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The City Council voted to accept the decision of developer Robert Inello to withdraw his application for the reconstruction and modification of the building located at 727 Revere Beach Parkway.

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VIGIL HELD FOR THOSE LOST TO COVID-19



Mayor Arrigo lights the candle of Pastor Tim Bogertman from the 1st Congressional Church

Council approves proposal for memorial to residents who lost their lives to COVID-19

By Cary Shuman

passed from Covid-19, reflecting on all

Revere's lost souls and their families.

Fr. John Sheridan, Council President

Tony Zambuto, Ward 2 Councillor Ira

Novoselsky, Fr. Daniel Lazo, Rabbi Lior

Nevo, Fr. Xavier, Pastor Tim Bogertman,

Toufik, Tarek Addullah, Ahmet Yalman

and cellist Marshunda Smith.

The City Council unanimously approved a motion by Councilors Joanne McKenna, Jessica

Giannino, and Richard Serino that the city install a memorial plaque at the front of City Hall to pay tribute to Revere residents who lost their lives to the

COVID-19 pandemic.

Noting that the pandemic began one year ago, McKenna said "it would

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Councilor Keefe wants answers about McMackin

By Cary Shuman

From Steve DiCarlo to Steve Cushing to Steve Bagnera, to Steve Fiore, Mike Hinojosa to Mike Spinelli to Mike Popp, and please don't leave out Brian Bright, David Lightbody, Lou Olivieri, or Vin Martelli or the Leone brothers, Emilio and John - it is a fact that virtually all of Revere's most accomplished players grew

– RICHARD —

FUCILLO, JR.

platform of blind, outdated

partisanship, which often

'I am not running on a

up playing Little League Baseball at McMackin Park, often referred to as "Little Fenway."

Even the great Tony Conigliaro played at Mc-Mackin, albeit as a member of the East Boston Little League All-Star team.

Ward 4 Councilor Patrick Keefe is again seeking a meeting with members of the former Revere Little League Board to discuss the "disheartening" condition of the former home to Revere Little League.

Keefe first reached out to RLL officials one year ago for a meeting.

The famed Winthrop Avenue ballpark, where the field is named in honor of former RLL official and team manager Guy Meli, has been dormant for several years and is in need of extensive renovations.

"This park was a gem and so many memories were made there," said Keefe. "I was never able

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Garfield School's Herwig named Health Educator of the Year

By John Lynds

At last week's Revere Public School Committee meeting, committee member Stacey Rizzo announced that Garfield Middle School Health Educator Jill Herwig was recently named Health Educator of the Year by the Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

"I have to say. It's with great enthusiasm that I share that Jill Herwig has been announced as the Health Educator of the Year," said Rizzo. "This is a well deserved award that recognizes Jill's passion and dedication to her students. On top of teaching health and wellness at the Garfield Middle School Jill serves on the advisory and Grading Practices Committee, School the Improvement Council and has been a leader on the Massachusetts State advocacy team for the past four years and helped facilitate remote learning this past spring. Jill was so impressive that she was invited to present and facilitate the Eastern District of Shape America with the National Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. Jill's award is a great acknowledgement and something

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Three candidates vie for State Rep. seat in March 30 election

By Cary Shuman

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MARCH 30th

Revere voters in separate precincts in Wards 1, 2, 3, and 5 will go to the polls Tuesday, March 30 to select their new state representative. All of the Town of Winthrop's voters will be also voting in the contest for the 19th Suffolk District seat previously held by House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo who served as state representative for 30 years.

Democratic candidate Jeff Turco, Republican candidate Paul Caruccio, and Independent candidate Richard Fucillo Jr. are vying for the seat in Tuesday's general election. All three candidates reside in Winthrop.

Turco, an attorney who grew up and lived in Revere for several years, won the March 2 19th District Democratic Primary, defeating three other candidates, Juan Jaramillo of Revere, and Alicia DelVento and Valentino Capobianco of Winthrop, to earn the nomination. Caruccio and Fucillo were unopposed in their bids to qualify for the March 30 ballot.

ran a Turco, who

high-energy, high-visibility campaign in the Democratic Primary, has kept his foot on the accelerator since claiming the nomination.

"My campaign team has been working hard," said Turco. "We can't rest on our laurels from the primary. We've been going door to door and doing sign-holdings and making phone calls. We will continue to do those things until we cross the finish line next week."

Caruccio said he has conducted twice-daily sign-holdings with supporters and knocked on several doors, mostly in Winthrop.

"We've been pretty busy, it's been fun,' said Caruccio, an avid long-distance runner. "It's been great to reconnect with a lot of people in the community after having not seen them much due to the COVID-19 shutdown as well not seeing them daily in Winthrop Center.

"We have a group of grassroots volunteers who are very motivated and I have to give them the credit," said Caruccio.

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LOCAL FLAVOR

Diners are enjoying Louis Rubino's

Cutting Board restaurant on Broadway

By Cary Shuman

Revere resident Louis Rubino grew up a block away from the location on Broadway where he now owns a new restaurant. He worked at New Deal Deli a block away between the ages 14 and 20.

"I'm a local kid," said Rubino, a 2011 Revere High graduate, proudly.

Rubino, owner and head chef, has just opened his new restaurant, The Cutting Board, at 744 Broadway. The Cutting Board

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VACCINE CLINIC AT OCEANSIDE EVENTS CENTER



EBNHC CEO and Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo exchange an ever-popular elbow bump during the Vaccine Clinic that opened at Oceanside Events Center at Wonderland yesterday, Tuesday March 23.



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we should celebrate as a school community. I know we all join together to congratulate you on your accomplishments."

Revere Assistant Superintendent Dr. Danielle Mokaba, who has worked closely with Herwig throughout her career, was emotional when congratulating Herwig at last week's meeting.

"I am so proud of her," said Mokaba. "I think one of the things that we look for when we are hiring is to find people with enthusiasm. We see these teachers with life expe-

rience and we know that if we give them a shot it could change the lives of students. I think Jill was a game changer and someone who had such a passion for what she did. I'm so glad nine years ago I was able to hire her at the Garfield School. I've observed her teaching over the years and I think one of the most important things is that If I can look at a teacher and say I would want my own child in her class. I wish that my own son had a middle school health experience like Jill's class, because it

is amazing. I'm so proud of her and I just wanted to congratulate her without tearing up."

After all the kind words Herwig, who was starting to tear up, told the committee she appreciated all the praise from members.

"Î appreciate all the support from all of you," said Herwig. "Thank you."

Rizzo offered one final parting thought, "We are all impressed with the work you do every day and we thank you for being in our Revere Schools community. We love having you."



Garfield Middle School Health Educator Jill Herwig (bottom right) was named Health Educator of the Year by the Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

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forming structure and use, which would be a two-story building utilized as two commercial units for electrical contracting companies or similar businesses with professional offices, including indoor parking and indoor storage of equipment and supplies at 727 Revere Beach Park-

Attorney Kari-Ann Green of D'Ambrosio Brown law offices represented Inello at Monday's Council meeting. It was not revealed at the meeting whether Inello intends to re-submit the application at a later date.

REQUIRED TRIENNIAL REVIEW AT NORTHEAST

Superintendent David DiBarri reports that during the week of April 12, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Public School Monitoring (PSM) will conduct a Tiered Focused Monitoring Review of Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School.

The Office of Public School Monitoring visits each district and charter school every three years to monitor compliance with federal and state special education and civil rights regulations. areas of review related to special education include student assessments, determination of eligibility, the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team process, and IEP development and implementation. Areas of review related to civil rights include bullving, student discipline, physical restraint and equal access to school programs for all students.

In addition to the onsite visit, parent outreach is an important part of the review process. The review chairperson from the Office of Public School Monitoring will send all parents of students with disabilities an online survey that focuses on key areas of their child's special education program. Survey results will contribute to the development of a report. During the onsite review, the Office of Public School Monitoring will interview the chairperson(s) of the district's Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). Other onsite activities may include interviews of district staff and administrators, reviews of student records, and onsite observations.

Parents and other individuals may call Moses Nduati, Public School Monitoring Chairperson, at 781-338-3707 to request a telephone interview. If an individual requires an accommodation, such as translation, to participate in an interview, the Department will make the necessary arrangements.

approximate-Within ly 60 business days after the onsite visit, the review chairperson will provide the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School with a report with information about areas in which Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School meets or exceeds regulatory requirements and areas in which the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School requires assistance to correct or improve practices. The public will be able to access the report at www. doe.mass.edu/psm/tfm/reports/.

MASSDEVELOPMENT, MAPC AWARD

MVES \$50,000 MassDevelopment, in partnership with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), has awarded Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) \$50,000 in funding to help the agency increase its transportation service capacity through contracts with taxi & livery companies. The funding is through the Taxi, Livery, and Hackney Transportation Partnerships Grant Program, an operational subsidy program aimed at expanding transportation service capacity through contracts with licensed taxi or livery businesses.

MVES will use this award to contract with Malden Taxi and Suburban Taxi to facilitate transportation to medical

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appointments and grocery stores for seniors and adults living with disabilities who are isolated in their communities. It will also help MVES' Vaccine Transportation Program which provided free transportation to COIVD-19 vaccine location to individuals age 60 and over.

"Transportation can be a big challenge for older adults and adults living with disabilities who want to maintain a heathy, active life. Accessible transportation services are vital for enabling older adults to live independently," explains Lauren Reid, Director of Community Programs at MVES. "Our transportation experts are here to help you craft a transportation plan to fit your needs. We can make sure you get to your appointments and remain connected to your friends and community."

MVES provides assistance in accessing transportacommunity tion resources that are provided by Councils on Aging, the MBTA's The RIDE, and through providers that MVES directly contracts with including taxi services. In addition, MVES can help people access services through the MassHealth program along with other local resources. The transportation department can also schedule transportation to medical appointments for consumers enrolled in our various state funded homecare programs who require assistance.

MassDevelopment and MACP awarded \$2,543,883 in funding to 47 cities and towns, municipal agencies, regional transit authorities, nonprofits, and health and human service providers through the Taxi, Livery, and Hackney Transportation Partnerships Grant Program. Administered by MAPC, these grants will help communities supplement existing transportation options, create new programs to transport individuals to work, grocery stores, non-emergency medical appointments, and other destinations, and facilitate delivery of essential supplies such as food and medicine to residents in need. The Taxi, Livery, and Hackney Partner-Transportation ships Grant Program is funded by MassDevelopment's allocation from the Commonwealth's Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund.

"Getting the most fragile Massachusetts residents to work, grocery stores, medical appointments, shelters, and other critical destinations and creating new business for taxi and livery companies makes these grants special in the time of COVID-19," said MassDevelopment President and CEO Dan Rivera. "MassDevelopment is proud to put resources from our allocation of the Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund to work to benefit both the taxi and livery industry and our communities, and we thank the Metropolitan Area Planning Council for partnering with us to administer the program."

"The pandemic has stressed many transit systems, senior shuttles and other shared rides," said MAPC Executive Director Marc Draisen. "These grants will provide a critical resource to help municipalities and human service organizations to fill the gaps and ensure that people can get to work, shop for food and attend medical appointments. We are so pleased to have the folks who drive cabs and livery vehicles step up to provide these critical services, especially in these difficult times."

To learn more about MVES transportation services, please call us at 781-324-7705 or visit www.mves.org

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MEMBERS APPOINTED

The City Council ap-

proved Mayor Brian Arrigo's appointments to the newly formed Revere Public Art Commission.

The charter members of the Commission are: Naomi DeMauro, Rob Zierten, Jason Barletta, Kirsten Greene, Brian Harkins, Erin McCarthy, and Ward 1 Councilor Joanne McKenna.

BHCC LANGUAGE INSTITUTE AWARDED FIVE-YEAR ACCREDITATION

ACCREDITATION Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) Language Institute and its Intensive English Program have been awarded by the Commission on English Language Accreditation (CEA) an initial five-year accreditation that extends through December 2025. The full-time Intensive English Program is designed to provide a pathway for international students to acquire a higher level of English proficiency needed to enroll in a BHCC certificate or de-

"Normally, the Commission grants a one-year provisional accreditation, so we are very excited and grateful that we have been granted the five years," said Kristen McKenna, Dean of Workforce Development. "This achievement was a collaborative effort across many departments at BHCC and an important announcement for the recruitment of international students."

gree program.

Students in the Intensive English Program study in blocks of 7-week sessions and engage in this preparation right before enrolling into either academic ELL or a degree or certificate program. The Intensive English Program's mission is to support English Language Learners in their educational, professional, and personal goals by providing rigorous multi-level English Language instruction and accommodating the needs of both traditional and non-traditional students through affordable access to language instruction.

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Your Community Source

The RevereTV spring programming schedule launched this week! Community member shows are scheduled in new specific time blocks, but always play at least once on a weekday and once on a weekend. During the week, you can watch community programs after 5pm on Tuesdays through Thursdays. Saturdays will be full of shows produced by community members from 8am through 6pm, and a few programs along with some religious shows, will play on Sundays too.

The senior series with the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center is still playing weekdays at the usual times. Don't miss the instructional exercise videos and senior center concerts. "That's Sketchy" has new episodes planned to air over the next month, and the latest from "The Senior FYI" is currently playing. "What's Cooking, Revere?" will soon have new episodes featuring more home cooks from the community. Any shows produced in partnership with RevereTV can also be found on the RTV YouTube page to watch at any time.

The Revere High School Basketball season has begun and RevereTV has streamed each home game. Every home game this month, boys and girls varsity and junior varsity, will be live on RTV YouTube and the community channel. There are games on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights. RTV replays each game through the week afterward, but you can watch previous games at any time on YouTube. Special thanks to the announcers that volunteer to take the audience through each game. The commentary and play-by-play really enhance the event coverage.

The City of Revere held a memorial vigil Tuesday evening for those the city has lost to the COVID-19 pandemic over this past year. If you missed the vigil or weren't able to participate, RevereTV was there and has posted coverage to YouTube.

To watch RevereTV on cable television, you must be residing in Revere and have either Comcast or RCN cable services. The community channel is 8 and 1072 on Comcast, and 3 and 614 on RCN. All city government meetings are played on Comcast channel 9, and RCN channels 13 and 613.

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Special to the Journal Mayor Brian M. Arrigo announced that as of April 1, Tech Leng will be succeeding to the position of Chief of Planning and Development for the City of Revere. This cabinet-level position reports directly to Mayor Brian M. Arrigo. Ms. Leng currently serves in the role of Deputy Director of the Office of Planning and Development; and she succeeds Bob O'Brien, who has been OPD Director since

Techrosette Leng is a

lifelong resident of Revere, who attended Revere Public Schools before earning her baccalaureate degree in Government from Harvard College, where she was also a George Peabody Gardner Fellow. After several years of program management and direct service in youth education and adult workforce development, Tech trained as an urban planner at Tufts University's Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning Department, where she was also a Harvard Kennedy School Rappaport Fellow. She has been a valued city staffer since 2018, serving as Revere City Planner before she became OPD Deputy Director in 2020.

