachusetts campus.

The Dean’s List recognizes those students with a full-time course load who have achieved outstanding scholarship with a 3.5 GPA or higher for the academic term.

## LOCAL HONORS PROGRAM RESIDENTS RECEIVE ACADEMIC HONORS

Northeastern University is pleased to recognize those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. The following students were recently named to the University’s dean’s list for the Spring semester, which ended in April 2020.

- \* Revere resident Wallid Soukaki, a Northeastern University student majoring in bioengineering. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean’s list, Wallid Soukaki is a member of the University Honors Program
- \* Revere resident Noah Adamson, a Northeastern University student majoring in political science. In

addition to achieving distinction through the dean’s list, Noah Adamson is a member of the University Honors Program

To achieve the dean’s list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality point average of 3.5 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no single grade lower than a C- during the course of their college career. Each student receives a letter of commendation and congratulation from their college dean.

The University Honors Program offers high caliber students the chance to further hone their studies and interests, live in special interest residential communities, participate in enriched, interdisciplinary courses, and engage in research and creative endeavors, service, and global experiences. Invitation into the University Honors Program is highly competitive and students must maintain a high GPA to maintain membership.

## EASTIE PRIDE DAY SUMMER FESTIVAL OFFICIALLY CANCELED FOR 2020

Earlier this month, Mayor Martin Walsh decided to cancel all city-permitted parades and festivals taking place outdoors through Labor Day. The move was aimed at curbing the gathering of large crowds and keep up social distancing throughout the summer months amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The announcement forced the Eastie Pride Day committee to make the tough decision to pull the plug on the late August festival that draws thousands to Piers Park for the day-long family friendly celebration. This is the first time the event has been canceled in its 32-year history.

“It is with great sadness that we announce the cancellation of Eastie Pride Day 2020,” said the Committee in a statement Friday. “This decision was made in compliance with the City of Boston’s recent order regarding public events. Eastie Pride Day is a summer tradition for many families. For over 30 years we have celebrated Eastie’s diverse culture, rich history, and community pride. During these times of uncertainty, we hope you continue to foster that Eastie pride we all share, uplift one another, and support our beloved community. We wish you good health, and encourage all to continue to follow public health guidelines. We look forward to celebrating with you next year.”

Eastie Pride Day was founded in 1988 by former Boston City Councilor Sal LaMattina as a summer block party and community celebration to bring Eastie residents closer together.

So, on a hot summer night in 1988 at East Boston Memorial Stadium the first Eastie Pride Day was held. However, LaMattina admits he thought it would only be a one-time event.

“When we planned the

first Eastie Pride Day we thought that would be it,” said LaMattina. “Have everyone come down, show off their Eastie Pride and it would be over.”

But the success of the very first East Pride Day was all LaMattina and longtime organizers like Larry and Carol Smith and the late Anthony Albano needed to keep it going.

So for more than 30 years LaMattina, was the key organizer, and now a younger generation of community leaders like his daughter Liana LaMattina and Rep. Adrian Madaro, have been keeping the event going, an event that he holds very dear to his heart.

Although LaMattina is disappointed in this year’s cancellation, he is happy the Committee is doing their part to help control the spread of COVID-19.

“We’ve had years with rain and thunderstorms. Years where we had to move the festival inside. There were years that we had to cut Eastie Pride Day short due to severe weather. But, we always had Eastie Pride Day,” he said. “With that said we can’t be too careful in these crazy times and must do our part as a community to ensure everyone stays safe and healthy until we can find an end to this pandemic.”

### MASS. VOTERS FOR ANIMALS ENDORSES GRAVELLESE FOR STATE REP.

Joe Gravellese’s campaign for State Representative has been endorsed

by Massachusetts Voters for Animals, a statewide advocacy group dedicated to electing humane leaders who prevent cruelty to animals.

“Mass Voters for Animals is delighted to enthusiastically endorse Joe Gravellese for State Representative because we feel that he stands out as a person who truly cares about animal welfare and would be a strong advocate for the prevention of cruelty,” said Marge Peppercorn, a member of Massachusetts Voters for Animals’ steering committee.

Gravellese has an extensive record of working on issues related to animal protection from his time working as legislative director to Representative Lori Ehrlich from 2013-2016.

During this time, Ehrlich’s office helped advocate for and sign in to law legislation that responded to the “Puppy Doe” incident, when a pitbull was found so badly abused that she had to be euthanized. The bill updated the state’s animal cruelty laws to hold abusers accountable.

Gravellese also worked on legislation allowing Good Samaritans to legally rescue animals trapped in hot cars, crack down on “puppy mills,” end the exploitation of wild animals in traveling shows, and stop the illicit ivory trade, which is funding overseas criminal enterprises and threatening elephants with extinction.

Since leaving the State House, Gravellese has been an active donor and fundraiser for a no-kill cat shelter in Boston.

“How we treat ani-

mals says a lot about our values,” said Gravellese. “Research shows that a person who has committed animal abuse is five times more likely to commit violence against people. Strong animal protection laws are important to protect all of us.”

“I’m proud to have the endorsement of Massachusetts Voters for Animals, and pledge to continue to be an effective voice to protect the vulnerable as your State Representative.”

Gravellese was previously endorsed by International Union of Operating Engineers Local 4, Bricklayers Local 3, and Tunnel Workers Local 88.

### LEONE GRADUATES FROM COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

Nicholas Leone, of Revere, received a bachelor of arts degree Magna Cum Laude from College of the Holy Cross on May 22, 2020.

Because of the ongoing pandemic, Holy Cross hosted a virtual celebration for its Class of 2020, featuring a special message from Holy Cross alumnus Dr. Anthony Fauci ‘62, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Leone was among 707 students who received electronic diplomas as part of the event.

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# Forum

## AMERICANS WILL SURVIVE WITHOUT BACON DOUBLE-CHEESEBURGERS

The decision of the federal government to invoke the Defense Production Act to order meat-processing plants to reopen raises a number of issues about the use of the act for this purpose.

First and foremost, the order ignores the reality that meat-processing plants continue to be hot-spots for the spread of the coronavirus, placing the safety and lives of workers, their families, and their communities at high risk for contracting and spreading the disease. Despite the best efforts of meat processors over the past two months to improve worker safety, the coronavirus continues to explode among workers in this industry. The invocation of the Defense Production Act does nothing to address this issue.

Second, we certainly sympathize with the livestock farmers who have been forced to euthanize their animals, placing these farmers on the edge of bankruptcy. But their economic losses are easily-calculable and should be recompensed by the federal government.

By contrast, what has been more disturbing in our view has been the destruction of fruits and vegetables by farmers who normally supply the restaurant business. Why hasn't the federal government come up with a plan to purchase those foods and distribute them to the millions of needy Americans who are lining up, literally for miles, for distributions from food banks?

Third however, there is an even more basic question: Why has meat production been deemed an essential industry?

We raise this question for a simple reason: The American diet, which relies more heavily on meat than any other nation in the world, has been a major contributor to the death toll in our country for persons under the age of 60 who have contracted the coronavirus.

According to researchers, a person's body mass index -- whether someone is overweight -- is a crucial factor in the ability of an individual to fight the disease. In addition, individuals who consume a lot of animal protein are more likely to suffer from the pre-existing conditions of heart disease, diabetes, cancer, and kidney failure that place them at high risk for a fatal outcome if they should contract the coronavirus.

Americans --- who annually consume an astonishing average of 222 pounds of meat per person -- can obtain their protein in many other ways, whether from fish and shellfish or the new food products (such as the Impossible Burger and Beyond Meat) that actually are good for our health.

Finally, we would add that less meat production benefits our environment, thereby reducing air pollution, which is another plus for our nation's overall health. We're sure many of our readers will be surprised to learn that the production of meat and dairy, particularly from cows, contributes enormously to climate change, with livestock accounting for almost 15 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions each year -- roughly the same amount as all of the cars, trucks, airplanes, and ships in the world combined.

In conclusion, the federal government needs to take immediate action to ensure that farmers' fruit and vegetable products do not go to waste at a time when many Americans are in financial distress and in need of food. On the other hand, meat-processing plants should be allowed to reopen only when those facilities are safe for workers.

In the meantime, if the coronavirus changes the typical American's eating habits -- from less bacon, hot dogs, etc., to more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains -- that's a good thing, both for the present and future health of our nation.



WHEN YOU'RE AT THE BEACH, BE SURE YOU'RE OUT OF REACH

### GUEST OP-ED

#### Patience is our safest path

By Mayor Brian M. Arrigo

It's only about 90 days ago. In local news, the Revere High boys basketball team fell to Waltham in the opening round of the MIAA basketball tournament on February 25. A week later, Governor Charlie Baker read Dr. Seuss's "Sneetches" to a throng of wide-eyed students at the Beachmont School as part of Read Across America Day. On March 3, more than 8,000 Revere voters turned out for the Massachusetts Presidential Primary and Revere Democrats gave Bernie Sanders the nod over Joe Biden, 2,432 to 2,013. The start of Daylight Savings Time on March 8 signaled the end of a mild winter and the promise of a pleasant spring.

The local news was just so routine, except for one ominous article that referenced plans in Massachusetts to deal with something called the "coronavirus" that had taken a foothold in China and Italy, had reached the West Coast and now threatened to spread

across the United States.

And in a matter of just a couple of weeks afterward, the coronavirus, Covid-19 dominated the news and everything else in our lives. Almost every routine came to an end as schools and businesses were ordered closed, residents retreated indoors, and any human interaction was ruled by "social distance." Zoom became the common method of face-to-face communication.

As we step tentatively toward the month of June, having lost our spring and too many of our neighbors, we are hopeful that some sense of routine can return. We long to return to our restaurants and our stores and gather with our friends and relatives.

To an extent, we can. But we must be so very careful. And patient.

At the end of March, as Covid-19 asserted its grip on our lives, I wrote on these pages:

... our level of shared anxiety is not unwarranted. In one respect, that is a good thing. Fear is a great

protector: it steers us away from foreseeable danger and draws us toward safer practices. And so to the extent that we are afraid of Covid-19, it may activate our diligent compliance with the advice and direction of public health authorities. Those outlets have been telling us for weeks how to protect ourselves, but, frankly, it wasn't until the general public started to feel a little scared that they appreciated the necessity of social distancing, self-quarantine, and washing your hands.

What was true at the end of March is equally true at the beginning of June. But now, knowledge can work to our advantage. We have witnessed Covid-19's capacity for human devastation, and we have witnessed how easily and secretly the disease can proliferate. We know now that the fear we experienced at the end of March was well-founded.

Now, armed with that knowledge, and still a dose of fear, we should more readily adapt to the measures that can protect us and

everyone around us.

Washing one's hands is easy. Keeping social distance of six feet is easy, and when that's not possible, a face-covering is a simple solution well worth the minor inconvenience.

Experts everywhere warn us of the danger of a "second wave" of Covid-19 infections. But with common sense, and simple measures, we can ward off that dreaded second wave.