"Tech brings a wealth of personal experience and professional expertise, as well as a profound understanding of and commitment to the Revere community," said Mayor Arrigo. "All of which has prepared her to take the Office of Planning and Development to the new level required to address and resolve the many issues and opportunities that will define our evolving future as

a diverse, accessible and affordable community."

At the age of seventy-eight, Bob O'Brien will be transitioning into semi-retirement, but will continue in the role of Director of Economic Development. His attention with be focused on the

development projects that will continue to transform Revere, including the conredevelopment tinuing of the Revere waterfront. the Shirley Avenue and Broadway business districts and Suffolk Downs and implementation of the recently approved River-

Front Master Plan, as well as prospective redevelopment of Wonderland and Caddy Farm. Moving forward, a high priority will be placed on emerging public/private partnership for the creation of more affordable housing in Re-

Council approves Riverfront Overlay District ation for the work that was

By Cary Shuman

The Revere City Council approved by a 10-1 margin the amending of the Zoning Ordinances of the city relative to the establishment of the Revere Riverfront Overlay District, taking another major step toward the development of a "transformational" project on the G and J Towing Site and the Thayer Area Boatyard.

Ward 6 Councilor Richard Serino was the lone councilor to vote against the proposal.

Following the vote, Mayor Brian Arrigo commended the councillors "for their vision and foresight on what will be a transformational undertaking we have" in the Riverfront area located near the Revere-Lynn border. Arrigo said the project will dramatically improve the gateway into Revere.

"The amount of time and effort that was put in by residents, city staff, and the City Council - I just want to show my apprecidone."

Arrigo also extended his gratitude to the Council's Zoning Subcommittee and Ward 5 Councilor John Powers for their support of the RiverFront Master Plan and Overlay District.

"Thank you, Councilor Powers, for your advocacy for Ward 5," said Arrigo. "As the son of a former Ward 5 city councilor, I appreciate all of the tremendous work that you've done for the Pines, the Riverside, the Revere High portion of your district, and of course Oak Island and entirety of Ward 5."

Interestingly, ers had delivered a fiery speech before the vote on the Overlay District proposal, expressing his strong support of the project and his dismay at the actions of some residents who were against the plans for the G and J Tow-

After the meeting, Powers elaborated on the correspondences that were allegedly circulated among residents opposing the Overlay District.

"As a city councilor, I have a responsibility to participate in that vote and not just to listen to people that were negative about it," said Powers.

He said the additional revenue generated by the project on the G and J site will allow the city to use the funds toward other projects such as a new Revere High School.

"It's [the Redgate proposal for a 290-unit apartment complex on the G and J site) going to bring money into the city," said Powers.

And although he didn't mention him by name, Power seemed to infer that he wasn't pleased with comments made by Eric Lampedecchio, a past candidate for the Ward 5 seat. Lampedecchio had expressed concerns at the last Zoning Subcommittee meeting about the Redgate proposal and its impact on the entire Point of Pines neighborhood.

Rotondo seeks official city historian position and where we're going,"

By Cary Shuman

Councilor-at-Large George Rotondo wants the city and Mayor Brian Arrigo to look into the feasibility of providing funding through a grant for an official city historian position.

"I think it would be great to illustrate where we were as a community, how we became, the struggles that we went through, said Rotondo. "We have a museum in the City of Revere and now an Art Commission. What better way to augment these particular institutions than with a city historian."

Councilor-at-Large Steven Morabito supported the proposal. "I believe a position such as a city historian is imperative to keep our history relevant,"

said Morabito. "There's much history about our city and so much for many to learn, including myself. I think a point person as a city historian would be great for preserving the history of the City of Revere. Kudos to my colleague for bringing up this motion."

Council voted The unanimously in favor of Rotondo's motion.

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be wonderful to honor the people that have passed, within the city and within the United States."

Serino said that 159 residents in Revere have died because of the coronavirus. "Let's hope with the vaccine and with life getting back to normal, that number will stay at 159," said Serino. "Let's hope. Let's pray. I think this [memorial plaque] would be a wonderful gesture to have going forward."

Mayor Brian Arrigo thanked the councilors for making the motion and the idea of a permanent trib-

ute at City Hall.

"We've started the conversation with some BU students around ways to have a space to reflect on how hard this [pandemic] has hit our community," said Arrigo. "I've heard different ideas from inspirational young folks of how to incorporate art and some level of civic engagement to really show in our community strong that we've been able to weather this storm and we've done it together."

Arrigo said he will be putting the proposal before the newly formed Revere Public Art Commission. McKenna, one of the sponsors of the motion, is a member of the Art Com-

Giannino said, "I'm excited to see what the Commission comes up with and I'm sure it will be a great memorial to honor all the lives that were lost in this pandemic."

Councilor-at-Large George Rotondo suggested that the voices of all residents of all nationalities should be included in the memorial tribute.

He said the lives of the Revere residents lost to COVID-19 should be remembered and celebrated "and if there's anything that I know about memorializing those that have passed, it's celebrating their life. If we could do that within this process, I'd be grateful, and more importantly I thank the

councilors for putting this motion forward and I fully support it."

Councilor-at-Large Steven Morabito said, "A memorial plaque for those who lost their lives from the coronavirus is a way to let their loved ones know that we care about our community and not only that, we care about the people in our community. A memorial plaque is great way of letting them know that they will always be remembered and

be part of the community." Ward 3 Councilor Arthur Guinasso applauded the city for the manner in which it has conducted itself during the pandemic.

"The message should go out loud and clear please get vaccinated and prevent any further deaths. I look forward to seeing the memorial plaque and I'm very, very pleased that my colleagues put forth this motion and I appreciate their efforts," concluded Guinasso.

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to play at McMackin myself, however, I was able to watch many young players experience the joy of playing at such a unique park.

condition of the field in its current state is disheartening," continued Keefe. "The representatives responsible for the league and the field have let this

"Unfortunately,

fall into disrepair and become not just an eyesore but an unsafe space."

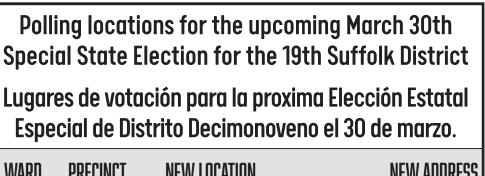
Keefe hopes that the city can work with the RLL board to take over responsibility of the park "for an additional recreational space as it's intended for."

At Monday's Council meeting, Keefe raised the issue of discussing the

future of McMackin Park with representatives from Revere Little League at a future meeting.

Currently, local youth baseball players and softball players compete in the Revere Youth Baseball and Softball program at the beautifully refurbished St. Mary's fields at Griswold Park.





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COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC HELD AT OCEANSIDE EVENTS CENTER SPONSORED BY EBNHC

On Tuesday, through combined efforts the City of Revere and East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic was held at Oceanside Events Center, formerly Wonderland Ballroom for those eligible to receive the vaccine.



Mayor Brian Arrigo echoed CEO Lope's gratitude and stated, "We did a lot of work, but there is a lot more to do". Arrigo thanked everyone involved in making this very convenient location to surrounding communities possible.



Manny Lopes (right) CEO of EBNH is shown with EBNH COO, Greg Wilmot and EBNH CMO, Jackie Fantes.



Francisca Zapada gets checked in by Denise Andrade.



Dr. Richard Romero is in charge of the vaccination program at Oceanside Ballroom, Romero and Mayor Arrigo have a brief discussion on the new clinic's operation



Executive Director of Revere's Women Encouraging **Empowerment, Olga Tacure** addressed the vaccine importance in English and Spanish.



CEO of EBNH Emmanuel Lopes, welcomed all and was happy to have such great co-operation to get this very important vaccine center opened so quickly and effortlessly. This site will provide approximately 2000 vaccinations a week to



Julio Torres was the first to receive his vaccine from a trained National Guard Medical Technician.



Kyle Walker and Mike Layon members of Yankee Division of the national Guard. Guardsmen have undergone two weeks of training prior to the clinic's opening.



Council President Tony Zambuto (left) and Revere School Committee member Fred Sannella were at the opening of the East Boston Neighborhood Health Vaccine Center, located at Oceanside Ballroom on North Shore Road.

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is a modern bistro-style restaurant that serves an eclectic selection of foods – Italian, American, Asian, and Greek cuisine.

The restaurant also specializes in local craft beers, ciders, and homemade Sangrias.

Rubino is very pleased with the reception to his new venture. Some choices on the menu are already becoming "go-to" items. The appetizers have been particularly popular.

"An appetizer, our fried gnocchi, is the most popular," said Rubino. "Our Asian dumplings (with ginger dipping sauce) are the second most popular."

There is a wide range of

selections on the entrees menu, including Cowboy Pork Chop (bone-in) with pan sauce and mixed potato hash, chicken souvlaki, New York strip, seared, au jus butter, mushroom risotto, and candied ginger salmon.

The "Veggie Bowl," consisting of mushrooms, zucchini, bean sprouts, onions, sweet and savory sauce, and white race, has also become a house fa-

An impressive resume

Rubino, 28, attended Wentworth Institute of Technology where he studied electrical mechanical engineering.

He brings strong, man-



Louis Rubino, owner and head chef at The Cutting Board, is pictured inside the kitchen at the brand new bistro-style restaurant located at 744 Broadway, Revere.

agerial experience in the hospitality industry to his new venture. He was most recently the general manager at Bertucci's in Woburn, where he oversaw three other managers and 15 employees. The restaurant had \$3 million in sales under his leadership.

A homemade approach

As a professional cook, Rubino said his skills were established working in 'the line' in restaurants. He added that all the creativity in his food preparation comes from home cooking.

He is certainly proud of that "homemade" approach.

"I do everything here – I make the barbecue sauce, I make the ice cream, I make every single item we have, expect the bread, pasta, and pesto."

His own style of hamburgers is drawing a following.

"One of our most popular burgers is our Barnyard Burger, which is a little over a third-pound burger with full chicken that we braise in local hard cider, topped with homemade barbecue sauce and

bacon," said Rubino. A proud son of Revere

Louis is the son of Gino and Antonella Rubino. He has a younger sister, Amanda, 22, who is studying to be radiologist.

It was Mrs. Rubino who conceived the name of the restaurant.

"The Cutting Board name is my mom's contribution," said Louis. "I think she just thought it was catchy and so do I. It's different. I thought it was a very good idea, to be honest.

In addition to having 24 seats in the dining room,

The Cutting Board also does deliveries through DoorDash and accepts orders on its Web site (with a 10 percent discount).

The Cutting Board is open Sunday through Thursday, from 5 to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, from 5 to 10 p.m.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE AROUND THE CITY

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First Congregational 9:30am Mass at St. Mary's

Church of Revere

230 Beach St., Revere Palm Sunday, 3/28

8AM (in person)

11AM (in person and Zoom)

Maundy Thursday, 4/1

7PM (in person and Zoom) Good Friday, 4/2

7PM (in person and Zoom)

Easter Sunday, 4/4

6:10AM Sunrise Service (Revere Beach Bandstand, in person)

8AM (in person) 11AM (in person and zoom)

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Our Lady of Grace

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Palm Sunday - Wear Red!

St. Mary's -3/27 - 4PM Our Lady -3/28 - 8AMSt. Mary's -3/28 - 9:30AM

Our Lady -3/28 - 11AMOur Lady - 3/28 - Kreyol - 12:30 PM

Holy Thursday, 4/1 St. Mary's – 7PM – Livestreamed on

Facebook

Good Friday, 4/2

St. Mary's - 12PM - Stations Lives-

treamed on Facebook Our Lady – 7PM – Livestreamed on

Facebook

Holy Saturday, 4/3

7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass Our Lady - Livestreamed on Facebook

Easter Sunday, 4/4

Immaculate Conception Church 133 Beach St., Revere

11am Mass at Our Lady

11am Mass at St. Mary's –

Livestreamed on Facebook

12:30 pm at Our Lady (in Kreyol)

Holy Thursday, 4/1

9AM Morning Prayer 6PM English Mass 9PM Spanish Mass

Good Friday, 4/2

9AM Morning prayer 12 Noon Sermon of the last 7 words of Christ (English) 3PM Divine Mercy Novena 4PM Sermon de las 7 Palabras 6PM Adoration of the Holy Cross

8PM Adoracion de la Santa Cruz Holy Saturday, 4/3 10AM Morning Prayer

4PM English Mass 6PM Spanish Mass

Easter Sunday, 4/4

8:30AM English Mass 10:30AM English Mass 12:30PM Spanish Mass 6PM Spanish Mass

St. Anthony's of Padua 250 Revere St., Revere

> Palm Sunday, 3/28 8AM, 10AM, 12 Noon

Holy Thursday, 4/1

7PM — Also on Zoom Live

Good Friday, 4/2

12 Noon - Stations of the Cross 3PM & 7PM - Veneration of the Cross 3PM Mass will also be on Zoom

Holy Saturday, 4/3 8PM – Also on Zoom live

Easter Sunday, 4/4 Masses: 8AM, 10AM & 12 Noon

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promote community and state goals. I understand that this is the people's seat and that's what is important. I am a supporter of Term Limits for all. This way we ensure vigorous representation. I am driven to accomplish an agenda which includes:

I am running for State Representative in the 19th

Suffolk District because I have a persistent drive to

- Keeping more money in the people's pockets • Creating good paying jobs that provide an improved standard of
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- Provide safe communities by not defunding police • Ensure all youth, both privileged and the vulnerable,
- can achieve and succeed the impact of the Covid shutdown To safely re-open and unleash our business base
- Add balance to our one-party State and foster debate, compromise and improved transparency on Beacon Hill

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VOTE PAUL CARUCCIO for STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Garcia joins The Neighborhood Developers

Judith Garcia is the latest hire by The Neighborhood Developers as the new Communications Manager.

Judith Garcia officially joins The Neighborhood Developers (TND) as Communications Manager in an effort to help amplify the organization's mission of creating strong neighborhoods enabling community members to secure a stable home, achieve economic mobility, and determine their own future. She is the latest hire by the local community development organization as it works to support Chelsea and Revere, and is now also active in Everett.

"We're thrilled to have



TND Communications Manager Judith Garcia.

Judith's communications experience to serve TND as we continue to support residents in their efforts to build healthier, affordable, and more equitable communities," said Rafael Mares, who leads the community development corporation.

"Judith's background in urban studies coupled with

her deeply rooted passion for empowering residents towards economic mobility and the keys to an affordable home makes her a great addition to our team," said Mares.

"There is no question that housing stability is and will continue to be a challenge we need to work on deliberately and with a new vision," said Garcia. "I am excited to join an organization that has redefined those paradigms and has demonstrated what it means to build dignified affordable homes for our families and our seniors."

Garcia, had previously served as a Latinx Communications advisor for Former Congressman Joe Kennedy III and is currently the Vice President of the Chelsea City Council.

Great News from Colombia

Jaramillo weds Crystal Villegas

Special to the Journal

On March 20, Juan Pablo Jaramillo, Democratic State-committee Person and former Democratic candidate for State Representative of Revere and Winthrop got married to Crystal Marie Villegas of Peabody. The two met six years ago in Boston and got engaged last year. The ceremony took place in Jaramillo's place of birth, Colombia surrounded by close friends and family.

"I'm excited to be spending the rest of my life with the person I love, and am excited for the future. It is great to be in Colombia and to celebrate this occasion in such a beautiful place" said Crystal Jaramillo.

"The moment I met Crystal I knew she was the one. I am grateful to all for their well-wishes and congratulatory messages" said Juan adding that "they are excited to start this new chapter, start a family, and taking on many battles together, on behalf of the working people."

The newlyweds who will be living together in Revere, will be honeymooning in Cartagena for a few weeks before returning to Revere to get their





Mr. and Mrs. Jaramillo shown on their wedding day in Juan Jaramillo's hometown in Colombia.

lives started.

Jaramillo, the only Revere candidate in the special Democratic primary that took place March 2, 2021, won close to 65 percent of the votes in the Re-

vere part of the 19th Suffolk District previously occupied by Speaker Bob DeLeo, falling just short of first place. The special general election is to be held on March 30.





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Giannino appointed to Metropolitan Beaches Commission

Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives Ronald Mariano (D-Ouincy) recently appointed State Representative Jessica A. Giannino (D-Revere) to the Metropolitan Beaches Commis-The Metropolitan sion. Beaches Commission was created in 2006 by the Massachusetts Legislature to take an in-depth look at the Boston metropolitan region's 15 public beaches in Nahant, Lynn, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy, and Hull which are managed by the Department of Conservation

and Recreation (DCR). "I want to express gratitude to Speaker Mariano for appointing me to serve as a Commissioner on the Beaches Commission. As the State Representative whose district encompasses America's First Public Beach, I recognize the responsibility state leaders have to advocate to ensure that the beaches around Greater Boston remain oases for working families by making them safe, clean, as well as a place to go by offering free programming," said Representative Giannino. "I am proud to join in a line of my two previous predecessors in adding my voice for the greater good of Revere Beach. I am excited to serve, and am looking forward to working with my fellow Commissioners to be champions of our urban beaches." The Commission is

comprised of elected officials and community, civic, nonprofit, and business leaders from Boston and the metropolitan region's waterfront neighborhoods and beachfront communities. Its work is facilitated by Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, which has served as lead consultant to the Commission since its in-



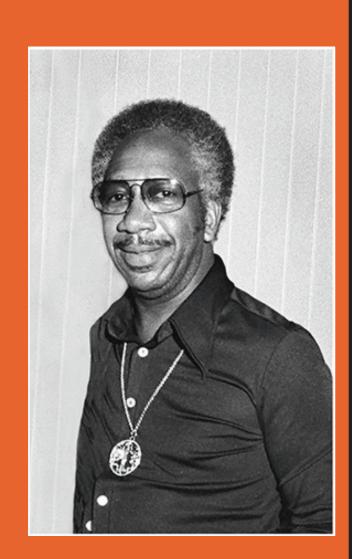
State Rep. and Revere City Councilor Jessica A. Giannino.

ception. Each year the Commission holds public hearings at the State House and in waterfront neighborhoods and beachfront communities from Nahant to Nantasket, and issues an annual report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature and to DCR.

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VIOLENCE AGAINST THE AAPI **COMMUNITY MUST END**

Prejudice, discrimination, and violence against members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community has existed ever since immigrants from China began to arrive in America in the 1850s.

The first anti-immigration law in our nation's history, the Chinese Exclusion Act, specifically targeted Chinese immigrants in 1882 and was still the law of the land until 1943.

The wrongful detention of Japanese-Americans in camps during WWII has become well-known to every high school student of American history.

Locally, our newspapers through the years have reported on numerous incidents of hate in the Boston area, ranging from the graffiti and vandalism that plagued a popular Japanese restaurant in Winthrop Centre in the 1980s to the arson fires in Revere in the 1980s that culminated with the blaze in December, 1990, that drove more than 150 persons, mostly from the Revere Cambodian community, from their homes.

The tragic shooting late last week in Atlanta by 21 year-old Robert Aaron Long that targeted Asian-American employees in massage parlors is just the latest example of the growing trend of violence against Asian-Americans that was encouraged by the rhetoric of certain public figures who fed the flames of racial animosity with terms such as the "China virus" and "the kung-flu" to describe the COVID-19 pandemic.

The targeting of members of the AAPI community must stop. Hopefully, with a new administration that has rejected the divisive rhetoric of the past and a renewed determination by law enforcement to prosecute every incident of racially-motivated violence, our society can put an end to this virus of hate.

THE ATLANTA SHOOTINGS: A CONFLUENCE FOR A PERFECT STORM

In addition to the obvious targeting of Asian-Americans in the tragic shootings in Atlanta, there were two other factors that created a perfect storm for this sort of tragedy to take place.

The first was the easy and immediate access for the purchase of a high-capacity weapon by the 21 year-old perpetrator of the shootings, who was able to buy the gun on Tuesday morning and kill six people that after-

The idea of a waiting period -- also known as a cooling-off period -- between the purchase of a gun and the delivery into the hands of the buyer has been shown to be an effective measure in saving lives. According to a recent study, states with mandatory waiting periods - regardless of their length - had an average of 17 percent fewer murders and 10 percent fewer suicides by

The second factor was the influence of the young man's church upon his mind from an early age. This is by no means an excuse for his murderous spree, but it is to say that he clearly had been brainwashed by the extreme and confusing messages from his evangelical church about sex that led him to believe that he had an unnatural sex addiction that he could quell only by taking extreme measures.

When there are tragedies such as the shootings in Atlanta, we all want easy answers. But in reality, the truth of what drives persons to commit such heinous acts are not always easily understood, even by the perpetrators themselves.



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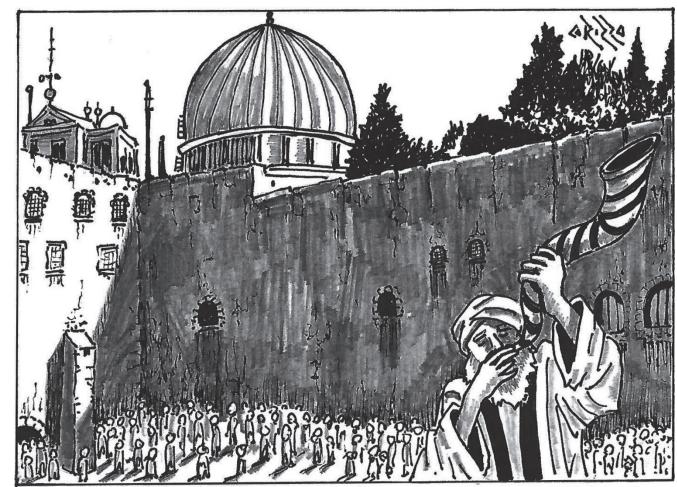
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LETTERS to the Editor

A DISREGARD FOR **HEALTH OF STAFF**

Dear Editor,

The Revere Teachers Association (RTA) holds as its primary objective to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of its members. Every day, but especially during a pandemic, schools must foster a culture of care and compassion for staff and students.

As Revere Public Schools move into the phase of hybrid in-person learning, a small number of our members, less than 100, sought to follow the recommendations of their doctor and request or extend their work from home ADA (Americans with Disability Act) accommodation, in some cases for only a few weeks until they were fully vaccinated. Rather than consider implementing minor schedule changes, in far more cases than not, these requests were denied. Faced with no other option, teachers requested to use their earned sick time to take short term leaves of absence until fully vaccinated. That too was denied. Educators were given the choice to return to in person teaching against the advice of their doctor or take an unpaid leave of

absence. RTA requested that

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

members, many of whom reported feeling pressured and even allegedly bullied at ADA meetings in the summer, have the option to bring a colleague or representative to ADA meetings with Central Administration. This request was denied. Furthermore, the administration denies that far too many members in general feel bullied and intimidated. Rather than face retaliation, teachers accept accommodations that are offered and risk their own personal health.

RTA is simply requesting protection for our most vulnerable members. We want to do our job and teach our students. But we do not believe anyone should have to choose between their health and their paycheck. A school it prioritizes safety and compassion for staff and students. Our working conditions are our students' learning conditions.

Revere Teachers Association

MY CASE FOR **RICHARD FUCILLO FOR** REPRESENTATIVE

Dear Editor,

Richard Fucillo, Jr. is so Massachusetts, I never needed to ask where he's from when I first met him

four years ago. His love for the Bruins, Tom Brady and Dunkin Donuts coupled with his particularly thick New England accent cemented him in my mind, as one of the first true Bay Staters that I met when I first moved here. Clam chowder runs through his veins, and he swears the best pizza in the world is made in Revere.

I realized how much Richard loves this state when he told me that his life long dream is to buy a house in his native Winthrop, and live there for the rest of his life. That's why when he told me of his intention to run for State Representative that I was not at all surprised. He is not running to launch a long political career, but because it's his home, and system is strongest when he wants to help improve it. I can truly say that Richard is one of the most generous and passionate people I have ever met. These qualities became apparent to me after after taking a few road trips with Richard throughout Massachusetts. Rich would have a personal story about every town and Massachusetts landmark that we'd see, be it Plymouth Rock, or Kelly's Roast Beef. He is not interested in national politics and scandals, he wants to help make positive change locally, which

is why he is running as an independent. He doesn't have a party line to toe or a corporate structure to answer to in Washington. His only ideology is to make his home a better place, and help his neighbors in their pursuit of happiness. He doesn't have to pretend to align with policies which history shows he does not truly believe, in order to curry favor with members of a particular party, which he thinks has the best chance of placing him in office. His policy proposals are based on his personal experiences as a lifelong resident of Suffolk's 19th district, and his platforms' only consideration is the direct benefit it will provide for his com-

munity. Richard has made less rips around the sun than the other candidates in this race, but his relative youth is a source of energy, and optimism. It's what makes him a fast learner, easily adaptable, and places him in a unique position to understand the issues which face his community in the 21st century. In this difficult time period of an already divided nation, let's unite our homes through moderation and bipartisan dialogue. Do not vote for a color and a letter, vote for

your future. Makar Kirikov

GUEST OP-ED

Do your children make you curse?

Kirk Dewayne Frank-

lin is an American choir director, gospel musician,

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singer, songwriter, and author. He is best known for leading urban contemporary gospel choirs such as The Family, God's

Property, and One Nation Crew. He is a beloved and influential figure in the gospel music world.

exploded Instagram recently with an audio of the famed gospel singer Franklin berating his 32-year-old son. The son posted the audio of the verbal exchange between he and his father. The audio was a profanity laced call that included his father the elder Franklin threatening to break his son's neck.

According to the elder Franklin there has been a 14-year rift between he and his son. Many counseling sessions and the family's attempts at trying to resolve the conflict have apparently remained unsuccessful. For many years according to reports his son has avoided fam-

ily dinners, holidays and

other gatherings. National television and various media outlets reported Franklin saying, "Recently, my son and I had an argument that he chose to record. I felt extremely disrespected in that conversation, and I lost my temper. And I said words that are not appropriate. And I'm sincerely sorry to all of you. I sincerely apologize," Franklin said.

Good Morning America, The Washington Post and various other national media sources have reported this story which is a sad personal family drama. For many years this tension has been a difficult rift for this very famous family. It's unfortunate that the adult son chose to play it out on social media which has now become

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL



Candidate for State Rep. Jeffrey Turco shown above with supporters on Saturday, March 20, holding signs outside of St. Anthony's on Revere Street.



State representative candidate Richard Fucillo Jr. and his supporters are pictured during a campaign sign-holding event adjacent to Jim Kimmerle Park in Beachmont.

Caruccio pledges to support Congressional term limits

Special to the Journal

U.S. Term Limits (USTL), the leader in the national, non-partisan movement to limit terms for elected officials, is gathering support from state lawmakers across the nation. Its mission is to get 34 states to apply for an amendment proposal convention specific to term limits on Congress. Massachusetts house candidate, Paul Caruccio (District 19 Suffolk), has committed support for term limits on Congress by signing the U.S. Term Limits pledge.

USTL President, Phil-Blumel, commented Carruccio's pledge saying, "Paul's support of term limits shows that there are individuals who are willing to listen to the majority of voters who want term limits. America needs a Congress that will be served by citizen legislators, not career pol-

iticians." The U.S. Term Limits pledge is provided to can-

didates and members of state legislatures. It reads, "I pledge that, as a member of the state legislature, I will cosponsor, vote for, and defend the resolution applying for an Article V convention for the limited purpose of enacting term limits on Congress."

In the 1995 case, Thorn-

ton v. U.S. Term Limits, the Supreme Court of the United States opined that only a Constitutional Amendment could limit the terms of U.S. Senators and House Representatives. According to Nick Tomboulides, Executive Director of USTL, the best chance of imposing term limits on Congress is through an Article V Proposal Convention of state legislatures.

"The Constitution allows for amendments to be proposed by either 2/3 of Congress or 2/3 of the states. While we'd like for Congress to take the high road and propose term limits on itself, our goal is to trigger the latter, a national convention specifically for a term limits amendment," claims Tomboulides. "That is why it is important to get buy-in from state legislators," he added. Once proposed, the amendment must be ratified by 38 states.

Blumel noted, "More than 79% of Americans have rejected the career politician model and want to replace it with citizen leadership. The way to achieve that goal is through a congressional term limits amendment. Paul knows this and is willing to work to make sure we reach our goal."

According to the last nationwide poll on term limits conducted by Mc-Laughlin & Associates, term limits enjoys wide bipartisan support. Mc-Laughlin's analysis states, "Support for term limits is broad and strong across all political, geographic and demographic groups. An overwhelming 79% of voters approve of a Con-Amendment stitutional that will place term limits on members of Congress."

Boston Carmen's Local 589 endorses Jeffrey Turco for State Representative

Special to the Journal

On Tuesday, the Boston Carmen's Union Local 589 endorsed Jeffrey Turco for State Representative, 19th Suffolk District. The seat was vacated by former Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo and following a Special Election victory, Turco is the Democratic Nominee for the March 30th General Election.

"It is with great pleasure the Executive Board and Membership of the Boston Carmen's Union Local 589 of the Amalgamated Transit Union, AFL/ CIO-CLC, who represent over 5,900 working men

and women of the MBTA, has endorsed Jeff Turco's election to the Massachusetts House of Representatives," said John Clancy, ATU Local 589 Recording Secretary. "The Carmen's Union feels fortunate to have a friend of your stature and integrity running for the Massachusetts House of Representatives for the 19th Suffolk District. You will be an asset to the working men and women in your District.."