While science seeks a cure, while the medical community takes a breather from Covid-19's April rampage, we are asked simply to be careful, and patient. Over the course of the past 90 days, we've slowed the disease enough so that some semblance of routine can return. Let's not let up during the next 90 days.

The summer of 2020 will be far different than what we are accustomed to, but we can enjoy a pleasurable summer in every respect. We can be safe, if we are patient. It's our own call.

*Brian Arrigo is Mayor of the City of Revere.*

### GUEST OP-ED

#### On Memorial Day Observances

*The following remarks were made by Mayor Brian M. Arrigo during Revere's Memorial Day Observance, May 25, 2020.*

This weekend we observe a holiday that began out of a tradition over 150 years ago following the Civil War. In cities and towns across the nation, people turned out during the springtime to pray and decorate the graves of the more 618-thousand soldiers who perished during that tragic "War Between the States" that tore apart the fabric of our nation.

Our nation was suffering, frightened, and facing doubt of its very survival.

Over time, prayer, and remembering those who gave their lives helped the nation heal.

Today, in 2020, our na-

tion finds itself in a different kind of War, battling a treacherous disease that in only a matter of months has killed more than 333-thousand people worldwide, nearly 100,000 here in the United States.

It is the crisis of our times, and it frightens us.

But as we reflect on the meaning and purpose of Memorial Day, we can find consolation and discover strength. We are reminded that our nation has faced crisis throughout its history, and survived.

Commemorating the dead stirs a somber reflection on the value of life. It gives us pause to accept the uncertainty of our times, and to appreciate that valor and sacrifice has unique rewards.

We are privileged to live with those rewards. We

know those privileges in words like "liberty" and "freedom." And we must never forget the precious cost of those privileges.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 32nd president of the United States, said

"Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them."

We do not forget. Two Hundred and Seven names are listed in this week's Revere Journal, the roster of our fallen fellow Revere-ites who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation, in defense of each one of us, in World Wars I and II, in Korea, in Vietnam and the Gulf Wars, and during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Every one of them died in defense of the privileges we enjoy every day.

The crisis that faces our nation today prevents us from gathering in person. The crisis has altered the way we observe our traditions, but not the meaning of them. We are united in our tribute to those who protected this nation during other crisis.

Their memory, their virtue, gives us strength.

As we commemorate the dead of this nation's wars, may we also emulate their courage.

They have set the example we must follow today; they have taught us how to overcome every crisis.

May they rest in peace. And let us cherish and live our lives in a way that honors their sacrifice.

### GUEST OP-ED

#### Remarks On Memorial Day

*The following remarks were made by Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo during in observance of Memorial Day on May 25, 2020.*

It's a pleasure to join you today.

We are all doing things differently right now, and I'm very grateful to have this opportunity to speak to you right now -- even remotely. We have all had to pivot and adjust to this reality. I'm proud to be able

to continue this great annual tradition of speaking to you.

This year's Memorial Day is particularly poignant as we've seen the Veterans' community be hit harder than many when it comes to

COVID-19.

I am proud that the Massachusetts House of Representatives has taken action to protect those who have served and are now living

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mencement ceremony.

Stevens was able to complete her requirements in three years instead of the usual four through the Advanced Placement (AP) credits that she earned while a student at RHS and her participation in Revere High's Dual Enrollment Program.

"I remember that Ms. Tiffany Curry really encouraged me to take those courses and it proved to be very helpful," recalled Stevens.

### Encouragement and support at RHS

The daughter of Wayne Stevens and Erin Stevens, Lani Stevens graduated in the top 10 percent of her class at RHS. She has two older brothers, Richard and Ryan. The family is winding down a cross-country road trip that included a visit to the Lost World Caverns in West Virginia.

Lani competed on the RHS cross country and track teams and served on the Student Council.

She is very grateful to the RHS faculty.

"I think part of it was the hard work that I put in, but a lot of it was the encouragement from my teachers and my guidance counselors," said Stevens. "The

overall support system at Revere high in guidance was amazing."

She commended guidance counselor, Carolyn Gerrior, guidance leader Diana Finn, "and I had so many great teachers at Revere High: Miss Cronin, Miss Pirkey, Mr. Bonanno, Miss Emilan, and Mr. Bein."

**A role model for current Revere students**

Supt. of Schools Dr. Di-  
anne Kelly said Stevens is an outstanding example for Revere students and her success will inspire others. Kelly added that she was pleased that the RHS Dual Enrollment Program allowed Lani the opportunity to accelerate the advancement toward her degree and to graduate college in three years.

"Lani is one of the incredible Revere students who push themselves to perform at high levels in all areas of life," said Kelly. "Our Dual Enrollment Program allows students to earn high school and college credit at the same time. These college-level courses are accepted to take the place of our topic-similar high school-level classes that are required for graduation. These programs allow

us to differentiate programs to meet individual student needs and allow students to move in a pace that fits their abilities."

**An internship at the Revere Journal**

While a student at RHS, Lani had an internship in marketing at the Revere Journal.

Curry, the RHS Extended Learning Opportunity Coordinator who supervised her internship, said of Stevens, "I'm thrilled to hear that you're doing a story on Lani" and her academic successes.

Curry recalled that Lani wrote at that time about what a positive, educational experience it was working at the Journal offices. "I could not have asked for a better learning experience than interning at the Revere Journal. I built everlasting relationships with the workers. I think the most essential lesson I learned through my internship was the patience and compassion you have to maintain when dealing with the public. It seems simple, but maintaining a friendly attitude and keeping a smile on your face at all times can almost get you through any situation."



Lani Stevens is pictured on the campus of the University of New Hampshire. Stevens received degrees in Analytical Economics and Sustainability following three years of study at the outstanding college located in Durham.

### The decision to graduate early

Lani said she's happy with her decision to graduate UNH in three years. She attained Dean's List honors during her career and had three work-study positions.

"I'm really happy, though I think it's nerve-wracking during this time, going into a job market that's pretty depressing," said Stevens candidly. "I had a fellowship lined up doing data analysis for a school district in New Hampshire this

summer but unfortunately it was rescinded. Because of the coronavirus, they weren't able to do it under virtual conditions."

She remains optimistic about obtaining an employment opportunity soon. "I'm staying hopeful and making the most out of my time and seeing what comes along," she said. "I'm hoping that my degrees will prove beneficial during this time, given all that's going on. I know that communities' resilience is being test-

ed right now and so hopefully with my degrees, I can make that a little bit easier."

Asked whether she considers herself a role model, Stevens, a former SAT Prep instructor for RHS students, replied, "I worked with some of my past cross country teammates [in SAT Prep] and I see them graduating this year and I'm so amazed at what they're doing in their lives. They're as much role models for me as I hope that I can be for them."

## GUEST OP-ED

### Public safety is on my mind

To be a community with well-rounded public safety, it means having the best tools and resources for our police and fire departments, having adequate staffing and ensuring the safety of our community.

Although we are amid a historic pandemic, we have made time over the last few weeks to recognize the firefighters and police officers and first responders that serve, have retired and those we've lost. As the

daughter of a police officer, I've grown up with a deep understanding of the sacrifices that police officers make when they report to work each day. Every day when my dad put on his uniform and went to work, he set out to protect not only my family, but our community. As the granddaughter and goddaughter of 2 firemen, I can understand the unsettling feeling when they leave the house not knowing what they are walking into, weather it be

a home of someone who could potentially be infected with COVID 19 or walking into a blaze. When other people run out, or police and fire run in. The truth is, our loved ones made an oath. They put themselves and their safety at risk each and every day. That selflessness is something I have the utmost respect for.

As a Chair of Public Safety on the Revere City Council, I can assure you that especially during these times we are relying heav-

ily on police, fire, municipal, and regional emergency officials. I am so very proud of the great work our police and firefighters have accomplished under the leadership of Chiefs Guido and Bright. The same goes for the community partnerships that have been built and strengthened over the years with public safety in mind. Through my work in city government, I've seen how important, and sometimes fragile, the relationship between public safety

officials and the civilians they serve really is. It's so important to me that I will seek to be a member of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security if elected as your next State Representative.

*Jessica Giannino is an City Councilor At-Large for the City of Revere, as well as a candidate for State Representative, 16th Suffolk District.*

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in Soldiers' Homes.

While investigations are ongoing, we have passed legislation to enhance reporting and ensure that the public, and the families of those in Soldiers' Homes, are provided with reliable, up-to-date information so that we can

fully and responsibly respond to public health crises.

On behalf of the Commonwealth, I would like to express our gratitude to all servicemen and women for their loyalty to our nation.

We appreciate the bravery that they have shown, the sacrifices made by their families and loved ones, and the hugely positive impact that they've made on our nation and its history.

Whether our servicemen and women died in World War II, Vietnam or the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, we pay tribute to them.

It remains so important that remain

committed to giving back to our veterans. When they come home, we want them to know that they will be guaranteed the best services that the nation has to offer.

I'm very proud of everything Massachusetts does for its veterans. We rank first in the nation when it comes to assisting veterans and military personnel.

It's an honor to be here

with you to offer our profound thanks for those serving today and those who have served our country through the years, some making the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our country.

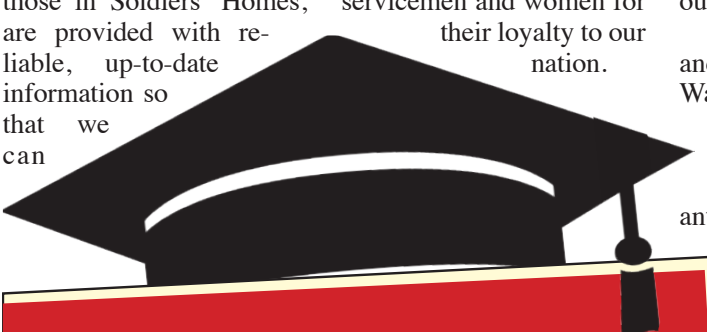
Although we can never fully repay them, for their service, we can keep these brave soldiers from the past — and

from the present—in our thoughts and prayers.

Thank you again for coming together as we honor these courageous men and women.

God bless the United States of America.

*Robert A. DeLeo is Speaker of the House of Representatives.*



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# OBITUARIES

## M. Mildred ‘Millie’ Porter

Talented seamstress who possessed grace, kindness and deep faith

Funeral Services and Interment will be held privately due to the current mandates regarding the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic for M. Mildred “Millie” (Surette) Porter who died on Saturday, May 23 at the New England Home for the Deaf following a brief illness with COVID-19. She was in her 97th year.

Mildred was born and raised in Wedgeport, Nova Scotia, Canada. She lost her sense of hearing at the young age of five due to meningitis. She was educated in Nova Scotia and came to live in the U.S. in 1951. She met and married her husband, George J. Porter, Jr. in 1954. He was also afflicted with hearing loss.

The couple settled in Revere where they raised their son, George J. Porter, III. Mildred had a long career that spanned over 40 years for Filene’s Department Store in Downtown Boston Crossing, as a seamstress. She was also a late member of the Boston, Quincy and Revere Deaf Club.