Amalgamated Transit Union, of which Local 589 is a part, is the largest labor organization representing transit workers in the United States

and Canada. Founded in 1892, the ATU today is comprised of over 180,000 members in 270 local unions spread across 46 states and nine provinces. The Carmen's Union represents over 5,900 workers at the MBTA.

"Public Transportation is a necessity in the Commonwealth, which makes having the support of the fine men and women of Local 589 a true honor," said Turco. "I will work to further investments in the MBTA, that includes assuring that these essential services have the resources they need to be safe and successful."

Plumbers and Gasfitters Union Local 12 endorses Jeffrey Turco for State Representative

Special to the Journal

On Thursday, Plumbers and Gasfitters Union Local 12 endorsed Jeffrey Turco for State Representative, 19th Suffolk District. The seat was vacated by former Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo and following a Special Election victory, Turco is the Democratic Nominee for the March 30th General Election.

"On behalf of the officers and members of the United Association of Plumbers and Gasfitters Local 12 in Boston, we are pleased to endorse Jeffrey Turco for State Representative of the 19th Suffolk District," said Timothy

Fandel, Local 12 Business Manager. "Jeff's long history of advocacy on behalf of hard-working men and women of the district speaks for itself. Our expectation is that Jeff will be a clear and consistent voice in supporting the use of Project Labor Agreements and will actively defend the collective bargaining process, affording workers additional safeguards. Jeff has stood shoulder to shoulder with us and has a track record of supporting legislation that directly benefits the hard-working men and women of organized labor in Massachusetts. For this we are grateful and very appreciative."

Plumbers and Gasfitters Local 12 supplies highly skilled plumbers and apprentices to signatory contractors throughout Eastern Massachusetts. Local 12 has one of the most advanced training facilities for journeymen plumbers in the region. Members who are licensed have the benefit of acquiring advanced skills, such as medical gas training, and certifications in welding.

"I'm very appreciative to have the endorsement of Local 12 as I campaign for State Representative,' said Turco. "From day one on Beacon Hill, I will work to make our District a better place to live, work and raise a family."

IBEW Local 103 endorses Turco for State Representative

Special to the Journal

On Friday, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 103 endorsed Jeffrey Turco for State Representative, 19th Suffolk District. The seat was vacated by former Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo and following a Special Election victory, Turco is the Democratic Nominee for the March 30th General Election.

"It is my pleasure to announce that the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 103 has endorsed Jeff Turco for State Representative in the 19th Suffolk District's Special Election scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, 2021," said

Louis Antonellis, Local 103 Business Manager. "Jeff earned our endorsement for his long-standing commitment to the working men and women of the Commonwealth and especially for his support on the issues that concern the members of this union. We will urge all of our members and their families in Winthrop and Revere to vote and support your candidacy in this upcoming election."

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 103, located in Dorchester, represents electricians and technicians in the Greater Boston Area. IBEW's mission is to provide developers in the Greater Boston area with

the best trained, most efficient, safest electricians and telecommunications specialists, while fostering the union's values of economic fairness, equal opportunity and charitable giving in the communities they work, live and raise families in.

"I'm extremely grateful to have the men and women of IBEW Local 103 in my corner as I campaign for State Representative of the 19th Suffolk District," said Turco. "The electrical workers' contributions to our community are just as important as their livelihoods. I will continue to do my part to support union workers and their families, just as they support ours."

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"My volunteers are doing it out of a commitment to myself and the principles and the policies that I have been promoting. We've been out there in the rain and the wind early in the morning and in the late afternoons and early evenings."

Caruccio held a well-attended standout near the

Post Office on Broadway, Revere, this past Saturday.

Fucillo has been greeting voters regularly during standouts in Beachmont and the Winthrop/East Boston bridge on Route 145. He has a massive campaign standout event scheduled for Friday in Winthrop.

"We've been kind of

quiet on the door-todoor aspect because of COVID-19 – people are not very keen on opening their doors right now," said Fucillo. "My main campaign activity has been online."

Fucillo and his father, Richard Fucillo Sr., attended the Saugus-Winthrop football game at



Candidate for State Rep. Jeff Turco..

Miller Field Friday night. Richard Jr.'s cousin, James Fucillo, made his debut as the Vikings' defensive coordinator in a 28-0 shutout of the Sachems.

"I feel confident about the election," said Fucillo. "But regardless of what happens, I think I've put a positive message out there and it's all good stuff moving forward."

Turco, Caruccio, and Fucillo will be participating in a Revere Journal-sponsored candidates'

forum Thursday, March

25 at 6 p.m. on the Re-

vere TV Youtube Channel.

Revere Journal President



Candidate for State Rep. Paul Caruccio.

Stephen Quigley moderate the forum while Revere TV Executive Director Robert Dunbar will lead the broadcast production team.

Revere Election Commissioner Diane Colella said it has been "a quiet election" and she expects a turnout of less than 10 percent in the city. Colella reported that the Election Department had received 97 absentee ballots and 182 mail-in ballots as of Monday. In Winthrop, Acting Town Clerk Joanne DeMato said there

have been 187 absentee

ballots and 312 mail-in



Richard Fucillo, Jr.

ballots submitted by Winthrop voters.

The polls in both Revere and Winthrop will be open Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. State Rep. Jessica Gi-

annino of Revere represents the other portion of Revere (along with parts of Chelsea and Saugus) in the Mass. House of Representatives after winning the Democratic Primary in September and the general election in November. Giannino was inaugurated in January, succeeding former state representative RoseLee Vincent.



Paul Caruccio makes a campaign stop with the Winthrop Tuesday Morning Club. Shown below are club members Bob Kelly (L) and David Hubbard (R) with State Representative candidate Paul Caruccio.

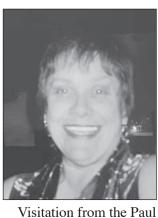
Elaine DiSerio

Lifelong advocate for children

Elaine V. DiSerio of Revere passed away on March 20.

Elaine had a career in Child Protection with DCF and was a lifelong advocate for children. She was a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1970 and Tufts University. She loved spending time with family and friends and in her spare time she enjoyed traveling, dancing, and Karaoke.

The devoted mother of Adriana DiSerio of Revere, she was the beloved sister of Joanne McLean and her late husband, John of Revere, Jacqueline "Jackie" Hanson of New Jersey, Catherine "Kiki" Catizone of Lynn, Mary Martin of Chelsea and the late Barbara Weatherly and her husband, Robert of North Carolina; dear lifelong friend of Linda Ciampa of East Boston. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.



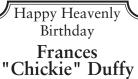
Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere will be on Wednesday, March 24 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in the Immaculate Conception Church, Revere at 12 Noon. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Elaine's memory to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St, unit B-102 Danvers MA, 01923 or Pancreatic Cancer Action Network at www.pancan.org For guest book, please visit www.Buonfiglio.com

Sandra Stasio

Of Saugus

Sandra M. (Penta) Stasio of Saugus passed away on March 17.

She was the loving daughter of Alyce Penta (McInnis) and the late William Penta, beloved



Mar. 26, 1940 - Dec. 21, 2020



God knows how much we've missed you since you went away. We'd give anything and everything just to see your smile today. Always loved and sadly missed,

Husband Arthur, Children Beth, Arthur, Joey, Wayne and all your grandchildren, great grandchildren & family



mother of Joseph Stasio and his wife, Brianna and Tanya Stasio, dear sister of William Penta and the late Judith Forte, cherished aunt and guardian of Julianna Taylor and Adrianna Pesci. She is also survived by many loving nieces and

Family and friends will honor Sandra's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Saratoga East Boston on Saturday, March 27 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. All services will be held in accordance to the Commonwealth of MA COVID-19 reopening regulations. For more information please visit www. ruggieromh.com.

Joseph

Festa, Sr.

May 22, 1928 - March 26, 2018

Three year

Anniversary

Robert 'Bobby' Gallo

OBITUARIES

Retired Boston Police Detective



Robert "B o b b y " Gallo, 79, of East Boston passed away on March 18

surrounded by his children, grandchildren and beloved first wife, Lucille McCauley.

Bobby was the first of five children born to late Phyllis (Buonopane) Gallo and Marco Gallo on April 19, 1941; PROUD FATHER to Doreen Blaisdell and her husband, Liam of Peabody, Cheryl A. Leon-McCormick and her husband, Thomas of Middleton and Robert P. Gallo and his wife, Natalie of North Reading; Stepfather to Lyn Macaskill and David Curcio; loving Papa to Nicolas and Ariana Blaisdell, Aaron, Naomi, and Andre Leon, Mia and Domenic Gallo; step-grandchildren, Brianna and Kylee Macaskill, and lastly, his beloved Chihuahua, Paco.

He is also survived by his brothers, Peter and Marco and sisters, Josephine Antico and Nancy Russell as well as his sister-in-law, Angela Ciulla, former wife, Marie Curcio, many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins,



and friends who loved him dearly.

Bobby graduated from East Boston High and earned an associate degree from Bunker Hill Community College. He served in the United States Navy before going on to become an Officer and Detective for the Boston Police Department. After a 39-year tenure, he retired from the BPD.

first for Bobby. He loved life and left a lasting impression on everyone he met. Bobby will be deeply missed.

Conway Cahill-Brodeur Funeral Home, 82 Lynn Street, Peabody, Thursday, March 25, from 4 to 8 p.m.. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org.

Frank Romano

Retired Precision Machinist

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in the Immaculate Conception Church on March 22 for Frank C. Romano, 87, a lifelong Revere resident, who passed away on March 15 in the presence of his God and family. He was 87 years old.

Frank was a Precision Machinist retiring after 25 years with Nevron Plastics.

The best friend and Family Memorial Home, husband of 58 years Street, to Elaine M. "Ginger" Romano, (Kirkpatrick) he was the Proud Dad to Michelle M. Romano of Revere, Kristina E. Mc-Donald and her husband, Gary T. of San Lorenzo, CA, Laura J. Speliotis and her husband, James C. of Danvers; Special Papa to Kailee E. Speliotis and

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May the Sacred Heart of Jesus



her companion, Aleks Nowicki of Connecticut and Alexandria L. Speliotis of Danvers. He is lovingly survived by his sister-inlaw, Pauline L. Romano of Revere, many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Frank is also survived by his faithful feline buddy, "Lorenzo." He was the respectful son to the late Joseph Romano and Josephine (Marotta) Romano and brother to the late Henry P., Richard J. and Joseph F. Romano.

Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

In memory of Frank, remembrances may be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph, 636 Cambridge St., Brighton, MA 02135, Attn: Carol Mack.

Funeral Arrangements were entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

To send online condolences, please visit www. vertuccioandsmith.com.

Family always came Visiting hours are at the

Extremely proud of his things Irish.

Joseph Fitzgerald

Retired educator and true family man



Joseph T. "Joe" Fitzgerald, 89, of Middleton, formerly Pea-

body and Lynnfield, loving husband of Virginia T. (Deveney) Fitzgerald, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 18 at home with his family by his side. Born in Lynn, Joe was

the son of the late Michael and Catherine (Coleman) Fitzgerald. Raised and educated in Lynn, he was a graduate of St. Mary's High School, Class of 1948. As a veteran of the

Korean War, Joe proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army. Upon honorable discharge from the military, Joe continued his education at Boston College earning his Bachelor's Degree in Economics in 1963, followed by his Certification in Education at Salem State University.

Joe embarked on an extensive and rewarding career as a Special Education Teacher with Lynn Public Schools until the time of his retirement in 1997. His devotion and commitment to give back to a community that nurtured him through his youth gave him joy as he tended to many generations of students over the

strong Irish heritage, Joe was proud to hold citizenship in both the United States and Ireland. He loved to visit with his family overseas where he valued their traditions, culture and basically, all

Joe was a true family man, devoted to his wife, children, and grandchildren. He enjoyed raising his family and spending time vacationing at their



home in Rangeley, Maine. Joe lived a simple life full of love and laughter and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his wife, Virginia with whom he shared 65 wonderful years of marriage, Joe is survived by his son, Paul W. Fitzgerald and his fiancé, LeeAnn Pawlowski of Beverly, daughter, Jane F. Rizzo and her husband, Daniel of Revere, son, John M. Fitzgerald of Stratton, Maine, daughter, Virginia Ann Fitzgerald and her husband, Yoel Roznitsky of Arlington; grandchildren Hannah Rose and Lily Clare Roznitsky, Ryan and Nicholas Rizz, and sister, Claire Zinner of Salem as well as several nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Catherine "Gloria" Gill and brother-in-law to the late Robert Zinner and Frank

Joseph's funeral services were held. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Lynn. Assisting the family with arrangements was the Peterson-O'Donnell Funeral Home, 167 Maple St., (Rte. 62) Dan-

Donations in Joseph's memory may be made to American Legion Post 227, 69 River Street, Middleton, MA 01949. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please visit: www.odonnellfuneralservice.com.

Richard Larivee

Co-proprietor of Donlin Contractors

Richard A. Larivee, 75, died on Sunday, March 14 at the Tufts Medical Center in Boston.

The husband of Linda Larivee with whom he shared fifty-one years of marriage, he was born in Salem, raised in Beverly and has been a resident of Revere for the past 51

Richard was the co-proprietor of Donlin Contractors, a carpentry remodeling business.

The son of the late Neil and Norma (Knowlton) Larivee, in addition to his wife, he is survived by his two children, Michelle McCormack and her husband, Corey of

Revere and Susan Miller and her husband, Bryan of Malden; grandfather of Michael McCormack and Sarah Miller: brother of Robert Larivee of Beverly and Joyce Clohecy of Merrimac. He was predeceased by his brother, Neil Larivee and sister, Brenda

Walton. In lieu of flowers, donations in Richard's memory may be made to the Animal Rescue League of Boston at www.arlboston.

Services were private and provided by Bisbee Porcella Funeral Home. For condolences www. BisbeePorcella.com.

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be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 8th day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. My prayers have been answered.

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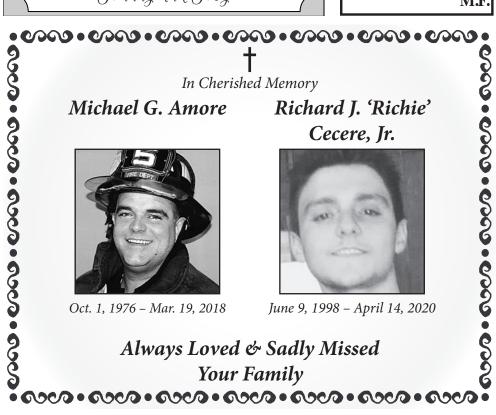
In Loving Memory of

We love you & miss you so much.

L'ove,

Johnny and Joey







Love you forever, Wife Della, Children &

Grandchildren

OBITUARIES

Dr. Thomas Franklin Hopkins

Distinguished educator, scientist, medical researcher and beloved and treasured member of the Board of Directors of **Building Bridges through Music**

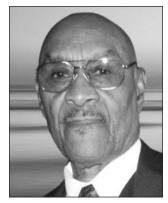


Hopkins, 98. formerly of Salem, MA passed away on March 6, 2021.

Thomas was the eldest son of Thomas and Dorothy Hopkins. He was born on December 16, 1922 in Culpeper, Virginia, grew up in Revere and graduated from Revere High School, Class of 1942. Upon graduation, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served proudly during World War II in the Military Police of his Marine Corps unit ahead of his stint as a boxing coach for the Marine Corps. among other roles.

Following his service in the Marine Corps, he continued his education and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University, a Master's degree from Brandeis University, and a PhD in Biology from Boston University. As a medical researcher at the Worcester Foundation for Biology, Experimental he became the first African-American laboratory investigator, whose work supported the Worcester Foundation's development of the first female oral contraceptive.

He subsequently went on to teach Biology at the University of Connecticut. Finally, as Chairman of the Natural Sciences Department at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, he mentored PhD students and taught Biology as well as serving as the dean of the university's honors program. He published countless scientific papers during his



career in academia.

He was a beloved and treasured member of the Board of Directors of Building Bridges through Music, Inc.- a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization co-founded by his sister Virginia and niece Doreen. Thomas was an avid reader, writer, photographer, coin collector, inventor, and scientist until his passing. He loved nature and especially taking long walks along the beach at Salem Willows while residing in Salem.

Dr.Hopkins was preceded in death by his sister, Laura Dorothy Jones and brother, Sim Hopkins.

He leaves a daughter, Thea Hopkins of Somerville, sons: Thomas of Milton, Charles of Worcester, Michael Franti of San Francisco, CA, and Arthur of Smyrna, GA; eleven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He also leaves his sister, Virginia, "Ginny", of Reverewhom he adored, to cherish many shared memories.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that friends consider making a donation to Building Bridges Through Music in his

https://www.bbtmusic.

Antonio Moscato and his

late wife, Julia and the

late Lena Grassia. Joe is

also survived by cousins,

nieces, nephews and many

on Thursday, March 25

from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Paul

Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno

Funeral Home, 128 Re-

vere Street, Revere. Due

to capacity limits, we ask

that you keep your visit

brief to allow others to pay

their respects to the fami-

ly. Masks and social dis-

tancing are required when

entering the funeral home.

Relatives and friends are

kindly invited. His funer-

al service will be held on

Friday, March 26 at Buon-

figlio Funeral Home at

9 a.m. followed by a Fu-

neral Mass at St. Antho-

ny's Church, 250 Revere

Street, Revere at 10 a.m.

(names and temperatures

will be taken upon en-

trance). Interment will be

in Holy Cross Cemetery,

Malden. For guestbook,

please visit www.buonfi-

glio.com.

A visitation will be held

friends.

Joseph Moscato

He lived the American Dream and brought smile and laughter to everyone he met

Joseph Moscato, 83, of Revere, passed away unexpectedly on March 14 surrounded by his family. Joe was born in in Mi-

rabella Eclano, Italy on April 18, 1937, immigrated to the United States from Italy as a teenager with his family and lived the American Dream. A successful local business owner, he married the love of his life, took pride in his family's successes, and never failed to bring smiles and laughter to everyone he met. Quiet, kind and always willing to lend a hand, he will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him.

The beloved husband of over 43 years to the late Rosamond F. (McInnis) Moscato, he was the son of the late Michele and Antonina (DeSimone) Moscato, cherished father of Annette M. Papia and her husband, Vincent of Revere, Joseph J. Moscato and his wife, Lisa of Kingston, NH and Jeanne M. Morello of Clermont, Florida; loving Papa of Kailey, Lauren and her husband, Jeffrey, Jessica, Andrew and his wife. Mariah, James and his wife Cassidy, Ryan, and Nicholas; dear brother of Phyllis Moscato and her late husband, Mario of Wakefield, Sandra Terramagra

and her husband, Louis

of North Andover, the late



February 18, 1958 — March 17, 2021

Stephen J. Stofflet, 63, passed away unexpectedly in his home on Wednesday, March 17.

A resident of Revere for the past 25 years, he was born in Boston and raised in Chelsea, a beloved son of the late Darlton J. and Joan M. (Helfrich) Stofflet.

attended Chel-He sea schools, worked as a warehouseman at a Chelsea furniture store, and has been retired for the past 20 years following a workplace injury.

Stephen enjoyed his time with family and friends, singing karaoke and playing games of chance.

He is lovingly survived by his twin sister, Susan Fetanat and her husband, Alex of Rancho Santa Margarita, CA, his brother, William J. Stofflet and his wife, Jeanne of Taunton and sister, Nancy Bailey of Revere. He was the cherished uncle of several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews and is also survived by extended family members and friends.



held in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, today, Wednesday, March 24 from 9 to 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited. Funeral Services will follow the visitation in the funeral home at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park in Peabody. All services will be held in accordance to the Commonwealth of MA Covid-19 Phase-IV regulations.

We continue to encourage family and friends who wish, to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card visit: www.WelshFH.com.

George Allen Pinksten

Retired carpenter, Past President of State and National Federation of Bible Classes, certified lay speaker, late member of I.O.O.F.

George Allen Pinksten entered eternal rest Sunday morning, March 21. He was 96 years of age. Born in Chelsea, the

son of Edward T. and Elizabeth (King) Pinksten, when George was four years old, he returned to his parent's home in Newfoundland, Canada. George grew up in Canada and went to school there.

On May 8, 1943 he enlisted in the Newfoundland Regiment of the Canadian Army. PVT Pinksten was a WWII Veteran and was honorably discharged on August 4, 1945. He returned to the United States

George was a carpenter by trade. In 1988 he retired from Dupont in Billerica. He was a late member of the Carpenters Union Local #218 in Boston, a Past President of State and National Federation of Bible Classes, a certified lav speaker, a late member of Zenith I.O.O.F #42 in Winthrop and an associated member of Everett I.O.O.F #136. George enjoyed building boats and bowling as hobbies.

He was the beloved husband of Gladys Pinksten, devoted father of William A Pinksten, Carolyn M. Ranere and her husband, Ron, George L. Pinksten and his wife, Rosemary and Robert E. Pinksten and his companion, Julie Harrington; dear brother of Mildred J. Noftle and her husband, Ronald of Ontario, Canada and the late Edward T. Pinksten, John William Pinksten



and Cecelia Thistle. He is also, lovingly survived by four grandchildren: Jaclyn Ranere, Jared Ranere and his wife, Amanda, Megan Pinksten and her wife. Caitlin and Kristen Sherlock and her husband, William and also, loved by his five great-grandchildren: Adrian, Nathan, Charles, Graham and Shea.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Glendale United Methodist Church, 392 Ferry Street, Everett on Saturday, March 27 at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. Visitation will precede the service in the church from 10 to 11 a.m. All attendees are required to wear face coverings and practice social distancing when greeting the family. Services will conclude with Military Honors at the Church.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the Carafa Family Funeral Home in Chelsea. We encourage family and friends to visit www.carafafuneralhome. com to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

To place a memoriam in the Revere Journal, please call 781-485-0588

RMV expanding designated senior hours to those 65 or older in April

Massachusetts The Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) has announced designated expanded, Wednesday in-person appointment hours for seniors from those 75 years of age or older to those 65 years of age or older. Beginning March 24, customers who are 65 years of age or older will be able to book in-person transaction appointments in April during designated Wednesday senior hours online at Mass.Gov/RMV. Services that are available for customers during designated senior hours include driver's license and ID renewals and registration and title transactions.

Designated senior service hours began on Sept. 2, 2020, to offer customers 75 and older dedicated times and flexibility to conduct their required in-person license or ID renewals while facilitating "social-distancing" protocols to keep customers and staff safe and healthy. Senior appointment

hours for license or ID renewals, and registration and title services appointments are offered on Wednesdays at the following 17 RMV Service Center locations (hours vary by location): Brockton, Danvers, Fall River, Greenfield, Lawrence, Leominster, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, New Bedford, North Adams, Pittsfield, Plymouth, Revere, South Yarmouth, Springfield, Watertown, and Worcester.

for anyone 65 years of age or older to schedule in-person appointments during designated service

Below are the options

•If you are a AAA member, you may make

a reservation now to renew your driver's license/ ID or conduct certain other transactions at a AAA location. Visit aaa.com/ appointments to schedule your visit.

•If you are not a AAA member, visit Mass.Gov/ RMV to make a reservation to renew or conduct most other transactions at an RMV Service Center. Visit the Make/Cancel a Reservation transaction tab in the myRMV Service Center and select "Senior Transaction" for all available RMV transactions. Reservations can be booked two weeks in advance.

Email the RMV for assistance: MassDOTRM-VSeniors@dot.state.ma.us.

 Call the RMV at 857-368-8005.

General appointments for license and ID renewals or registration and title transactions, as well as other essential in-person needs including drop-off registration and title services, are available to all customers at select locations throughout the business week.

Additional information on RMV service offerings and appointments can be found at www.Mass.Gov/ RMV, including more than 40 transactions that can be conducted online, by mail or by phone. The RMV recommends that all customers get ready online before their appointment.

Anyone conducting in-person business at an RMV customer service location must wear a face-covering and will continue to be served by appointment only. Appointments for many RMV transactions can also be made at AAA customer locations if the customer is a member of AAA.

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struggles and no one is perfect, including Kirk Franklin. He proves once again that most people have a breaking point and it's never pretty when it happens. Most of the time it's the people who we love the most and do the most for who have a way of flipping our switch. We often can take a lot from strangers and casual acquaintances because we really don't care that much what they think or even what they say. However, when it's a child who you have invested your entire life into stomps on your heart then emotion and passion have a way of taking over. As Franklin proves, words may be said that are later regretted. It's unfortunate that

even the best of people have feelings and words that can come out so ugly. Where do they come from? Ugly words often come from unresolved

hurt and pain that have Many families have become toxic. Poison is deadly. We allow poison to be bottled up deep in our hearts. In verbal altercations like the Franklins the bucket falls deep into the well of the heart and sadly what comes up is the pain and poison of past hurts that have been unresolved. We all have to guard our hearts and what we allow to take root. None of us need anything that might spring up to hurt us and others.

> Let's pray for the Franklins. Most families have had moments not scripted for the national spotlight.

> > Glenn Mollette is the

publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist - American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week In over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

OBITUARIES Effective Jan. 1, 2021

All obituaries and death notices will be at a cost of \$150.00 per paper. Includes photo. No word Limit. Please send to

obits@reverejournal.com or call 781-485-0588

MACIR HELPS GET REVERE SENIORS ONLINE

Courtesy photos

On Thursday, March 18, a group of seniors in Revere received free laptops, one year of free In-

ternet access, and one-toone technology training provided by MACIR (Moroccan American Connections in Revere) Career Center students.



Ann Repoli (right) is assisted by a MACIR Career Center



Rose Mirasolo gets a hand from one of the student teachers.







Students of the MACIR Career Center help show Vincent Cammarata (left) and Josephine Picardi (right) the ropes with

their new laptops, making sure they are all set to begin using them from their homes.



Ann Egan and Ty Smith listen to the students in the back-



LOCAL STUDENT

EARNS ACADEMIC HONORS

POOLE ON **DEAN'S LIST**

Regis College is pleased to announce that the following resident was among the 540 students that made the Dean's List for academic achievement for the 2020 fall semester.

* Hailey Poole, of Revere, class of 2021.

To be eligible for the Dean's List as a senior, junior or sophomore at Regis, a student must have a semester grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.50. For first-year students, a semester GPA of at least 3.25 must be attained. "I am very pleased to

see so many of our students excelling across the university," said Regis College Vice President of Academic Affairs Mary Erina Driscoll. "The Dean's List and the diversity of academic disciplines speak to a dedicated student body and to a faculty that promotes intellectual curiosity and achievement."

Upcoming virtual public meetings concerning fare transformation

Staff Report

Three virtual public meetings are being held this month regarding the MBTA's Fare Transformation program and upgrades to its sales network.

In the future, riders will be able to purchase MBTA fares and passes online, via their smartphones, and with contactless credit/ debit cards. Though customers will no longer be able to use cash to pay onboard vehicles once the new fare collection system is implemented by 2023, the MBTA is currently introducing more places

to load cash onto Charlie-Cards than were previously available. Aimed at serving cash-dependent riders, this expansion will result in a larger, more robust, and more diverse sales network of retailers, in-station fare vending machines, and new streetscape fare vending machines at bus stops, Commuter Rail, Green Line, and Mattapan Line stations across the network. The public is encouraged to view this interactive map of the proposed sales network or use the T's sales location finder.

tion team now requests the help and input of the public on the recently completed Point of Sale Distribution and Equity Analysis, which identifies where new sales locations should be added. Members of the public are encouraged to participate in the following virtual public meetings to hear more about the methodology for determining proposed locations and to

The Fare Transforma-

the T make sure the network being created works for everyone: •Thursday, March 25, at 6 PM •Tuesday, March 30, at 6 PM

For help registering for these virtual public meetings, please call the MBTA Community Engagement team at 617-448-4374. Any questions can be

emailed to publicengagement@mbta.com. Members of the public are also encouraged to provide feedback to the Fare Transformation team online by visiting the Sales Network Public Input Survey. Local community-based organizations are also encouraged to email the MBTA's Community Engagement team atpublicengagement@ mbta.com to schedule supplemental community meetings with the MBTA to learn more about Fare Transformation and the Point of Sale Distribution and Equity Analysis. The public can learn more about getting involved by visiting Fare Transforma-

Accommodations These meetings are accessible to people with disabilities and those with limited English proficiency. Accessibility accommodations and language services will be provided free of charge, upon request, as available. Such services include documents in alternate formats, translated materials, assistive listening devices, and interpreters (including American Sign Language).

accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone at 857-368-8580, fax at 857-368-0602, TTD/TTY at 857-368-0603, or by email at MASSDOT.Civil-Rights@dot.state.ma.us.

For more information, visit mbta.com/fares/ fare-transformation or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook / The MBTA, or Instagram @



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Name (first only), phone number and Publication(s) of choice



Sports

RHS PATRIOTS HOCKEY FALL TO MEDFORD MUSTANGS



WHERE IS IT?: Revere's Ollie Svendson (22) and Matt Bozzi (6) join Medford's Nick Pasquarella in a search for a loose puck.



FIRE AWAY: Shown above, Nick Summers (16) takes a shot on net. See more photos on Page 14.

Photos by Bob Marra

The Patriots dropped a 4-1 contest to the Medford Mustangs Saturday at Allied Veterans Memorial Rink in Everett. All the scoring was done in the first period. Medford jumped out to a 2-0 lead on goals by Robbie Shumway and Donald Davis before Revere answered on Alexio Trichilo's shot from the slot that beat Medford goaltender Conner Correiro. James Morini picked up an assist on the goal.