Her talent for sewing was boundless. There was not anything she couldn’t create, recreate or repair. Through the years, she made her granddaughter’s First Holy Communion



Dress and many other creations. She also hemmed clothing for family, friends and neighbors.

Mildred was an avid reader of all books and eager to learn new things. She also loved to knit and crochet and it allowed her to create clothing, scarfs, blankets and many other meaningful treasures.

In later years, she and her husband moved from their home in Revere to live at the New England Home for the Deaf in Danvers.

She was known as fabulous cook and baker, her family recounts her legendary Apple Pie. She was a woman who possessed grace, kindness and a deep faith.

She was the wife of 59 years to the late George J. Porter, Jr., loving and proud mother of George J. Porter, III of Revere, cherished grandmother of Catherine A. Porter of Wakefield, Christopher M. Porter and his wife, Beth of Wakefield and Cory J. Porter and his companion, Corinne Sartoris of Woburn; adored great-grandmother of Isabel Rose and Jackson Edward and dear sister of two deceased brothers and eight deceased sisters.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the New England Home for the Deaf, 154 Water St. Danvers, MA 01923. To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertuccioandsmith.com](http://www.vertuccioandsmith.com). Funeral Arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

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## Michael Marden, Jr.

A super Patriots fan

Funeral services and Interment will be held privately due to the ongoing COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic for Michael E. Marden, Jr., who died on Saturday, May 23 in the comfort and love of his family at home, after a long illness. He was 39 years old.

Michael was born in Malden and raised and educated in Revere. He attended Northeast Regional Vocational High School in Wakefield and Revere High School. Due to Michael’s health, he was disabled and could not work.

He had a deep passion for the New England Patriots and was enthralled with each game, play and victory. Like many of us, Michael was able to truly enjoy the past 20 years of football with his team dominating the game. His fascination demonstrated that he was a “Super Fan.” He also enjoyed watching the Boston Celtics as well, but not at the same level of excitement and devotion as the New England Patriots.

He loved being surrounded by his nieces and nephews and watching them grow up. He was a young man with a good heart and good sense of humor, he will always be loved and remembered.



The beloved son of Michael E. Marden, Sr. and his wife, Pamela (Theberge) Marden of Saugus, formerly of Revere, he was the cherished brother of Michelle L. Mazza of Lynn, Kerri A. Marden of Danvers and Paul E. Marden and his wife, Alicia of Saugus; adored uncle of Kylie Mazza and Cameron Mazza, both of Lynn, Stella Bulla, Sadi Grey Bulla, both of Danvers and Saylor Marden of Saugus. He is also lovingly survived by many loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Northeast Animal Shelter, 347 Highland Ave., Salem, MA 01970. To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertuccioandsmith.com](http://www.vertuccioandsmith.com). Funeral Arrangements are entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

## Dorine Karas-Picardi

Will be remembered for her selfless love and devotion to family

Dorine C. (Marescalchi) Karas-Picardi, 72, of Revere, peacefully passed away at home on May 22 surrounded by her loved ones.

Dorine was a beautiful person inside and out. She will always be remembered for her selfless love and devotion to her family.

She was the cherished daughter of the late Albert and Vincenza (Gozzo) Marescalchi, beloved wife of Paul U. Picardi, loving mother of Adam L. Karas and Tiffany C. Picardi-Flahive, adored grandmother of Ryker, Daxon, and Truly Picardi-Flahive and caring sister of Albert Marescalchi. Dorine will be greatly missed by her loving cousins, nieces, nephews, and godchildren.

A mass will be celebrat-



ed at Immaculate Conception Church in Revere on Saturday, May 30 at 10:30 a.m. Please arrive by 10:15 a.m. Masks are required to be worn at all times. Please follow social distancing and church guidelines.

At the family’s request and in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dorine’s memory to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital by visiting [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

## Donald ‘Don’ Pasco

Longtime owner of Pasco Aluminum and well known piano player at Continental Restaurant in Saugus for over 30 years



Funeral Services and Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett will be

held privately due to the ongoing COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic for Donald A. “Don” Pasco who passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 21 as God granted his final wish of being home surrounded by his family. He was 91 years old.

Born and raised in Boston, he was the son of the late Nicholas and Margaret (Gamaldo) Pasco. He attended Boston English High School and immediately enlisted in the United States Army. A proud member of a military family, Don and his three brothers each enlisted into separate branches of the United States Armed Forces, all of them serving faithfully and honorably. It was in the Army where Donald made many lifelong friends. He thoroughly enjoyed serving his time and defending the country that he loved.

He took up boxing while he was in the Army and it was there that he realized his potential in many aspects of his life, especially as a talented musician. After multiple re-enlistments, he was honorably discharged in 1951 and returned home to East Boston.

He began working in the business of aluminum siding and specialized in windows and doors. He would eventually own and operate his own business named Pasco Aluminum for many years.

His love for music led him to become a popular piano player in various venues throughout the North Shore area and later in Central Massachusetts. He played for over 70 years, from the Frolics on Revere Beach, to the Driftwood and the Pony Lounge in East Boston. His resume included a 30-year stint at the Continental Restaurant in Saugus and Angelica’s in Middleton, among others. After marrying Yvonne M. Goulart, the couple resided in Dorchester with their youngest son for several years before moving to Revere and eventually to Brookfield where they made their new home about nine years ago. As a result, Don would continue to share his musical talent in Central Massachusetts. He continued throughout his 80’s playing in sever-



al senior centers and even until recently, he and his wife, Yvonne, performed at Brookhaven Assisted Care in West Brookfield, Massachusetts.

Don was a dedicated family man and his personality drew everyone to him immediately. He and his family were avid theatre goers and as a result made many honored friendships over the years. He will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of meeting him or anyone who had the joy of listening to his gift of music that he shared with so many throughout his life.

The beloved husband of 29 years to Yvonne M. Goulart of Brookfield, he was the devoted father of Melinda S. “Mindy” Curry and her fiancé, Timothy Amentola of Everett, Michelle L. “Shelly” Pasco and her companion, Matt LeGallo of Revere, Nicole L. Pasco and her husband, Fouad Chebani of Revere, Anthony D. Pasco and his wife, Nicole Tedesco-Pasco of Taunton and Nathaniel “Nathan” D. Goulart-Pasco of Brookfield; cherished grandfather of Linda Brown and her husband, Joshua, Mario N. Pasco, Yassmina Kalila, Sophia Pasco, Roman Pasco and Dominic and Camron Shaw. He is also lovingly survived by Roberta L. Racki of Chelsea, Brian R. Racki and his wife, Athanasia of Lynn, Ottavia Racki of Chelsea and her children and Stephanie Murphy of Salem, NH and her daughter. He was the dear brother of Edward Pasco and his wife, Candy of Woburn and the late Jeanette Venuti, Richard “Dick” Pasco, Elizabeth “Betty” Oliva, Leonard “Lenny” Pasco and Maryann Dello Russo. Don is also fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, extended family and friends. To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertuccioandsmith.com](http://www.vertuccioandsmith.com). Funeral Arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

## Gesilda Iacoviello

Of Revere

Gesilda Iacoviello of Revere died on May 19.

The beloved wife of the late Nicholas, she was the devoted mother of Rocco Iacoviello and his wife, Maria of Texas, Angelo and his wife, Shawna of Wakefield and the late Frank Iacoviello. She is also survived by her loving grandsons: Matthew, Jake, Thomas and Daniel and his wife, Ashley, and Nicholas and his wife, Tanya. She is also survived by four beautiful great grandchildren Adriana (9), Vivian (6), Skylar (6) and Dominic (3).

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 in Gesilda’s name to Alzheimer’s Foundation of America - [www.alzfdn.org](http://www.alzfdn.org). For guest book please visit [www.Buonfiglio.com](http://www.Buonfiglio.com).

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## OBITUARIES

### Joseph DiCarlo

Retired Revere firefighter and avid horseman

 Joseph W. “Joe” DiCarlo passed away Sunday, May 17 after a long illness in the comfort of his home surrounded by family. He was born in Malden on July 15, 1936, the son of the late Peter and Lillian (Phillips) DiCarlo.

Joe graduated from Immaculate Conception High School in Revere. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army where he was a proud member of the 82 nd Airborne. After serving in the Army, Joe returned to Revere where he worked in the family’s hospitality business for many years while also serving as a Revere Fire Fighter until his retirement in the late 70’s. Joe was an avid horseman – he enjoyed racing and owning horses. In the winter months, Joe could be found on a ski slope. In his retirement years, Joe took great pride in his yard work and spending time with his family.

Joe is survived by his wife, Ann Marie (Weitz), his three daughters: Lillian Guido and her husband, James, Nanci Campbell and

**10 years ago**  
**May 26, 2010**

Arne Duncan, the U.S. Secretary of Education in the Cabinet of President Barack Obama, and Paul Reville, the Massachusetts Secretary of Education, visited the Paul Revere School last week to celebrate the school’s Innovation program and discuss education reform in Massachusetts.

Revere resident Frank Famiglietti, 82, recently visited the grave site of his older brother, John, a 1942 graduate of Revere High, who was killed in action in Sicily in WWII. John is buried with other U.S. servicemen in the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery Memorial, about 38 miles south of Rome. Four of the Famiglietti brothers served in the war.

The Revere police drug unit teamed with State Police and Essex County detectives to break up a major heroin ring that was operating in Revere and East Boston.

Mayor Thomas Ambrosino asked the City Council for a \$6.7 million bond project to bring the city into compliance with federal clean water standards. The federal EPA is demanding that the city eliminate sewer outflows.

A local off-shoot of the National Tea Party movement, which broadly is opposed to the policies of President Barack Obama and the Democratic Congress and seeks limited government, is organizing in Revere and nearby communities.

Iron Man 2, Sex and the City 2, and Robin Hood are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**20 years ago**  
**May 31, 2000**

A mother and her former boyfriend were found guilty by a Suffolk County jury of assault & battery in connection with the tragic deaths of the woman’s two young children, ages three and five, who perished in a fire in their home at 50A Morris St. on April 8, 1998. The children had been locked in an upstairs bedroom when they started a fire by playing with matches. They were unable to get out of the room because it had been locked from the outside. The boyfriend was acquitted on manslaughter charges and the jury was hung as to the mother on that charge.

The city’s annual Memorial Day exercises were held on the lawn of the American Legion on Monday. Diplomas were given to the 22 WWII veterans who left Revere High before graduating to serve in the war.

Mayor Thomas Ambrosino has asked the City Council to transfer \$1.15 to cover the city’s budget deficit for the current year.

Mission Impossible 2, Big Momma’s House, and Shanghai Noon are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**30 years ago**  
**May 30, 1990**

The sludge battle is on at the State House, with Revere and Walpole legislators fighting to keep a proposed MWRA waste treatment sludge facility out of their communities.

The city held its annual Memorial Day services on the lawn of the American

## REVERE THROUGH THE YEARS

### MEMORIAL DAY 2000



**Shown above, the honorable Emmanuel Ferrante sits atop the Revere Kiwanis Jail float as part of the Memorial Day Parade in the spring of 2000.**



**Shown to the right, occupying the Kiwanis Jail cell float are Dave Addario, Ricky Anderson and Anthony Addario.**

Legion building this past Monday.

Andrew P. Quigley, the former State Senator from this district in the 1950s, and long-time publisher of the Winthrop Sun-Transcript, Chelsea Record, and Revere Journal, passed away this weekend at the age of 64. Quigley also had served as Mayor of Chelsea and was a member of that city’s School Committee for more than 30 years. He was elected a State Representative in Chelsea in 1948 and became the youngest person ever elected to the Mass. Senate in 1950 at the age of 24. He then was elected the Mayor of Chelsea in 1951 and served in both posts for the next four years. He ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 1956, narrowly losing to the incumbent, Thomas Lane. Quigley was a close confidante of President John F. Kennedy. He was instrumental in forging the partnership between Boston University and the Chelsea School Department that will see B.U., under its President, John Silber, take over the complete operation of the Chelsea schools.

Robocop, Total Recall, and Pretty Woman are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**40 years ago**  
**May 28, 1980**

The 555 members of the RHS Class of 1980 will receive their diplomas at Harry Della Russo Stadium this Wednesday morning. Susan O’Connell is the Class President and Marisa Giuffre is the vice-president. James Prendergast is the valedictorian and David Rocco the salutatorian.

Mayor George V. Colella and former Mayor William G. Reinstein both are demanding that the Suffolk County District Attorney investigate each other, and themselves, into allegations of bribery in connection with the construction of the new Revere High School and the new Beachmont School.

The federal government will provide 50 percent matching funds for an energy audit of the Revere schools.

Steve Martin stars in The Jerk at the Kincade Theatre in Winthrop.

**50 years ago**  
**May 28, 1970**

City Councillor Wil-

liam P. DiCarlo expressed the most vehement opposition to the proposal for the construction of a \$14.9 million new Revere High School among the opponents of a new school at a heated meeting of the City Council. However, a consultant to the project told the Council that \$14.9 is the minimum price tag for a new high school complex.

School Supt. Dr. C. Frederick Kelley told the School Committee that he has been under “terrific pressure from politicians and clergy members” who have been telephoning him to recommend teaching positions for their friends.

The Tina Malfitano School of Dance will hold its 25th annual Dance Revue Friday evening in Memorial Hall in Melrose.

Steve McQueen stars in The Reivers at the Revere Drive In.

**60 years ago**  
**June 2, 1960**

For the first time in its history, the graduation exercises of Revere High School will be held outdoors at Paul Revere Stadium this Thursday morning. A. Robert Chinchilla is the President of the Class of 1960, which consists of 475 grads. Frank A. Lillo is the vice-president, Karyn Hurst is the treasurer, and Marilyn Angrisano is the secretary.

A strict austerity program and additional tax revenue from new construction in the city have combined to enable City Manager Edward P. O’Toole to announce that the city’s tax rate will remain stable at \$89.90 for 1960.

Rev. John Newman Cunningham, the pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, will observe his 40th anniversary in the priesthood on Sunday.

An estimated 4000 persons lined the city’s streets to view the annual Memorial Day parade and ceremonies on May 30.

The 59 members of the Immaculate Conception H.S. Class of 1960 received their diplomas Sunday evening. Ann T. MacDonald was honored as the student with the highest grade average over the four years.

Brigitte Bardot stars in A Woman Like Satan at the Revere Theatre. Charlton Heston stars in The Greatest Show on Earth at the Revere Drive In.

**70 years ago**  
**June 1, 1950**

A weird session of the City Council resulted in a screaming session by Councillor Ray Carey when City Solicitor Archie Cohen informed the Council that it has no authority to draw up any ordinances governing the regulation of pinball machines or other spin-operated amusements.

Dr. Sydney Sokolove is the new President of Temple B’nai Israel.

Local officials have notified Congressman Thomas Lane of their opposition to the curtailment of postal delivery services in the city, which now limits delivery just once per day to business establishments. By contrast, the mail is delivered three times daily to Boston businesses.

The Commander of the local AMVETS has been arrested and the local oragization’s charter suspended by the state organization after Revere police seized three pornographic films and a large quantity of beer at the group’s headquarters at 592 Beach St. Police surrounded the building during a showing of one of the films and took the names and addresses of the 35 men who were viewing it.

Walt Disney’s Cinderella is playing at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

**80 years ago**  
**May 30, 1940**

The State Supreme Judicial Court has upheld a ruling by Judge James T. Ronan of the Superior Court that Mayor Laurence J. Gillis illegally removed Miss. Josephine Farrell from her post as City Auditor. Farrell had been named to that job by the previous administration just prior to Gillis taking office.

Dedication and blessing ceremonies of the new grotto of the Blessed Mother of Christ were held Monday evening on the lawn of the Immaculate Conception Church.

More than 400 members of the Knights of Columbus attended a reception for Fr. Thomas J. Brennan, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church. Fr. Brennan recently was named chaplain of the local K of C.

Mickey Rooney stars in Young Tom Edison at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.



CELEBRATING EID AL-FITR IN REVERE

This past Saturday, May 23, marked the last day of the fasting month of Ramadan. Most Muslims around the globe celebrated the Islamic holiday Eid al-Fitr on Sunday, May 24, and only a few countries will celebrate this holiday on Monday because astronomers in these regions weren't able to sight the crescent moon on Saturday.

MACIR partnered with Revere on the Move and Revere 311 to offer 400 plates of Moroccan sweets from local bakeries: Casablanca Pastry located at 151 VFW Pkwy and Sabrine Bakery and Cafe located at 91 Centennial Ave. Revere residents celebrating Eid al-Fitr were required to sign up online and pick up a plate of Moroccan cookies from the listed restaurants



MACIR President Rachid Moukhabir and Councilor Ira Novoselsky as Sabrine, the owner, looks on in the back.

on Sunday, May 24, from 9 a.m. to noon.

This event, which was fully sponsored by Revere City Hall, is a popular tradition across the Muslim world. Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky visited the local bakeries and wished the staff and customers Eid Mubarak.

Nabil Ammar, Casablanca Co-owner, and Khadija Afdal, owner of Sabrine, were very excited about this initiative and other efforts done by Revere City Hall to help small businesses. "The Muslim community admired this initiative and I can assure you that this will be memorized forever" Rachid Moukhabir, MACIR President, said.



Customer Soufiane Adli holding a plate of cookies offered by Casablanca and sponsored by Revere City Hall.



Casablanca Co-owner Nabil Ammar and Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky.

MOVING DAY

Ed Montone returns to hometown course as club pro

By Cary Shuman

Golfers arriving at the Winthrop Golf Club this season will be welcomed to the course by a new head professional.

After a delayed start to the season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Ed Montone began in his new position at the WGC on

May 8.

Montone will oversee all golfing operations and the newly renovated pro shop following his three years working as an assistant golf professional at Tedesco Country Club under Head Golf Professional Bob Green.

"Bob Green is the best mentor I could've asked

for," said Montone. "He was head professional at Tedesco for 40 years. He played in US Senior Opens and golfed with Arnold Palmer and all the legends and he's a real pro's pro. He set the bar high for us. My time there really got me ready for this."

Playing golf for the Vikings

While Montone prepped for the prestigious designation of "Head Professional" at Tedesco in nearby Marblehead, he is a Winthrop resident and has been a golfing enthusiast from a very young age.

Ed is the 28-year-old son of Andy Montone and Debbie Montone, the youngest of four children. His sister, Alexandria Montone, was a superlative shortstop in Dave Guffey's WHS softball program. He also has a sister, Adrienne Montone and a brother, Matteo Montone.

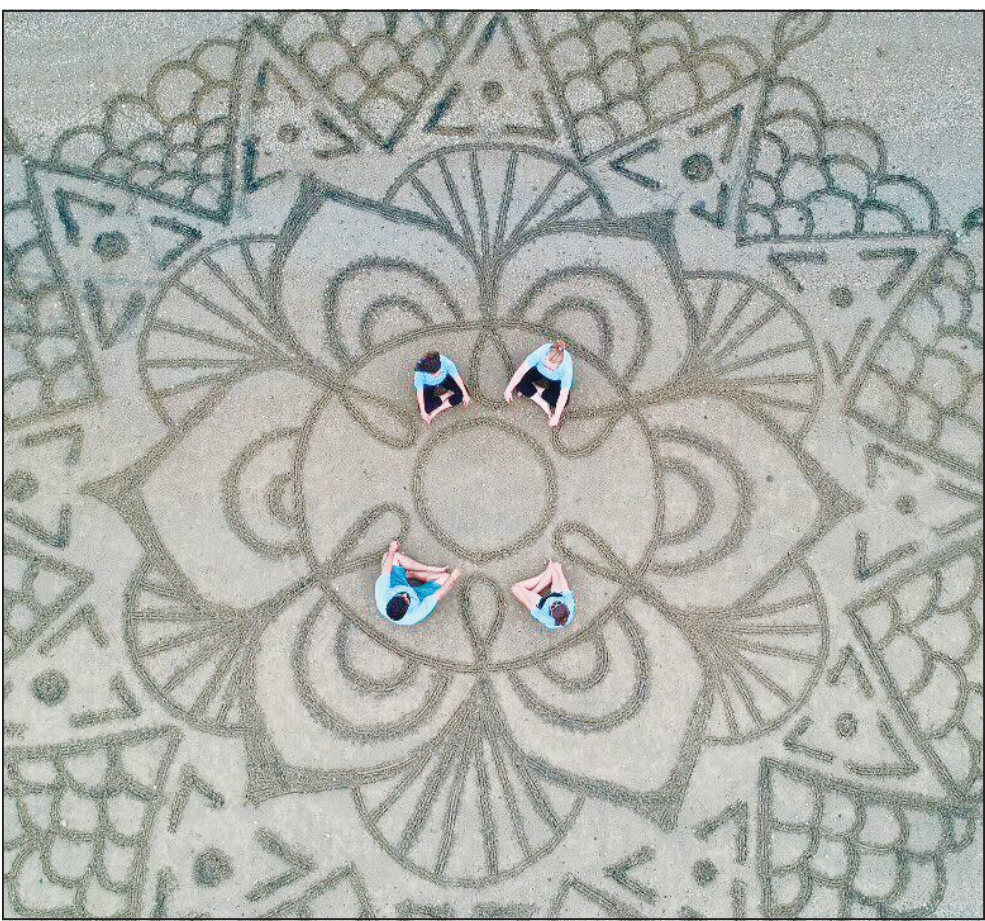
A 2009 Winthrop High School graduate, Ed played four seasons on the golf team headed by Coach Peter Lyons. He competed in the No. 2 position on the team's ladder during his three seasons on the varsity, captaining the Vikings in his senior year.

Pursuing a career in the golfing industry

Ed Montone enrolled in a two-year program at the Professional Golfers Career College (PGCC) in Orlando, Florida. He received his degree in Professional Golf Management from the highly regarded, specialized golf school.

While living in Orlando, Montone made it a point to

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Art in the sand by acclaimed beach artist Andres Amador at Carson Beach.