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OUCH: Revere's Nick Summers (16) absorbs a hard hit against the boards by Medford's Shawn Nestor during Revere's 4-1 loss to the Mustangs Saturday at Everett's Allied Veterans Memorial Rink.

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SPLIT SAVE: Shown to the right, Revere goaltender Tristian Goroshko was busy all night, here making an acrobatic save during Revere's 4-1 loss to Medford.

RHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

RHS BOYS PLAYING HARD, **SEARCHING**

FOR WIN The Revere High boys basketball team is showing improvement each and every day, but are still searching for their first win of the abbreviated winter season.

Last Monday night the Patriots traveled to Everett and played right there with the young and talented Crimson Tide. Trailing 25-20 with under two minutes left in the first half, Everett picked up its defensive pressure and stunned the senior-heavy Revere squad with their speed and athleticism. Everett took a 32-20 lead into halftime and never looked back en route to a 73-34 victory.

Junior guard James Clauto led the Patriots with 11 points, while seniors Dillan Day (six points, six rebounds), Jarrod Natola (four points, four rebounds), and Steven Leone (five points) all chipped in with nice contributions.

Next up for Revere was the defending Division 1 state champion Lynn English Bulldogs last Wednesday night at Merullo Fieldhouse. The undersized Patriots fought hard in the first quarter, holding Lynn English to its lowest-scoring quarter in two years, but still trailed, 11-4, after the period.

Unfortunately for the home team, the talented Bulldogs found their touch and began to dominate on the boards. Revere continued to play hard and compete, but their inability to make shots, combined with the pres-

sure defense applied by

English, proved too much

and the game got out of hand, with the final score standing at 82-22.

"We needed to play almost-perfect basketball, especially early on, to compete with the speed and athleticism of Everett and English," said RHS "Unfortunately, when you don't make shots, things can snowball pretty quickly. I know this however: We have a great group of tough seniors who will work hard to improve and it's a pleasure being together finally. I know we will bounce back."

Friday night Revere would get their chance to bounce back as they traveled to Medford High School to take on the Mustangs. The Patriots had swept the season series last year, so they knew going in that Medford would be up for the game and would have to match their intensity right away. Medford jumped out

early and Revere struggled with 13 turnovers in the first quarter, leading to 12 points and a 17-4 first quarter advantage for the Revere would calm

down in the second quarter and would play outstanding defense, holding Medford to just seven points in the frame, but the Patriots just could not buy a basket and trailed 24-10 at halftime.

"We really struggled again to make shots consistently enough to go on runs and get ourselves back in the game, but our defense kept us in it," said Leary.

Jafar Barry three-pointer, a

Jack D'Ambrosio drive to

the basket, and a tradition-

happened in the third quarter as Revere kept up the tough defense and, after a

al three-point play from senior captain Dillan Day, the Patriots had climbed back into the game and trailed 29-21 heading into the final quarter.

Senior Randy Urdaneta opened up the fourth period with a three-pointer to ing distance. head coach David Leary. cut it to just a five point

deficit and junior guard James Clauto (nine points) made two nice fast break layups from assists by senior co-captain Calvin Boudreau (10 rebounds, four assists, four steals) to keep Revere within strik-

made their free throws down the stretch to hold on for a low-scoring win, 37-28. "The kids are com-

peting hard," said Leary. "But sometimes when the shots do not fall, it can demoralize a team. But we However, the Mustangs stuck with it and got it to

a two-possession game in the last few minutes, but they scored more points in the end."

This past Monday night, the Patriots took the short bus ride to Malden and were looking for a fresh

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Coaches David Leary, John Leone and Bob Sullivan with the seniors of the RHS Class of 2021 Patriots. Front row: Jarod Natola, Steven Leone, Marco Cerbone, Richie DiMarzo, Natham



The RHS Patriot Varsity Basketball Team, with Head Coach David Leary (left) Asst. Coaches John Leone and Bob Sullivan(left). From left: Marco Cerbone, James Clauto, Nathan Ramos, Steven Leone, Louis Cardoza, Zach Bowden, Senior Captain Calvin Boudreau, Senior Captain Dillan Day, Randy Urdaneta, Volnaire Don, Jack D'Ambrosio, Jarod Natola, Jafar Barry and



Revere High School JV Patriot Basketball Team with Head Coach David Leary (right) JV Coach John Leone (left) and Freshman Coach Bob Sullivan.

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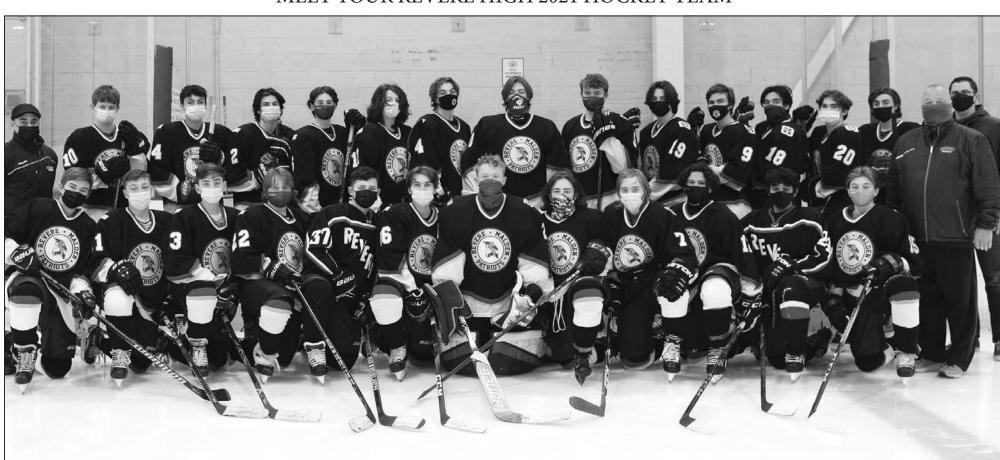
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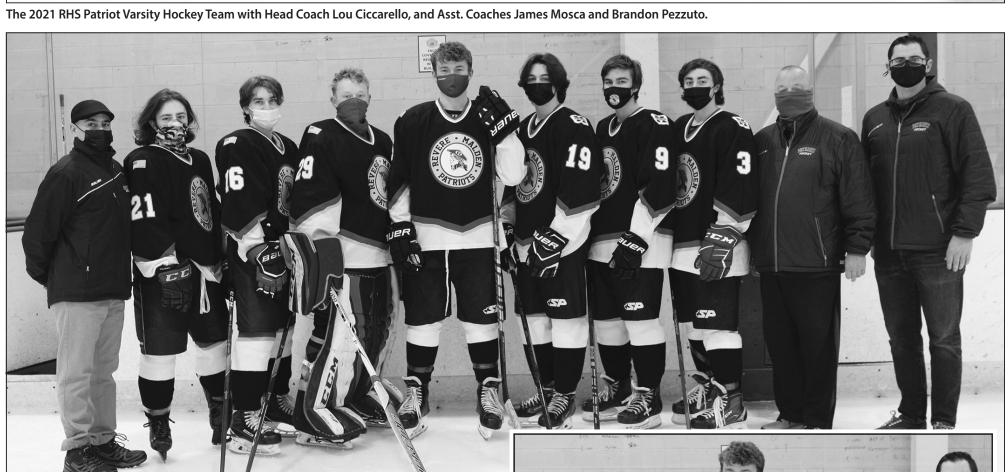
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Shown left RHS Patriot Seniors and Coaches: From left, Head Coach Lou Ciccarello, Matthew D'Annolfo, Capt. Nick Summers, Tristian Goroshko, Captain Dylan Griffith, Jared Swanson, James Marini, Joseph Polidoro, Asst. Coach James Mosca and Asst. Coach Brandon Pezzuto.

RHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

10 years ago March 23, 2011

Diana DeCristoforo has stunned the local sports community with the announcement that she is leaving her position as head coach of the Revere High School girls basketball program. DeCristoforo told her players at a team meeting last week that she has decided to step down as coach after two successful seasons at the helm of the program. DeCristoforo led the varsity team to a 37-6 record, capped by a perfect 20-0 regular season record and Northeastern Conference championship

this winter. DeCristoforo, 29, has accepted an assistant coaching position in the Salem State University women's basketball program. She will remain at Revere High in her position as an English teacher for grades 11 and 12.

20 years ago March 7, 2001

The RHS boys basketball team was eliminated from the state tourney with an opening round loss at Westford Academy in a heartbreaker, as Westford won the game on a three pointer at the buzzer, 53-50. Chris Miles scored 19 points and Ramon Navarro had 11 for the Patriots.

The RHS hockey team dropped a 5-4 decision to Woburn in overtime in the first round of the state tourney. John Lione had a superb game in net for the Pats, making 37 saves. Mike Conley (two goals), Steven Cataldo, and Sean Griffin scored for Coach Jim Palumbo's Patriots.

40 years ago March 4, 1981

The RHS gymnastics team finished the season with a 6-2 record. Frank Ross, Joe DeMarco, and Eric Ciccone led Revere to its successful season.

Coaches Jim Mosca and Brandon Pezzuto.

50 years ago March 4, 1971

The Revere High basketball team won its opening round game in the Class A Tech Tourney with a 85-66 triumph over New Bedford Vocational School Tuesday evening at the Boston Garden. Coach Buddy O'Neil's squad now will play in the second round in the Garden Friday night. This marks the first appearance in the Tech for a Revere High team since 1953. Richie DeCristoforo led five Revere players in double figures with 21 points.

Captains #16 Nick Summers and #5 Dylan Griffith, with Head Coach Lou Ciccarello, Asst

The RHS hockey team was eliminated from the EMass hockey tourney with a 6-0 loss to Catholic Memorial Monday.

The Immaculate Conception High basketball team was eliminated from Class D play in the Tech Tourney with a 69-40 loss Hamilton-Wenham. George Hureau was the top scorer for IC with 14 points and John Moran hit for nine.

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start after a tough previous week. The Patriots again got off to a slow start and Malden began to knock down three-pointers. Revere responded with a few layups from seniors Louis Cardoza, Randy Urdaneta, Calvin Boudreau, and Dillan Day to get back in the game and trailed 13-9 after the first eight minutes.

The second quarter offense for Revere was much better, as Jafar Barry and Randy Urdaneta (seven points) knocked down consecutive treys to put Revere ahead. Junior guard James Clauto (eight points) then made a steal and flew in for a layup to extend the lead to five points for the Patriots. Senior guard Marco Cerbone also chipped-in with two nice drives to the basket and Revere went into halftime feeling better and

trailing by just one, 25-24.

The third quarter re-

DiMarzo, Cerbone, and Dillan Day all scored off assists from Calvin Boudreau (10 rebounds, five assists, four steals) The Patriots had found their groove and took their largest lead of the season into the fourth quarter, 37-32. "Our bench -- Jafar,

mained positive for Re-

vere as Clauto, Richie

Randy, and especially Marco -- came up big for us and gave us a spark," noted Leary. "We are going to need that moving forward if we want to keep improving as a team." Marco Cerbone (15

points) made two layups and a three-pointer down the stretch to keep Malden at bay, but it was not quite enough. After a Malden 10-0 run to take a five point lead, Revere fought back and scored on three straight possessions,

capped by a Dillan Day

fancy reverse layup with

just under a minute to go to boost the Pats into a two-point lead.

Malden missed on its next possession and began to foul intentionally to stop the clock. After a missed Revere free throw on a one-and-one, Malden guard Jean Dalencour pushed the ball up the floor and threw up a tough corner three-pointer with 10 seconds left to put the Golden Tornados up by one, 51-50.

The Patriots tried to inbound the ball to push it back, but turned the ball over and had to foul to stop the clock. Malden made one free throw and after a timeout, Revere tried to run one last desperation play the length of the court, but the shot

rimmed out and Malden hung on for a 52-50 win. "We are disappointed in

the result, but sometimes

in this game you just have

to tip your hat," said Leary of the frantic ending to the game. "Malden made the big plays and the big shots in crunch time. We knew coming in both teams were pretty evenly-matched in size and talent and that it would be a dog fight. We just have to learn from this one and continue to grind everyday." Revere was set to trav-

el to Medford last night (Tuesday) and then will host Malden Friday night for Senior Night. Those festivities will get underway at 3:45 and the game will be at 4 p.m. on RevereTV YouTube.

RHS HOCKEY **BATTLES WELL** IN MEDFORD CONTEST

Although the Revere High hockey team came up on the short end of a

4-1 decision to Medford

last Saturday at Allied Veterans Rink, RHS head coach Joe Ciccarello saw a lot of positive signs from his team's performance.

"We got off to a slow start, but then played them evenly the rest of the way," said Ciccarello. "We have a young team -- we have six freshmen in the lineup -- but they played hard after getting down and held our own against a very good Medford team." After spotting the Mus-

tangs the first three goals, Patriot Alexio Trichilo reached the back of the Medford net with a shot from the slot, assisted by James Marini.

Medford then scored a fluke goal with 30 seconds left in the first half (the format for hockey this spring features two halves of 22:30, instead of

three, 15-minute periods)

to move out to a 4-1 ad-

vantage.

killer," noted Ciccarello. "We had been building the momentum after Alexio's goal, but that goal made a comeback very difficult." Still, the Patriots played hard in the second half,

but could not light the

"That fourth goal was a

lamp again despite some excellent opportunities, including a pair of breakaways. "I was pleased with our effort, despite the outcome," Ciccarello noted. "We have a great group of

kids who work hard and

enjoy playing the game."

Ciccarello and his crew, who are 1-1 on the season, were set to take on Everett last night (Tuesday) and will meet Somerville Saturday afternoon for a "home" game at Allied Veterans Rink in Everett that will be highlighted by Senior Day festivities.

The Patriots then will meet Lynn next Tuesday.

RHS PATRIOTS HOCKEY FALL TO MEDFORD MUSTANGS



CLEARED: Jake Simpson (11) maintains his balance long enough to get off a clearing pass out of the Revere end.



SEATED EFFORT: Revere's Nick Summers tries to keep the puck in play during a scramble in front of the Medford net.



FIND A WAY: Cam Correia (12) makes his way past a Medford defender.



SANDWICHED: Revere's James Marini tries to split Medford's Jarod Allsop (11) and Aidan Doherty (23)



TAKE THAT!: Revere's Santiago DelRio puts a crunching hit on Medford's Lou Pucillo.



ESCAPE ROUTE: Revere's Jake Simpson stickhandles away from a Medford defender.