Drawing a line in the sand to keep our beaches safe and open

The late US District Court Judge A. David Mazzone, who oversaw the Boston Harbor case for nearly 20 years, often said that he measured the success of the Boston Harbor cleanup not by the "number of feet" you could see into the water, but by the "pairs of feet" he saw on the region's public beaches on a hot summer day.

Because we believe that the best way to "save the harbor" is to create new environmental stewards by "sharing the harbor" with the public, for more than 30 years Save the Harbor/Save the Bay has embraced Mazzone's metric as one true measure of our success. We are certainly proud that in 2019 our free Youth Environmental Education programs served more than 35,000 primarily low-income kids and families, and our free beach programs brought more than one million people to the region's public beaches.

However, this year we are confronting the most serious public health crises to affect our nation since the influenza epidemic of 1918. Under these circumstances, Mazzone's metrics - and large public beach events and programs - are simply not appropriate.

Governor Baker and Mayor Walsh have wisely cancelled large public gatherings until at least Labor Day. Many of our youth program partners have suspended their public programs to protect their staff and the public's health. Though our program planning and policy work continues by teleconference and Zoom, our office on the

Fish Pier is closed, for now.

Instead of bringing thousands of kids and their families on free harbor tours and tens of thousands of people to free concerts and beach festivals from Nahant to Nantasket this summer, we are planning for a virtual summer on Boston Harbor.

Today we are working closely (albeit remotely) with our legislative and community partners at the Metropolitan Beaches Commission, in the Baker/Polito Administration, and the City of Boston to encourage social distancing and discourage gatherings on the beaches we have worked so hard to restore, protect and share. Working together, we intend to draw a clear line in the sand to reduce the social spread of the coronavirus and keep our beaches safe and open.

All of us at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay love the beach. We also understand the importance of access to healthy blue and green open spaces like public beaches and parks to the region's residents, especially now with opportunities for recreation limited as the weather warms and cabin fever sets in.

We appreciate the thoughtful and measured approach that the Baker/Polito Administration and the Department of Conservation has taken to permit public access to these urban natural resources during this unprecedented public health crisis.

We also know that parking restrictions, social distancing requirements and face masks will not work unless we all follow

the rules and abide by the guidance. We have all seen what happened when large crowds hit the beaches in Florida and California, in some cases forcing officials to close their beaches again. We should not make these mistakes here in the Bay State.

For the past five years Save the Harbor/Save the Bay has brought acclaimed beach artist Andres Amador to Boston to work with scores of volunteers to draw huge mandalas in the sand on the region's public beaches. His work lasts for just a few hours, before being washed away by the tide.

This year we won't be drawing mandalas on the beach together. Instead, we need you to help us draw a line in the sand to turn the tide on the COVID-19 pandemic and keep our beaches safe and open. Wear a face mask to protect yourself and others. Don't gather on the beach with people who are not part of your household. Proper social distancing requires a 12-foot diameter circle between you and other beachgoers.

When this crisis has passed, each of us will ask ourselves "What did I do personally to flatten the curve and reduce the spread of the virus?" If you love your beach and care about your community, follow the guidelines, and use good judgement and common sense. Together we can draw a line in the sand to reduce the social spread of the coronavirus, keep our communities safe and our beaches open.

IT'S STILL YOUR YEAR!



Graduation looks different this year. While we are not able to gather for ceremony, it doesn't diminish the great accomplishments and hardwork. Dan Rizzo and brother Paul stand out front of their Rizzo Insurance office on Broadway where they've put up a large sign congratulating the Revere High School Class of 2020.

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## RHS SPORTS Roundup

### RHS GIRLS TRACK SENIORS REFLECT ON LOST SEASON AND WHAT SPORTS HAS MEANT TO THEM

The senior season for any high school athlete always is highly-anticipated. The seniors typically are at the height of their physical and athletic abilities. In addition, as seniors, they will have the opportunity to be leaders for their younger teammates.

The Revere Journal invited the members of the Revere High girls track team from the Class of 2020, and their coach, Antonio LaBruna, to reflect on what would have been their final season in an RHS uniform -- but which so abruptly was taken away from them by the coronavirus -- as well as to discuss how their years as Patriot athletes shaped their high school experience.

Following, in their own words, are their comments:

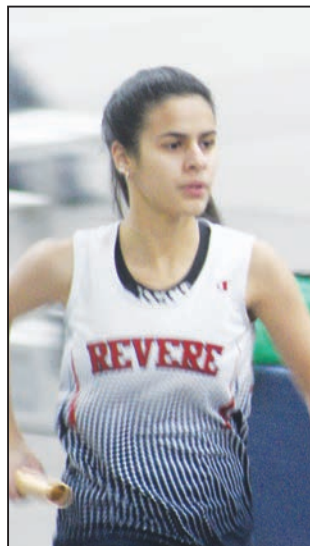
and there is no doubt in my mind that the spring sports teams would have followed in that success.

The seniors whom I have coached in spring track are truly a special group of kids. All of them have been on the track team since freshmen year and this spring season I know that they had specific goals and school records that they were striving for and in all likelihood would have achieved.

As a team, our girls spring track team had some unfinished business from last season. We lost a close meet to Malden at the end of last spring season which cost us the conference title and had most of our girls returning, so not being able to compete this season certainly hurts.

I miss coaching and I miss the competition, but most of all I miss the kids on the team and watching them achieve success.

To the class of 2020, thank you for everything you've given to Revere Athletics!



Nubya Filho

best decision I have made.

Joining this team during my freshman year and not having many relationships yet, it made me find some of the greatest people who would help me through any obstacle. Whether they were coaches or older teammates, I knew I could count on them.

My teammates and I had a goal for this upcoming season for which we have been training for the past seasons, but unfortunately we will not be able to reach that goal. The outdoor season was always my favorite. Everyone was happier and goals always seemed to be achieved. It's a whole different energy and if I had known that last year was

my last outdoor season, I would have appreciated it more.

Being part of this team taught me determination and resilience because there were moments when I wanted to quit, but knowing the end goal always made me push harder in the end -- which is something I hope to carry with me after high school.



CHLOE GIORDANO

"I would give anything to have one more meet"

Being an athlete at RHS was an incredible experience and I was happy I got to be a part of it. I found a second family each season, and made so many friendships and memories I'll be able to tell my kids someday.

At Revere High, there was a big sense of pride that came with being an athlete. For field hockey, it was going to the tournament for the first time in 31 years; for basketball it was battling some of the top teams in the state; and for track, it was breaking the school record in triple jump.

Of course, I was upset when my senior year ended and I wouldn't have my last outdoor season. It definitely was hard to think about all of the things I was going to be leaving behind.

I would give anything to be able to have one more meet and one more game, but all good things end, so better things can take their place. I'm excited to be able to continue my athletic career at Anna Maria College where I was given the opportunity to play field hockey and basketball.

ERIKA CHEEVER

"I was looking forward to my last season of track"

Being an RHS athlete was a great learning experience that shaped me into the person who I am today. During my four year of athletics, I was lucky to make varsity every season for cross country, basketball, and track.

While playing for RHS I have achieved Northeastern and/or GBL All Star four times, in addition to NEC All-Conference for basketball. My senior year I had faced much adversity on top of a serious health condition, which made me miss out on my last season of cross country and half of my basketball season.

I was looking forward to a fresh start for my last season of track, which has now been canceled due to the pandemic. Despite this, I will continue to work hard as I will be attending Salem State University to continue my basketball career and with hopes of becoming a nurse.



Erika Cheever.

## RHS SPORTS Through the Years

10 years ago  
May 28, 2010

The RHS girls tennis team earned a 3-2 victory over Lynn Classical. Victoria Mauro won her match at second singles, as did Yvonne Rincon at third singles. Donna Le and Jennifer Kingston won their match at first doubles.

The RHS softball team absorbed a couple of tough losses this past week, dropping contests to Lynn English and Beverly on their opponent's last at-bat. Cassandra Petrola's base hit accounted for both Revere runs in a 4-2 loss to English. Ashley DiFraia provided most of the offense in a 5-4 defeat to Beverly.

Malik Mossadek earned a victory at second singles and Francesco Tartaglia was victorious at third singles, but the RHS boys tennis team dropped a 3-2 match to Lynn Classical.

Three Patriots earned medals at the recent Northeastern Conference League Meet. Brahim Rhazi finished fourth in the mile in 4:43.7; Vito Licata took sixth in the discus with a toss of 111'-7", and sophomore

Mike Fitzgerald grabbed sixth in the 400 hurdles in 62.5 seconds, a mark that set a new RHS school record.

20 years ago  
May 31, 2000

The Revere High softball team qualified for the state tournament for the 12th time in the past 13 years under head coach Joe Nichinello, finishing up the season with an overall record of 14-6 and 11-5 in the GBL, good for a second-place league finish. Lady Patriot Natalia Ardagna was named to the GBL all-star team for the third straight year and will be joined by teammates Danielle Durante, Ashley Melnick, and pitcher Carleen Wasaferro.

Nick Sylvester won the shot-put event at the recent GBL championship meet with a toss of 46'-2". Billy Norris was another top performer for the Patriots, capturing second place in the 100 dash in 11.2 seconds.

Joe DeMarco was the lone Revere High baseball player to be named to

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## Play Ball! Revere Youth League targets July 6 opening

By Cary Shuman

Revere Youth Baseball and Softball League President Danny Dacey is hopeful that the 2020 season can begin on July 6 and consist of a full slate of regular season games and playoffs at Griswold Park and a district-wide All-Star Tournament.

Dacey said the league will follow all of the COVID-19 guidelines established by the national Babe Ruth headquarters under which umbrella the

Revere league operates.

Dacey said he has discussed the tentative plans with Mayor Brian Arrigo and Parks and Recreation Director Mike Hinojosa.

"We're looking to start having games right after the Fourth of July -- obviously with some provisions such as participants being required to wear masks and practicing social distancing (6 feet apart at all times)," said Dacey. "It's going to be a work in progress."

Mayor Arrigo said the league's goal of beginning

the season on July 6 "is currently consistent with the way the City envisions a phased re-opening of our recreational facilities."

"Everything will be dependent on the medical data that accrues during

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WEEKLY CRIME Report

These are among the calls to which the Revere Police Department responded during the past week.

**SUNDAY, MAY 17**  
0810: MV stop for a CMVI on Washington Ave. and Haith St. The officer issued a citation to the operator.  
1113: Noise disturbance on Prospect Ave. The officer spoke to the person.  
1200: Disturbance on Constitution Ave. The officer restored the peace.  
1245: MVA on Squire Rd. One MV was towed.  
1251: A MV was reported stolen on Gage Ave. The officer will file a report.  
1349: MV stop for a CMVI at Broadway and Cushman Ave. The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1508: Unwanted person on Broadway. The officer restored the peace.  
1516: MV stop for a CMVI on Washington Ave. The officer issued a citation to the operator.  
1522: MV stop for a CMVI at Lucia Ave. and Malden St. The officer issued a citation to the operator.  
1531: MV stop for a CMVI at Lucia Ave. and Malden St. The officer issued a citation to the operator.  
1546: Disturbance on Lantern Rd. The officer restored the peace.  
1706: MV stop for a CMVI on Broadway. The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1757: MV stop for a CMVI on Centennial Ave. The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1833: Disturbance on Constitution Ave. The officer restored the peace.  
1845: MVA at Essex St. and Park Ave. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.  
1919: Noise disturbance on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer restored the peace.  
1931: Noise disturbance on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer restored the peace.  
1947: Domestic disturbance on Cushman Ave. The officer restored the peace.  
2154: Noise disturbance on Broadway. The officer restored the peace.  
2309: Noise disturbance on Endicott Ave. The officer restored the peace.