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REVERE THROUGH THE YEARS

10 years ago March 24, 2011

A group home proposed on Walnut Ave. in Ward 2 has neighbors and Councillor Ira Novoselsky up in arms. The project was recently proposed quietly at a Site Plan Review Committee meeting, and very few details are available. Right now, the proponent, Bay Cove Human Services of Boston, is scheduled to come before the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) on March 30 for several pieces of zoning

relief. Despite the difficult economy, development on Squire Road is booming. The Northgate Mall – a centerpiece of the strip has been upgraded significantly. The old, abandoned Stop & Shop has been turned into a bustling Price Rite Grocery Store. The National Wholesale Liquidators building - empty and falling down - is before the city right now and will soon be demolished, making way for a Planet Fitness Gym and retail space. Beyond that, the Mall has revamped the parking lot, added the McDonald's, and filled virtually every store with a viable tenant. The trend has also spread outside the mall. The East Boston Savings Bank (EBSB) just built a brand new branch on the old Mc-Donald's site and across the street, the Italian Kitchen has a bustling business in its brand-new building. The new BJ's Wholesale Club acts as a major anchor on the back of the strip and old steadies like Pizzeria Uno, Sound & Vision Media Studios, and the Four Points Sheraton help make quite a case for a new-look

Rango, Sucker Punch,

Squire Road.

Kid: Rodrick Rules are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas,

20 years ago March 28, 2001

The increase in the city's Hispanic population has spurred an increase in the city's overall population from 42,283 in 1990 to 47,281 in 2000, according to U.S. Census figures. The Hispanic population has increased by more than 50 percent from 1631 residents in 1990 to 4465 in 2000.

School Supt. Carol Tye will be stepping down from her post effective June 30. Tye began teaching in the Revere school system in 1960 as an English teacher at the old Revere High School. Among her former students is Mayor Tom Ambrosino, who went on to graduate from Harvard. Tye will be succeeded by Paul Dakin.

Vandals once again struck at the Revere Public Library, demolishing two spotlights on signs over the weekend.

Spy Kids, 15 Minutes, and Heartbreakers are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago March 27, 1991

City Assessor Salvatore Fazio announced Tuesday that the city's residential tax rate will increase by 28 cents to \$11.25 and the commercial rates by 66 cents to \$22.97. The typical homeowner will see a tax bill \$50 greater than last year.

City Councillor-at-Large Robert J. Haas Jr. officially kicked off his mayoral campaign with a fundraiser at the ITAM hall Friday night.

Revere public school



KIDS CHILD CARE CENTER OPENS IN REVERE

The year was 1989 when the Sponpinato's made their mark in Revere. From left, Anna Robinson, Lisa, and their father, Salvatore Sponpinato are shown with then Mayor of Revere, George Colella (second from right) at the ribbon cutting for their family business — Kids Child Care Center.

the average in the Basic Skills tests given across the state in October.

Fire Chief James Connery has announced his retirement effective August 31. He has served in the local department for 35 years. He has served as chief since 1979.

The Boston Red Sox declared last Wednesday as Mayor George V. Colella Day at their spring training camp in honor of Colella, who is stepping down as mayor this year and who has been a Red Sox follower to spring training for decades.

A sure sign of spring is the arrival of the Fiesta Carnival at the Showcase Cinema parking lot.

New Jack City, The Doors, and The Silence of the Lambs are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago March 25, 1981

North Harbor Associates of Boston, working in conjunction with the Atlantic Bank, has proposed a plan for the redevelopment of Revere Beach that calls for 900 units of housing, 70,000 sq. ft. of retail/commercial space, and a 200-room hotel. However, the plan also calls for subsidized housing for the elderly and for various tax breaks which Mayor George V. Colella says makes the proposal unacceptable.

Police Chief John De-Leire happened to be in the vicinity of the Point of Pines when a report of a burglar came over the radio. DeLeire was the first police officer on the scene and arrested the suspect.

A Superior Court Judge has upheld the action of the City Council that cut \$3 million from the city budget in January which will mean no pay raises for city employees. The police and fire unions had brought the suit to challenge the budget cuts.

Eight families were left homeless by a three alarm blaze that swept through the three decker at 566 Beach St. last Thursday night.

Gov. Edward J. King headed the guest list of 850 persons who turned out for the retirement party for former Chelsea District Court Judge Salvatore Aloisi, a Revere native and former School Committee member, who had reached the mandatory retirement age of 70.

The Atlantic Bank has decided to merge with the Boston Five Cents Savings Bank.

50 years ago March 25, 1971

An alarming increase in youth gangs roaming the city has been in evidence, raising concern among citizens. Police Chief Ronald Corbett has ordered his men in recent weeks to break up gangs of youths ranging from 100 to 300 boys on the city's streets. The gangs have been causing disturbances in neighborhoods and rival groups have been threatening to fight each other.

The staff of the Revere High Patriot was honored by the Suffolk University journalism department for

excellence in news writing in a recent competition among high school student newspapers.

Massport has revealed that area homeowners, including some in Revere, have offered to sell their homes to Massport because they are unable to find buyers who are willing to live in such close proximity to Logan's flight paths. More than 400 children

and adults greeted Bruin defenseman Dallas Smith at last Friday night's Father and Sons Sports Night of Our Lady of Lourdes Church held at the Beachmont VFW.

Peter DiGiulio of 47 Kingman Ave., a sophomore at the Boston College School of Education, has been named to the Dean's List.

Elliot Gould stars in I Love My Wife at the Revere Drive In.

60 years ago March 30, 1961

State Rep. Harry Della Russo was elected the new State Senator from this district to succeed former State Sen. Harold Canavan, who was named a judge. Della Russo was the only candidate on Tuesday's ballot, having won both the Democratic

and Republican primary elections a few weeks ago.

With Mayor Raymond Carey breaking a tie vote. the School Committee voted 4-3 to name Louis Perullo as Principal of the Paul Revere School district, which includes the Mabie and Roosevelt schools. The other leading candidate for the post was RHS English teacher Ralph Belmonte.

Four other employee groups in the School Department also are seeking pay raises after the teachers were voted pay raises recently.

Hundreds of local residents turned out to view the exhibits of RHS students at the fifth annual Science Fair. Carolyn Smith won first prize in physics for her exhibit entitled, Refractions Through Geometrical Optics. Mary Ann Cecere won first prize in biology for Practical Bacteriology. John Pedicini won first prize in chemistry for Ionic Exchange Fuel Cell. Fred Cecere won the general science award for The Effect of the Environment on

Clark Gable and Marilyn Monroe star in The Misfits at the Revere Theatre. Elvis Presley and Juliet Prowse star in G.I. Blues at the Revere Drive In.

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SEEKING FULL FUNDING FOR SOA

CHELSEA - With the promised funding from the landmark education bill that was signed into law before the COVID pandemic hit is still up in the air, Chelsea students, parents and school committee members called for the state to fully fund the Student Opportunity Act Funding (SOA).

During a virtual press conference hosted by the Massachusetts Education Justice Alliance on Tuesday students, parents, and school committee members from cities across Massachusetts discussed their school funding needs, their perspectives on in-person school reopening this spring, and their aspirations for education this summer and during the upcoming school year.

Chelsea School Committee member Roberto Jimenez-Rivera testified at the virtual press conference and shared their thoughts.

At the press conference, which will be held over Jimenez-Rivera Zoom, joined students, parents, and school committee members from Boston, Revere, Lawrence, Lowell and Randolph to discuss safety measures, social/ emotional and educational supports, and other resources they're looking for from their public schools as well as the need for substantial state funding to support those needs.

"We're here today because our elected officials are once again breaking the promises that they've made to our students,' said Jimenez-Rivera. "Our governor in particular is continuing to neglect the kids in our poorest communities like the City of Chelsea. Two years ago everybody celebrated the passage of the Student Opportunity Act but ever since he signed it into law Governor Baker has only undermined its seven year funding plan."

Jimenez-Rivera gued that last year before COVID the Governor decided that the low income portion of the SOA didn't need to be fully funded.

"So even before we lost the rest of the money because of COVID his budget was already inadequate," said Jimenez-Rivera. "And then this year instead of catching up to "Year Two" of the plan he's only proposing what the state should have given us last year. This isn't right and that's why today we are calling for a budget that gets us back on track. It is year two of the SOA implementation and we need a budget for year two, not for year one."

Jimenez-Rivera said Chelsea has disproportionately suffered from this pandemic in almost every way possible but with the proposed SOA budget children are being told that their education is less important than the interest of rich people.

"Our parents have a right to communicate with their kids, teachers, but right now we don't have enough interpreters," said Jimenez-Rivera. "How can we expect parents to engage when they can't speak the language and we don't have money to pay for interpreters? Our parents deserve language justice. Our students needed more mental health support before COVID And now they need it

even more seeing as they

disproportionately

lived through the trauma and death that COVID has brought us. Our students also had crowded classrooms in schools before COVID and now we need smaller class sizes, even more because of COVID. How is it that we expect small class sizes in wealthy districts, but we're okay with having 25, 30 or even 34 students in a class in Chelsea. Our kids deserve the same access to small class sizes as kids in Brookline or Wellesley."

Jimenez-Rivera said 94 percent of Chelsea schools are made up of students of color and they deserve access to educators of color. "Our current funding

doesn't allow us to pay educators what they're worth," said Jimenez-Rivera. "So new educators of color and more experienced educators, generally go to districts that have the money to pay them what they're worth. That lack of diversity and lack of stability hurts our students even more."

Jimenez-Rivera said all these issues are fixable but only with the millions of dollars that the state owes Chelsea through the SOA.

"I want to be clear here, our students are owed this money, this money isn't charity," said Jimenez-Rivera. "Our children are legally and constitutionally entitled to those millions of dollars. They have been waiting for decades as the state underfunded their futures and they can't wait any longer. We cannot let the burden of COVID-19 continue falling on the most marginalized and so we have to ensure that the legislature fixes Governor Baker's broken budget. The Supreme Court declared in Brown vs. Board of Education that education is the most important function of government. I think it's about time that our legislators remember that. Fund our schools and fund them now."

The SOA overhauled the state's education funding formula to ensure equity for all students, especially those in low-income areas.

Because the state has not updated its education funding formula since 1993 to reflect districts' real health insurance and special education costs, the amount of aid being provided to cover those costs had been too small for decades.

In January 2020 Governor Charlie Baker signed S. 2412, An Act Relative to Educational Opportunity for Students, or the SOA, which would have boosted investment in public schools by \$1.5 billion annually when fully phased in over the next seven years.

However, when COVID hit in March 2019 budget shortfalls pushed SOA spending to the wayside. Chelsea Public Schools were expected to receive millions in SOA funding.

The state legislature's Ways and Means Committee met Tuesday to begin reviewing the Governor's proposed FY22 budget. At the press conference

students and parents plan to keep pushing for a true commitment to fully fund public school and call for putting the state's commitment to public education funding back on track.

One demand by the group Tuesday is that the state delivers at least two of the seven years of promised funding increas-

next state budget.

JUAN GALLEGO TRAVELS TO TEXAS TO HELP

CHELSEA - For the residents of Chelsea and his fellow members of the Rotary Club, it will come as no surprise that Juan Gallego traveled to Texas to help South Houston-area residents with an incredible display of voluntary assistance.

Gallego, 58, has been an ambassador of goodwill for Chelsea Rotary and living symbol of the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self." In the past while representing Chelsea Rotary in his native Colombia, Gallego helped develop health care centers in remote areas of the country. He also organized and executed a Rotary project to assist children in need of cleft palate sur-

Earlier this month Gallego and a team of volunteers headed to Texas to repair homes that had been devastated by a severe winter storm which caused power outages and broken water pipes in homes.

"We fixed up 18 homes that had no water because all the pipes were burst," said Gallego. "We were there working for ten days. We had plumbers and we had helpers. I was a helper. We did a total re-piping of the homes."

All of Gallego's repairs to South Houston-area homes were done free of charge. Interestingly, one of the days that Gallego was in Texas was March 10, which was the Chelsea community leader's 58th birthday.

"It was the best birthday gift I ever had, being down there working and helping people," said Gallego.

Kate Robinson, volunteer coordinator at Fuller Center Disaster Rebuiders, expressed her gratitude to Gallego and his team in a heartfelt email.

"We are so grateful to Juan Gallego and his crew of Sam, Manny and John coming to Texas to help so many homeowners affected by the Texas winter storm," wrote Robinson. "They did an awesome job. Now these homeowners have water and do not have to depend on bottled water or water carried into the house from buckets from their neighbors or relatives."

Gallego was proud to represent Chelsea Rotary in his humanitarian endeavor. "Our club has totally supported me," he

A few years ago, Gallego was honored as an "Unsung Hero" at a tremendous regional event that drew hundreds of Rotary members. While the pandemic has curtailed those large events for now, there's a very good chance that Juan Gallego will be receiving some much-deserved recognition again in front of his peers. But that's not why Juan

Gallego does what he does for others as the "Unsung" in Unsung Hero aptly sug-Gallego came to the

United States from Colombia 41 years ago. He has two children, Matthew, who is a student at Suffolk University, and Melissa, who is a high school student.

AMERICAN RESCUE **ACT MISSES**

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EVERETT EVERETT - When es under the SOA in the President Joe Biden and

legislators – including the Massachusetts federal delegation - took to the airwaves and online universe to praise the passage of the American Rescue Act, they touted it as a lifeline to communities sinking from the sufferings of

COVID-19.

the state, arguably, have suffered as much as Everett and Chelsea, yet some officials locally are saying the federal delegation and the federal government has left the two communities high and dry. Numbers from the Rescue Act began to come

out last weekend form the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA), and on first glance, many thought there was a mistake for Everett and Chelsea. The Rescue Act was highly touted from all corners as being able to help communities hardest hit, including local governments that have lost millions in revenues and expended millions to fund local food pantries, rental assistance and small business programs. Leaders in Everett and Chelsea were expecting to get some relief, but were stunned when their numbers became public.

For Everett, the Rescue Act directed \$4.58 million to the City, with a supplement from county funding sources bumping it to \$13.59 million. For Chelsea, the Rescue Act directed \$3.91 million in aid to the City, and a total of \$11.61 million with the bump up from county funding.

That was compared to affluent communities like Newton, which got \$48.14 million and a total of \$65.29 million with the county resources. Brookline got \$34.21 million, but no county money figures were available. Meanwhile, nearby Medford got \$39.25 million and a total of \$50.37 million with the county resources. Malden also got much more as well, with \$35.04 million from the Act and \$46.76 million in total with the county bump up.

Both Chelsea and Everett's numbers were more on par with Shrewsbury.

Officially, City leaders said they were told the funding was determined by the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) formula that designates "entitlement" communities and "non-entitlement" munities - and the allocations didn't really consider the impact of COVID. Because Chelsea and Everett are below 50,000 people officially, they are non-entitlement communities and didn't get a lot of funding because of that. Efforts by the federal delegation, sources said, came too late in the process to be able to make adjustments – resulting in the smaller numbers becoming official. With those numbers,

many officials said it looked like the most effected people were the least funded - with both Chelsea and Everett being in the top five most impacted cities in the Commonwealth.