**MONDAY, MAY 18**  
0656: Medical aid on Hauman St. One person was transported to the hospital.  
0710: An illegally-parked motor vehicle (MV) on Shirley Ave. was ordered towed.  
0819: An illegally-parked motor vehicle (MV) at Shirley Ave. and Highland St. was ordered towed.  
0939: An illegally-parked motor vehicle (MV) on Pemberton St. was ordered towed.  
1008: An officer stopped a MV at Butler Circle for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1144: Disturbance on Beach St. The office provided assistance.  
1151: An officer stopped a MV at American Legion Highway and Revere St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1211: An officer stopped a MV at No. Shore Rd. and

York St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1224: An officer stopped a MV on No. Shore Rd. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1232: An officer stopped a MV on No. Shore Rd. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1300: An officer served a domestic abuse prevention restraining order (209A order) upon a Raymond Rd. resident.  
1312: Unwanted person on Revere Beach Parkway. The officer restored the peace.  
1408: Blocked driveway on Sumner St. The officer issued a parking ticket.  
1512: An officer served a domestic abuse prevention restraining order (209A order) upon an Endicott Ave. resident.  
1540: An officer stopped a MV on the Revere Beach Parkway for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1555: An officer stopped a MV on Shirley Ave. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1606: An officer stopped a MV on the Lynn Marsh Rd. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1631: Disturbance on Fernwood Ave. The officer restored the peace.  
1648: An officer stopped a MV on Washington Ave. at Haith St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1719: An officer stopped a MV on Washington Ave. at Haith St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer issued a citation to the operator.  
1731: An officer stopped a MV on Washington Ave. at Haith St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer issued a citation to the operator.  
1737: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Squire Rd. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.  
1741: Suspicious activity on Endicott Ave. The officer provided assistance.  
1745: An officer stopped a MV on Washington Ave. at Haith St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer issued a citation to the operator.  
1751: An officer stopped a MV on Washington Ave. at Haith St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer issued a citation to the operator.  
1820: An officer stopped a MV on Ocean Ave. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1825: Domestic disturbance on North Shore Rd. The officers arrested Zahia Zahaf, 49, of North Shore Rd., on charges of assault & battery upon a family or household member, assault & battery upon a person 60 years of age or older, and malicious destruction of property under \$1200.  
1851: Disabled MV on Broadway. The officer provided assistance.  
1956: A trespass tow of a MV on Ocean Ave. was reported.  
2133: Domestic disturbance on Revere St. The of-

ficer restored the peace.  
2223: An officer stopped a MV on Malden St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
2233: Domestic disturbance on Michael Rd. The officer restored the peace.  
2240: Domestic disturbance on Ward St. The officer spoke to the party.  
2247: Medical aid on State Rd. A person was transported to the hospital.

**TUESDAY, MAY 19**  
0353: Medical aid on Genesee St. A person was transported to the hospital.  
0537: Suspicious activity on Revere Beach Blvd. The officer provided assistance.  
0608: Medical aid on Fernwood St. A person was transported to the hospital.  
0715: Disabled motor vehicle (MV) on VFW Parkway. The MV was towed.  
0742: Unwanted person on Winthrop Ave. The officer spoke to the subject.  
0954: An officer stopped a MV on American Legion Highway at Harris St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer issued a citation to the operator.  
1032: Domestic disturbance on Centennial Ave. A person was transported to the Whidden.  
1111: Larceny on Beach St. The officer issued a summons for the criminal charge of larceny by check under \$1200 to a 39 year old female from East Boston.  
1115: An officer stopped a MV on Lynn St. at Squire Rd. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer issued a citation to the operator.  
1250: Disturbance on Beach St. The officer spoke to the subject.  
1315: An officer stopped a MV on Washington Ave. at Haith St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer issued a citation to the operator.  
1319: MVA on Winthrop Ave. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.  
1329: An officer stopped a MV on Washington Ave. at Haith St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer issued a citation to the operator.  
1337: An officer stopped a MV on Washington Ave. at Haith St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer issued a citation to the operator.  
1358: An officer stopped a MV on North Shore Rd. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.  
1409: An officer stopped a MV on No. Shore Rd. The officer issued a citation to the operator, a 31 year-old male from Lynn, for the criminal charges of operating a MV with a suspended license and negligent operation of a MV.  
1450: An officer stopped a MV on the Lynn Marsh Rd. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer issued a citation to the operator.  
1519: An officer stopped a MV on Adams St. at Cushman Ave. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.  
1524: Threats on East Mountain Ave. The officer restored the peace.

1538: An officer stopped a MV on Washington Ave. at Haith St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer issued a citation to the operator.  
1547: Domestic disturbance on Centennial Ave. The officer restored the peace.  
1608: Noise disturbance on Sagamore St. The officer restored the peace.  
1609: An officer stopped a MV on Washington Ave. at Haith St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1615: An officer stopped a MV on Washington Ave. at Haith St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1649: Unwanted person on Glendale St. The officer provided assistance.  
1704: An officer stopped a MV on No. Shore Rd. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1737: An officer stopped a MV on Washington Ave. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1747: An officer served a 209A order upon a Revere Beach Parkway resident.  
1756: Violation of a 209A order on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer issued a summons to a 20 year-old male from Boston for the criminal charge of violating a 209A order.  
1831: A MV was reported stolen on Dana St.  
1840: Parking complaint at Arlington Ave. and James St. The officer provided assistance.  
1859: An officer stopped a MV on No. Shore Rd. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1922: An officer stopped a MV on Beach St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer issued a citation to the operator.  
1927: Domestic disturbance on Charger St. The officer spoke to the subject.  
1956: An officer arrested a 38 year-old Vinal St. male on an outstanding warrant.  
2009: Parking complaint on Dix St. One MV was towed.  
2148: Domestic disturbance on Charger St. The officer restored the peace.  
2149: Suspicious activity on Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.  
2212: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on VFW Parkway. The officer issued a citation to the op-

erator, a 31 year-old male from Peabody, for the criminal charges of operating an uninsured MV and concealing a number plate. The officer also cited the operator for the civil infractions of having an open container of alcohol while operating an MV and operating an unregistered MV.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27**  
0045: Noise disturbance on Alden Ave. The officer provided assistance.  
0130: Noise disturbance on Tuckerman St. The officer provided assistance.  
0150: Noise disturbance on Natant Ave. The officer restored the peace.  
0345: Unwanted person on American Legion Highway. The officer restored the peace.  
0712: Disturbance between tenant and landlord. The officer spoke to the subject.  
0915: Unwanted person on Fairfield St. The officer spoke to the subject  
0950: Unwanted person on No. Shore Rd. The officer spoke to the subject.  
1001: A 209A order was served upon a Kingman Ave. resident.  
1046: Parking complaint on Fiske St. The officer had the MV moved.  
1053: Noise disturbance on Highland St. The officer spoke to the subject.  
1227: An officer stopped a MV at Copeland Circle for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1231: MVA at Whiten Ave. Extension. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.  
1256: Unwanted person on VFW Parkway. The officer restored the peace.  
1309: Harassing phone calls on Revere St. The officer restored the peace.  
1333: An officer stopped a MV on Salem St. at Franklin St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1337: Animal complaint on Revere Beach Blvd. The officer spoke to the subject.  
1344: An officer stopped a MV on Salem St. at Franklin St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1350: An officer stopped a MV on Salem St. at Franklin St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1359: An officer stopped a MV on Salem St. at Liberty Ave. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the opera-

tor a verbal warning.  
1416: An officer stopped a MV on Salem St. at Franklin St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1442: An officer stopped a MV on No. Shore Rd. at Agawam St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1514: An officer stopped a MV at Mahoney Circle for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer issued a citation to the operator.  
1518: Suspicious activity on Joseph Rd. The officer provided assistance.  
1539: Parked MV blocking a driveway on Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.  
1541: Animal complaint on Park Ave. The officer will file a report.  
1628: Complaint on Shawmut St. The officer restored the peace.  
1702: Suspicious activity on VFW Parkway. The officer provided assistance.  
1726: An officer stopped a MV on the Parkway for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1752: Parked MV blocking a driveway on Wilson St. The officer issued a parking ticket.  
1833: Sudden death on Larkin St. The officer will file a report.  
1901: An officer stopped a MV on Revere Beach Blvd. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
1910: MVA on No. Shore Rd. and Oak Island St. One MV was towed.  
1948: Disturbance on Rice Ave. The officer restored the peace.  
2122: An officer stopped an MV on VFW Parkway for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
2209: Disturbance on Michael Rd. The officer restored the peace.  
2248: An officer stopped an MV on American Legion Highway for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
2335: An officer stopped an MV on Squire Rd. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.  
2354: Noise disturbance on Ward St. The officer restored the peace.

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# Congressman Kennedy assists in local food distribution

Special to the Journal

Last Friday Congressman Joe Kennedy III joined City Council President Patrick Keefe and Councillor-at-Large Steven Morabito to distribute meals and masks with the Revere COVID-19 Emergency Response team at the Rumney Marsh Academy.

“I am very thankful to have joined Council President Patrick Keefe and Councillor-at-Large Steven Morabito in Revere,” said Congressman Joe Kenne-

dy III, candidate for U.S. Senate. “Revere has been hit hard by this virus, and it so important we make sure every single family has the resources to get out of this safely. For many right now, the struggle is putting food on the table. I am thankful for the work local leaders are doing in Revere to make sure families have the resources they need and am proud to help out in that effort today.”

Keefe said that Kennedy sought out the local officials to volunteer his efforts



Revere Parks and Recreation Director Mike Hinojosa, Congressman Joe Kennedy III, and Councillor-at-Large Steven Morabito help out in the food packaging line last Friday at Rumney Marsh Academy.

at the food pantry.

“Joe really rolls up sleeves and gets involved,” said Keefe. “He was well-received by the group and you could tell he was genuinely interested in helping and was overly impressed with the organization that the city has put in toward food outreach.”

Kennedy assisted in the pre-packing of the grocery bags of food before participating in distribution operations outside the school.

Morabito and Keefe have participated regularly

in the city’s food relief efforts. Morabito also praised Kennedy for his volunteer-



Congressman Joe Kennedy helps prepare the masks for distribution to Revere residents.

ism at the Revere site.

“Congressman Kennedy came to Revere to help out and assist Councillor Keefe and me and others,” said

Morabito. “In a trying time where there so many services are needed, he volunteered to help us and I commend him for that effort.”

## House passes Bond bill that will give Revere \$500,000

Staff report

House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo and Representative Rep. RoseLee Vincent joined their colleagues in the House to pass legislation authorizing up to \$1.7 billion in spending for the improvement of information technology equipment and related projects in Massachusetts. The City of Revere is slated to receive \$500,000.

The House voted for the IT financing package – which also contains key funding for food security -- using its remote voting procedures for the COVID-19 emergency. The bill provides \$500,000 for information technology upgrades in Revere.

“Now, amid the COVID-19 pandemic, more than ever, everyone realizes the importance of our information technology infrastructure,” House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D-Winthrop) said. “These investments will strengthen the resilience of our state and help provide more equitable access to key services for our residents. I thank Chairs Michlewitz, Gregoire Cabral, Representative Vincent and my colleagues in the House for their work on this important bill.”

"The IT Bond bill contains numerous and necessary upgrades to services that our constituents rely on each and every day and today," said Representative Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston), Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Ways & Means (D-Boston). "By passing this legislation, the House is taking an important step in helping our Commonwealth provide

those services in the world of COVID-19."

“This legislation began over a year ago as a vehicle to assist the Commonwealth with its IT infrastructure needs,” said Representative Danielle Gregoire, (D-Marlboro), House Chair of the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. “Since that time, our state has been working to overcome the worst pandemic in modern time, and we have learned first-hand just how essential updated and properly functioning IT infrastructure can be to the productivity of an economy. I am proud to have worked with the Speaker, Chairman Michlewitz, Chairman Cabral and my colleagues in the House to bring this ever critical legislation forward to assist our municipalities, residents and business partners during this time.”

“This General Government Information Technology bond bill creates a number of meaningful opportunities for the state to invest in its capital infrastructure,” said Representative Antonio F. D. Cabral (D-New Bedford), Chair of the House Committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets. “The authorizations for IT improvements across state agencies will improve our collective ability to respond residents’ needs, particularly in times of crisis. Critical government services need to be provided in a user-friendly way and these investments will help us achieve greater accessibility.”

"Over the past few months as we have shifted to conducting business via computers, tablets

and telephones, we have learned how critical and vital modern technology is to getting important things accomplished," said Representative RoseLee Vincent (D-Revere). "I thank Speaker DeLeo for his leadership in shepherding this IT Bond Bill through the House. Once signed into law, this will make critical investments in our state's information technology infrastructure. I am proud to have supported and voted for this legislation, which will benefit the Commonwealth overall, as well as Revere specifically."

The plan includes \$650 million in IT needs, including \$40 million in education grants to public schools to enhance remote learning environments and services.

The capital plan also includes the following:

- \$30 million in municipal grants for proper safety equipment for first responders;
- \$100 million for capital projects at Health and Human Services facilities to better handle providing amenities throughout the pandemic;
- \$41 million for food infrastructure and security needs to the most vulnerable populations;
- \$10 million for software/hardware upgrades at community health centers;
- \$5 million for SNAP Gap development.
- Other highlights include grants to cities and towns for a number of needs, including expanded access to broadband, library construction, ADA compliance, and other generic capital needs our municipalities might have.

The bill will now go to the Senate.

## Firefighters endorse Joe Kennedy for Senate

This week the Professional Fire Fighters for Massachusetts (PFFM) endorsed Congressman Joe Kennedy III in his bid for U.S. Senate. Representing 12,000 firefighters across the state, PFFM is the 33rd labor organization in Massachusetts to endorse Kennedy.

PFFM released their endorsement today in a video with President Rich MacKinnon. The video highlights Kennedy’s support for firefighters and other first responders during COVID-19.

“Joe Kennedy’s constant presence and leadership on all issues for first responders is what drives our commitment to support him,” said PFFM President Rich MacKinnon. “Our members connect with Joe. After meeting him in person they often remark on how genuine and grounded he is. As Joe has stood with firefighters in firehouses all across Massachusetts, we are proud to stand with him for the U.S. Senate.”

Said Kennedy, “You are heroes who risk your lives everyday. When you leave home to head to the fire station, your hug to your children and your kiss to your significant other could be the last one. With two young children, the sacrifices you make to make sure the rest of us are safe are never lost on me. With the COVID-19 pandemic, those words and risks have never been more clear and present. Fighting for your right to collective bargain, SAFER Grants, and Assistance to Firefighter Grants have never been more important. I am honored to have your support in this race and will continue to be in your corner every step of the way.”

PFFM hosted a virtual endorsement ceremony with Kennedy on Wednesday, where President MacKinnon was joined by firefighters from Newton, Springfield, Falmouth, Worcester, Saugus, Melrose, Westfield, Fitchburg, and Attleboro who shared

why they are enthusiastically throwing their support behind Kennedy for the U.S. Senate.

PFFM is the 33rd labor union to endorse Kennedy in this race. He has also been endorsed by the Massachusetts Laborers, Laborers Local 609, NAGE, the Machinists Statewide Council, Machinists Local 264, Teamsters Local 25, Sprinkler Fitters 550, Pipefitters Local 537, Plumbers Local 12, IBEW 96, 103, 104, 1505, 223, 455, 326, 2325, 2321, 1499, & 2222, UWA 369, Carmen Union 589, Sheet Metal Workers Local 17, IUOE Local 4, UFCW Local 791, Painters and Allied Trades DC 35, the Boston Musicians Association Local 9-535, Ironworkers Local 7, the Plymouth/Bristol County Regional Labor Council, the Norfolk County Regional Labor Council, North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, and Eastern Millwrights Regional Council.

## MBTA lowers CharlieTicket and cash fare

As part of their Fiscal Year 2021 budget, the MBTA’s Fiscal and Management Control Board today approved customer-driven fare tariff changes that include the lowering of CharlieTicket fares to that of the CharlieCard this fall as well as improvements for Youth Pass holders and for those transferring to rapid transit or buses from Zone 1A Fairmount Line stops.

“These tariff changes represent important initial steps toward a complete transformation of the MBTA’s fare system, making the payment process easier and more convenient,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poflak. “Given the challenging circumstances created by the pandemic, these changes – eliminating the CharlieCard-CharlieTicket differential, free bus and subway transfers for Zone 1A Fairmount Line stops, reduced Zone 1A fares for Youth Pass holders – allow the T to continue to best meet the needs of our riders through incremental, phased improvements.”

As part of the first phases of the MBTA’s Fare Trans-

formation program, which aims to make paying for transit easier and more convenient, today’s approvals mean that the differential between CharlieCard and CharlieTicket/cash fares will be eliminated in fall 2020, lowering CharlieTicket and cash fares to CharlieCard levels. All fare payments will be the same, regardless of whether a customer is using a CharlieCard, CharlieTicket, or cash: \$1.70 for local bus (a \$0.30 reduction for those using CharlieTicket/cash), \$4.25 for inner express bus (a \$1 reduction for those using CharlieTicket/cash), \$5.25 for outer express bus (a \$1.75 reduction for those using CharlieTicket/cash), and \$2.40 for rapid transit (a \$0.50 reduction for those using CharlieTicket/cash).

The approval also allows for free bus transfers from Zone 1A Fairmount Line stations as well as free transfers to the subway at South Station – customers will no longer need to pay an additional fare to board the bus or enter the fare gates at South Station. Through the use of CharlieCard readers at stations, these improve-

ments will go into effect upon the commencement of the Fairmount Line Pilot.

This approval also grants Youth Pass holders with the eligibility for half-price Zone 1A Commuter Rail tickets, using the Fairmount validators, at ticket windows and onboard trains. The Youth Pass Program is a partnership between the MBTA and participating cities and towns that offers young adults with low income roughly 50% reduced one-way fares or \$30 monthly LinkPasses currently on bus and subway only. Upon the commencement of the Fairmount Pilot, Youth Pass holders can access Zone 1A stations for the reduced price.

Additional anticipated improvements to come as part of Fare Transformation’s phased approach include:

- Deploying fare vending machines that dispense CharlieCards;
- All-door boarding on MBTA buses and surface stops along the Green Line;
- Integrating ferries and the entire Commuter Rail network into the CharlieCard system.

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"Clearly, Covid-19 has presented many challenges to the Commonwealth. Chief among them are protecting residents from a potential life threatening virus, financial ruin and hunger. In Massachusetts and across the country, we have seen unparalleled levels of unemployment," said Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante, Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on

“Unemployment benefits are a critical lifeline in an economic storm and the pandemic has brought into sharp focus the importance of having a sound unemployment insurance system that responds effectively to people depending on it,” said Senate Minority Leader

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An Act Providing Additional Support to Those Affected by the Novel Coronavirus Through the Unemployment Insurance System now moves to the governor for consideration.

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# April unemployment numbers hit 15.1 percent overall, up more than 12 percent

The state’s April total unemployment rate is up 12.3 percentage points at 15.1 percent, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development announced Friday.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics’ preliminary job estimates indicate Massachusetts lost 623,000 jobs in April. This follows last month’s revised loss of 43,800 jobs. The monthly change in the job estimates reflects the ongoing impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Over the month, the private sector lost 597,100 jobs as losses occurred in all sectors, the largest of which occurred in Leisure and Hospitality; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; Education and Health Services; Construction; and Other Services. Government lost jobs over the month.

From April 2019 to April 2020, BLS estimates Massachusetts lost 638,000 jobs.

The only private sector job gain over the year was in Information. The remaining private sectors lost jobs over the year with the larg-

est percentage losses in Leisure and Hospitality; Other Services; Construction; and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities.

The April unemployment rate was four-tenths of a percentage point higher than the national rate of 14.7 percent reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The labor force decreased by 364,700 from 3,772,000 in March, as 773,500 fewer residents were employed and 408,700 more residents were unemployed over the month.

Over the year, the state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 12.1 percentage points.

The state’s labor force participation rate – the total number of residents 16 or older who worked or were unemployed and actively sought work in the last four weeks – dropped to 60.3 percent. Compared to April 2019, the labor force participation rate is down by 7.2 percentage points.

## April 2020 Employment Overview

•Leisure and Hospitality lost 216,200 (-61.0%) jobs over the month. Over

the year, Leisure and Hospitality lost 237,500 (-63.2%) jobs.

•Trade, Transportation and Utilities lost 112,700 (-19.5%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Trade, Transportation and Utilities lost 113,700 (-19.7%) jobs.

•Education and Health Services lost 85,900 (-10.6%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Education and Health Services lost 82,900 (-10.2%) jobs.

•Construction lost 60,000 (-37.1%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Construction has lost 60,700 (-37.4%) jobs.

•Other Services lost 48,100 (-35.7%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Other Services are down -52,500 (-37.8%) jobs.

•Professional, Scientific and Business Services lost 45,600 (-7.5%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Professional, Scientific and Business Services lost 42,800 (-7.1%) jobs.

•Manufacturing lost 22,400 (-9.2%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Manufacturing lost 22,400 (-9.2%) jobs.

•Financial Activities lost

6,700 (-3.0%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Financial Activities lost 4,200 (-1.9%) jobs.

•Information lost 400 (-0.4%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Information added 2,000 (+2.2%) jobs.

•Government lost 25,900 (-5.6%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Government lost 23,200 (-5.1%) jobs.

## Labor Force Overview

The April estimates show 2,891,600 Massachusetts residents were employed and 515,700 were unemployed, for a total labor force of 3,407,300. The unemployment rate was up by 12.3 percentage points at 15.1 percent. The April labor force decreased by 364,700 from 3,772,000 in March, as 773,500 fewer residents were employed and 408,700 more residents were unemployed over the month. The labor force participation rate, the share of working age population employed and unemployed, was down at 60.3 percent. The labor force was down 393,800 from the 3,801,100 April 2019 estimate, with

795,700 fewer residents employed and 401,900 more residents unemployed.

The unemployment rate is based on a monthly sample of households. The job estimates are derived from a monthly sample survey of employers. As a result, the two statistics may exhibit different monthly trends. The Bureau of Labor Statistics implemented the Current Population Survey level-shift outliers into the estimation models to incorporate the state claims inputs starting with the

revised March estimates. These level shifts preserved movements in published estimates that the models otherwise would have discounted as sampling error.

Local area unemployment statistics for April 2020 will be released on Tuesday, May 26, 2020. The preliminary May 2020 and revised April 2020 unemployment rate, labor force and job estimates for Massachusetts will be released on Friday, June 19, 2020.

## Gov. Baker, WGBH and special guests to celebrate Class of 2020 with a virtual commencement ceremony

In partnership with WGBH, Gov. Charlie Baker will deliver a commencement address to the Class of 2020 as part of a celebration for graduating seniors from 668 public and private schools across the Commonwealth, to be aired in a special broadcast at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9.

Massachusetts Commencement 2020 will feature congratulatory remarks from Jason and Devin McCourty of the New England Patriots, members of the Red Sox and the Boston Celtics, and a number of celebrities with Massachusetts ties, including singer Rachel Platten, actor Steve Carell and more. In a special premiere performance, members of the legendary Boston Pops Orchestra, with Keith Lockhart conducting, will provide the traditional graduation march ‘Pomp and Circumstance’ for the ceremony. Students from around the Commonwealth will give valedictorian-type speeches to their classmates.

WGBH will broadcast the program, Massachusetts

setts Commencement 2020, across the Commonwealth, on WGBH 2 in Greater Boston, and on its partner station WGBY/New England Public Media in western Massachusetts. Both stations will stream the program on their website and social media platforms. WGBH also will make the program available to other television stations in Massachusetts, including community access channels.

“Graduation ceremonies are important milestones in a young person’s life that deserve to be celebrated,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “While we cannot gather in the traditional way, we want to recognize, celebrate and salute Massachusetts’ Class of 2020 for their accomplishments and their resiliency during these difficult times. We are very thankful to WGBH for working with us to help us do that.”

The student remarks for the program were prepared in collaboration with 826 Boston, a nonprofit youth writing and publishing organization.

## State implements Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)

The state announced May 21 that Massachusetts residents who are eligible for the federal CARES Act and qualify for having exhausted their regular unemployment compensation may now receive the new Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC).

The launch of this program marks the third and final benefit available for the Commonwealth through the CARES Act.

PEUC provides up to 13 additional weeks of benefits to an individual who has exhausted all rights to any regular unemployment compensation and who

meets other eligibility requirements of the CARES Act. PEUC will automatically begin for individuals who have been receiving regular standard unemployment benefits on an active claim and those benefits are exhausted, and those individuals do not have to take any further action.

If an individual’s standard unemployment claim has expired, they must file a new standard claim. If the individual is monetarily eligible on the new standard claim, regardless of the benefit rate amount, they will receive benefits from that new claim. Otherwise, the individual will be eligi-

ble for PEUC on the prior claim and it will be automatically implemented.

Individuals who exhausted their standard benefits but were receiving benefits through Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) must apply to claim weekly benefits. Residents should apply through the standard unemployment benefits portal available here.

Those receiving PEUC will also receive \$600 weekly through the week ending July 25, 2020, provided by the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program established by the

CARES Act.

The CARES Act signed into law on March 27, 2020, established the PEUC, PUA and FPUC public benefit programs that expanded unemployment eligibility, temporarily increases weekly benefits for all claimants and allows additional categories of people to claim unemployment benefits. This is the largest expansion of assistance for the Commonwealth’s workforce since the Great Depression.

More information about Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation can be found at [mass.gov/peuc](https://mass.gov/peuc).

## Amtrak continues to advance testing of new Acela Fleet in Colorado

Amtrak’s new *Acela* fleet, scheduled to enter service on the Northeast Corridor (NEC) in 2021, continues to progress with its high-speed testing at Transportation Technology Center near Pueblo, Colo., as the first *Acela* prototype completed another milestone by traveling at speeds up to 165 mph, although the train’s initial top operating speed will be 160 mph. Video of the train undergoing this high-speed testing can be found on the Amtrak Media Center.

The first *Acela* prototype traveled from Alstom’s facility in Hornell, N.Y. on Mon-

day, Feb. 17 and is expected to undergo six more months of dynamic testing, which will include the trainset’s pantograph, railway dynamics, tilting, traction, slip/slide and wayside protection, brakes, and train control management systems. Once complete, the trainset will return to Alstom for installation of its interiors.

These *Acela* trains will include new touchless features and utilize state-of-the-art technology to provide contactless amenities, including spacious restrooms with contactless features and automatic door access, a contactless stor-

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Alstom is building the next generation high-speed *Acela* trainsets using parts manufactured by nearly 250 suppliers in 27 states, with 95 percent of the components produced domestically. More

than 1,300 new jobs are being generated in nearly 90 communities across the United States to support production, including the creation of new, sustainable, high-tech, engineering and manufacturing jobs. Alstom employs more than 800 people in Hornell, including members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

Additional information about Amtrak’s support of the new *Acela*, including its record level of investments in track and infrastructure improvements and amenities, can be found at [amtrak.com/FutureofRail](https://amtrak.com/FutureofRail).

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## Beaches //

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weekend with temperatures in the 80s,” said Arrigo. “But even then, most people were careful about social distancing and wearing face coverings. Small groups gathered on the sand were safe distances apart from each other.”

David Procopio, spokesperson for the Massachusetts State Police, said “there were no significant public safety issues” at the beach during the holiday weekend.

In other regulations related to visits to the beach, Arrigo explained the process by which beachgoers will be able to purchase food at restaurants situated along the beach. Customers will be able to call in their orders and wait outside in



Mayor Brian Arrigo speaks at a press conference on the Markey Bridge Friday outlining the public safety measures in place for visitors to Revere Beach on Memorial Day weekend.

front of the restaurant for the delivery of their food orders “provided they comply with distancing guidelines and do not linger in groups at any restaurant or establishment.”



State Secretary Kathleen A. Theoharides pays tribute to war veterans on the Memorial Day weekend as Mayor Brian Arrigo and City Councillors Arthur Guinasso, Gerry Visconti, Steven Morabito, Ira Novoselsky, and Patrick Keefe also participate in the observance.

Arrigo said the City is continuing to work with DCR “and considering the continuation of parking restrictions on the Boulevard.”

Procopio said the State Police will be conducting

its usual daily patrols of the beach.

“We patrol the beach routinely, every day,” related Procopio. “We have added personnel to reach our usual summer staffing level, and there are also dedicated



Major Matthew Gravini, commander of Mass. State Police Troop A, explains some of the measures being implemented at Revere beach. Also pictured are Mayor Brian Arrigo and Revere Director of Health and Human Services Kim Hanton.

patrols on the beach. All of this is standard for the late spring/summer months in any year.

“As for issues related to the pandemic, we will enforce the DCR parking restrictions,” continued Procopio. “As for mask use

and social distancing, our primary role will be to educate visitors on the need to follow the public health precautions and encourage them to do so. There is a civil fine penalty for non-mask use but that is a last resort.”

## FRESH & LOCAL

### How has your food supply changed?

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

As food writers, we’ve always had a reasonably extensive pantry. However, living in the city, our normal shopping system was to pick up fresh food daily. All that changed when the only time we spent out of our home was to walk the dog and take our daily exer-

cise. Shopping was limited to deliveries or a quick stop at a restaurant for a pickup order.

#### Supporting Local Helped Us

We were fortunate in having key local food connections already established. Boston Organics became our supplier for far

more than a weekly order of fruit and vegetables. We added milk, yogurt, bread, grains, legumes, chocolate, and snacks to our orders.

Some of our favorite farms and farmers market vendors like the Stillman family, Iggy’s Bread, Red’s Best Seafood, and Allendale Farm emailed offers for curbside pickup or delivery to fill in with meat, bread, and fish, if we needed it.

We ordered meals and wine from neighborhood restaurants who were being very careful about their sanitation and social distancing. Supporting restaurants that have been such a happy part of our lives was very important to us. It also gave Penny a break from cooking every day. We’d order more than we needed and create second-act meals with the leftovers.

(We hope some of the newly created comfort food menu options that became available during this time will continue.)

We were dismayed when the Boston Inspectional Services department stopped restaurants like Mei Mei in Audubon Circle from selling grocery items along with prepared food. We were thrilled when this issue was resolved.

These are safer places for us to pick up what we need. We trusted them more than large national chains to care about our health. We’d like to buy more of our food through the small businesses we already know in the future. What’s more, keeping this option might make the difference between recovery and closing for some.

#### Efficient Local Shopping

On our recommendation, Mayflower Poultry had become a favorite destination for some friends with cars. They picked up our orders of chicken for making stock, soup, and meat to add to our freezer supply. Mayflower also prepared a large batch of our dog’s food and had it ready for a

quick pick-up early in our quarantine.

When other friends were looking for flour, we sent them to Elmendorf Baking Supplies & Cafe on that great shopping block in Cambridge. In one-stop, they could pick up seafood from New Deal Fish, poultry from Mayflower, libations from City Liquors, and other essentials from Albert’s Market.

#### New Pantry Items

As our initial pantry supplies diminished, we too had to spend time looking for basics like almond milk, oatmeal, flour, and beans.

We found solutions, some of which will become our new way of doing things. As part of our new pantry, we have cans of steel-cut oats and ghee (a form of highly-clari-

fied butter we would typically use in Indian cooking) and shelf-stable milk stored on a bookshelf in our dining area. Extra bags of dry beans and legumes reside in our pantry. We also discovered the loaves of naan we’ve loved all along stand up well in the freezer.

#### Thanks to Many

We have many friends and strangers to thank for keeping us well provisioned in the past few months. Here’s to all the chefs, shoppers, delivery drivers, butchers, farmers, fishmongers, and countless others who served us. We won’t forget you in the years ahead.

*Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.*



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**Do you need to schedule a telemedicine appointment with your primary care provider? Did you miss an appointment that needs to be rescheduled? If so, call 617-569-5800 to schedule a telemedicine appointment.** This is especially important if you have a chronic or a behavioral health condition. You should be treated if needed, especially during this public health crisis. We’re here to keep you healthy!

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