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"When these numbers were brought to our attention about two weeks ago I couldn't believe what I was seeing," said State Sen. Sal DiDomenico. "I immediately contacted our Federal Delegation and our city leaders to try and find a solution. The American Rescue Plan step in to right the situ-

EASTIE YMCA PARTNERS WITH HILTON FOR PANTRY BAG PROGRAM



Greater Boston's 33 pantry food sites are located in Eastie and in the past year the Eastie Y has served more than 350,000 grab and go Meals to youth 18 and under.

ing for, especially for our hardest hit communities like Chelsea and Everett. It is both appalling and outrageous that two of the hardest hit communities, and Chelsea being ground zero during the COVID crisis, are getting a fraction of the federal funds that neighboring communities are getting - and many being much more affluent... I am extremely upset that my communities did not get the help they needed. The high hopes we had for the American Rescue Plan did not come to fruition for Chelsea and Everett."

tribute grocery bags to

community groups in

Ten of the YMCA of

East Boston.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said he and other leaders have been working with the state and federal delegation to try to fix the shortfall, and hopes that something can be done in the coming days to make sure the plan helps communities like Everett that were the hardest hit.

"I recognize that the American Rescue Bill is the first time during the pandemic that our federal delegation was able to secure direct funding for cities and towns," he said. "However, the bill relies upon a commonly used federal funding formula that does not adequately consider the disproportionate impact that COVID-19 has had on cities such as Everett and Chelsea, which have some of the highest number of cases per capita in Massachusetts. I will continue to work with our federal delegation and the Baker-Polito Administration to achieve an equitable allocation of federal funding for Everett and Chelsea to ensure our fiscal recovery from this public health crisis."

Chelsea City Manager Tom Ambrosino said the funding doled out to the two communities and also to Randolph and Methuen, the other two of the four that got "shorted," – was unconscionable.

"Wealthy communities got windfalls and a lot of other communities like Everett and Chelsea got screwed," he said. "Of the 20 most impacted communities, there are four that really got adversely impacted by the funding - Chelsea, Everett, Randolph and Methuen. We're hoping the state will step in and deal with those four...It's unconscionable and incredibly inequitable. We hope the state will

ation. We were trying to

quietly work behind the scenes (with the federal delegation) to fix this, but it didn't happen. We are not happy about it. We're still trying to fix it, but at this point, Gov. Baker is our ally and sole hope."

Everett Councilor Michael McLaughlin said he was disappointed that the money they expected to come, never did.

"It is extremely disappointing and frustrating to see one of the hardest-hit communities get significantly less in federal funding," he said. "Two of the hardest hit communities like Everett and Chelsea were not treated equitably. Everett has been designated as majority minority community and should be treated as such by our federal delegation. This situation must be rectified. I hope and have full faith that Mayor DeMaria and Senator DiDomenico will be able to work with the Baker Administration to help off-set as much of this lack in funding by our federal government. Our community needs and deserves these important resources to assist us in recovering as one of the hardest-hit communities

in the Commonwealth." Everett CFO Eric Demas was one of the first to identify the shortfall in early March, and he and Mayor DeMaria quickly reached out to the federal delegation and other decision-makers. At the same time, Chelsea was also identifying the issue and the two communities rapidly began cooperating in their messaging with Sen.

DiDomenico.

"I noticed this back on March 4 before the U.S. Senate even voted on it," he said. "I was shocked and I notified the mayor and said we need to figure this out and see what we can do before they vote. We immediately reached out to our federal delegation and unfortunately we weren't able to get anything accomplished before the vote. We are now in the process of seeing what we can do to address the disparity for Everett... We're not going to stop until we get the situation corrected." Said DiDomenico,

"COVID ravaged Chelsea and Everett, and our residents dealt with so much pain, suffering, heartache during the past year. These funds were supposed to go to dispro-

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in our city's history. I am

confident in all that we

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portionately affected communities and help cities like ours, but this obviously did not happen. I have spoken to Governor Baker and his team to push for some of the other federal funds to be allocated to Chelsea and Everett, and I will be working with the Governor and our elected leaders to bring in the needed funds that these cities rightfully deserve."

A lot of the blame is now falling on the federal delegation, including Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (who represents three out of four of the aggrieved communities), and U.S. Senators Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren.

The newspaper contacted all three federal officials, and none responded to a request for comment on the situation in Chelsea and Everett.

Two sources close to

the situation said the matter went all the way to Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen – who indicated it was too late by the time the request came and no changes could be made.

More than three sources close to the situation said none of the federal delegation was aware of the issue until local officials reached out, and when they did, very little happened.

Congresswoman Pressley did put out a statemen after the Rescue Act was signed into law and touted it as a great victory for Massachusetts. While she said she was disappointed that the bill did not include a \$15 federal minimum wage and paid family leave, she did not mention the lower funding for communities like Everett and Chelsea.

"I proudly supported the American Rescue Plan on the floor of the House of Representatives..., and our work is unfinished," read her statement. "We must keep fighting for policies that meet the scale and scope of this crisis and set us on a pathway to a just and equitable long-term recovery. I look forward to partnering with the Biden Administration and my colleagues in Congress to do just that."

In Chelsea, La Colaborativa Director Glady Vega has been very vocal in the last few days about the lack of funding. On Tuesday afternoon, she held a multi-community rally with representatives from Chelsea and Everett. She said she was deeply hurt by Senator Warren and Congresswoman Pressley, in particular, because both had visited La Colaborativa's vaccination site in Chelsea in the last few weeks and said nothing about this situation. She said none are wel-

She said none are welcome to come back until they make things right.

"Bring a check for \$40 million and they can come in and take some more pictures," she said, extremely upset. "It makes me so made because I feel like we continue to be used and abused. Ayanna Pressley and all the others came here to our office. She told me the stories I send to her are stories that she tells everyone in the halls of Congress. She said that just the other day when she was here. Where are all those stories because the cash didn't get here?... It felt to me like Sal Di-Domenico gave them the news that we were only

Domenico gave them the news that we were only getting \$3.9 million.

"I can't even buy enough toilet paper to wipe the tears of my community members when

they're being evicted and

going hungry with \$3.9 million," she continued. "It's a disgrace. Where were they when this decision was made? They didn't try enough. If they didn't have the guts to fight, I would have. Reach out to me and I'll make sure it happens...It's beyond upsetting."

IN THE ROSE BOWL PARADE

EVERETT - The Saluting America's Band Directors project is assembling band directors from across the country to march January 1 under the theme, "We teach music. We teach life."

Eugene F. O'Brien, a coordinator of Music and Marching Band Director in Everett Massachusetts and Everett High School, has been selected to join a marching band of band directors up to 300 strong from across the country in the Pasadena Rose Parade on January 1, 2022. The band will accompany

a colorful, animated float along the 5.5-mile parade route.

The Saluting America's

Band Directors parade entry will convey the theme, "We teach music. We teach life." in recognizing the extraordinary dedication and accomplishments of band directors and music educators everywhere. Throughout their careers, the music educators in this band have collectively mentored and taught hundreds of thousands—if not millions—of students. These professionals not only teach and direct music, they teach about life According to O'Brien,

"I am truly humbled to be nominated to march in the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day, to represent the City of Everett, the Everett Crimson Tide Marching Band and the Everett Public Schools at this spectacular event. I have been blessed for the past 25 years to have wonderful students, fellow colleagues and wonderful support by School, City and State Leaders."

The band will be directed by nationally known music educator and innovative band director Jon Waters, who will also direct rehearsals and a Band-fest performance in Pasadena. A custom musical piece for the band has been written by Bob Thurston, a published composer, former band director, and retired Air Force

staff arranger.

The sponsoring organi-

zation behind the Saluting America's Band Directors project is the Michael D. Sewell Memorial Foundation, based in Pickerington, Ohio, is. The foundation was created to recognize and carry on the work of the late Mike Sewell, who dedicated his life to the school and community music programs in Pickerington and the Central Ohio area for almost 40 years.

ZBA APPROVES BREMEN ST. PROJECT

East Boston - Back in July, the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) sent the developers of a proposed large-scale mixed-use development project on Bremen Street back to the drawing board.

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Citing a lack of greenspace coupled with the size and scope of the project, the ZBA unanimously rejected the proposed project at 282-302 Bremen St.

that would have brought 145 additional units to Eastie.

While the project received BPDA approval, it lacked support from the community and the Mayor's Office.

However, last week the ZBA approved a scaled-down version of the original proposal.

Ahead of the ZBA hearing the developer reduced

ing the developer reduced the number of units from 145 to 126, or a 13 percent decrease, and increased the percentage of affordable units from 15 to 20 percent.

Overall the approved project includes 13 live/work studios for artists and 5 three-bedroom apartments aimed at families making no more than 60 percent of the Boston area median income. In total, 20 percent of the units will be rented to people making no more than 60 percent of the Boston area median income.

The changes were sup-

ported at last week's ZBA hearing by City Councilor Lydia Edwards.

The project received BPDA approval last February and was under Article 80 Large Project review and still needed zoning variances from the ZBA to move forward.

Bremen Acquisitions filed the project with the BPDA last year that kicked off an Article 80 review by the BPDA and the appointment of an IAG made up of community members for the proposal.

The developer wanted

to take a non-conforming and outdated industrial use currently housing Gino's Auto Body on Bremen Street and turn the site into a development that includes a mix of residential housing and ground-floor retail space.

Other highlights of the

project include related upgrades in public realm improvements, including pedestrian and vehicular access, landscaping and streetscape design. With a combined land area of approximately 34,160 square feet, the site consists of nine contiguous parcels of land with a series of non-descript automobile repair structures, one small wood-frame residential buildings, surface parking and multiple curb-cuts off Bremen Street.

The 110,000 square foot building included more than 3,000 square feet of retail space, over 2,155 square feet of artist workspace with gallery programming, up to 61 parking spaces and 145 bicycle storage spaces.

According to the BPDA
The ground-floor retail
space would be designed
for an urban grocery store/
market operator, daycare
operator or local retailer.
Prior to the ZBA vote,

Bremen Acquisition inked a community mitigation package with members of the project's IAG. The package is com-

parable to other projects of its size with \$200,000 in direct money benefits Eastie. The developer agreed to doing 20 percent affordable onsite housing—seven percent more than what is required under the BPDA inclusionary policy.

The developer also

agreed to install 19 trees, expand the sidewalks—up to 18 feet in some areas, install a safety bump out to make crossing Bremen Street easier for pedestrians as well as creating a more active Bremen Street in what has been an indus-

trial area.

HILTON AND YMCA PARTNER FOR PANTRY BAG PROGRAM East Boston - Execu-

tive Director of the East Boston YMCA Joe Gaeta announced that the Y has begun partnering with Hilton Boston Logan Airport to expand the YMCA of Greater Boston's Pantry Bag Program.

Gaeta said each year for the past 15 years the YMCA of Greater Boston has grown its programming at local sites to fight food insecurity and reach more and more people.

"Since the start of the

pandemic, our commitment has grown dramatically, and the impact of our work has grown as well," said Gaeta. "In 2019 the YMCA of Greater Boston served more than 800,000 meals and snacks, in 2020 we served 3.1 million grab and go and prepared meals and 170,043 bags of pantry food delivered across 70 locations. We have developed close working relationships with key players with the Mayor's Office of Food Access, Boston Public Schools, the Greater Boston Food Bank, the Boston Housing Authority, and dozens of other community-based organizations."

Earlier this year the East Boston Y hatched a plan with the Hilton Boston Logan Airport to receive, pack and distribute grocery bags to community groups in East Boston.

The Eastie Y now provides on average 4,000 grocery bags weekly of pantry food to residents here and throughout Boston at 33 sites.

"The Hilton in East

"The Hilton in East Boston was an ideal location for a temporary distribution center as prior to the pandemic, East Boston was one of the city's most food insecure neighborhoods, with over 35 percent of residents living below the poverty line," said Gaeta. "East Boston has long been a focal point of the Y's hunger prevention programming."

Gaeta said 10 of the YMCA of Greater Boston's 33 pantry food sites are located in Eastie and in the past year the Y in Eastie has served more than 350,000 grab and go Meals to youth 18 and under

"We are honored to be working with the YMCA of Greater Boston to support those in need throughout the East Boston community by distributing food donations," said Hilton General Manager Bruce Roy. "Hilton Boston Logan Airport has operated in East Boston for 50 years, and with over 500 Team Members and several calling East Boston home, supporting our local neighbors in this time of need is not only the right thing to do, but something that brings our team a deep sense of pride. At Hilton we are dedicated to supporting the communities in which we operate and where our Team Members live and work. As a business of people serving people, our primary focus is creating a culture that best serves our Team Members, business partners and community members and we remain committed to driving positive social impact."

Boston Community Soup

Kitchen; the James Otis

Elementary School; Eastie

committed to driving positive social impact."

Gaeta said the partner organizations in Eastie that help distribute the food include: the East

ca Faro de Luz; the Paris Street BCYF Community Center; Maverick Landing; Centro Presente; the Mario Umana Academy; and East Boston High School.

"The Hilton has stepped

Farm: East Boston Social

Centers; Church Bibli-

in so many ways to help East Boston during this pandemic," added Gaeta. "We are thrilled to have them as a partner in service to ensure that we are filling gaps where we see them. East Boston is much stronger because of the strong partnerships in our community. It is a testament to the resiliency of East Boston."

McGEE NOT TO SEEK RE-ELECTION

LYNN - In an announcement that surprised residents in Lynn and across the entire North Shore, Mayor Thomas McGee said he will not be a candidate for re-election in the 2021 election this fall.

McGee was elected mayor in 2017 following his distinguished service as a state representative and state senator representing Lynn and the district on Beacon Hill. Local officials praised

Local officials praised McGee's outstanding record as mayor of the city and his family's incredible legacy of public service. McGee's father, the late Thomas McGee, was a city official and became the Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

"Mayor McGee has

been a fantastic colleague in government and a long-time friend," said Councilor-at-Large Brian LaPierre. "Mayor Mc-Gee was the right person at the right time to stabilize a floundering city. He has brought us back even unprecedented through pandemic times to lead us and provide now a strong foundation to many years to come. He has really set the course and the standard for how an elected official should conduct himself and be the fabric of a community that he loves and has served for almost 30 years in various offices. I commend him, respect him, and wish him prosperity, health, and general accolades for the job he has done."

State Rep. Dan Cahill, a former Lynn city councilor, said, "I want to thank Mayor McGee for his outstanding public service to Lynn and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I wish him the best of luck in his next endeavors. I greatly appreciate his guidance and mentorship of me during my career as well."

Revere Mayor Brian

Arrigo also thanked Mc-Gee for being a colleague, mentor, and friend.
"Over the last few

years, Mayor McGee has been a trusted colleague, a mentor and most importantly a friend," said Arrigo. "I am saddened by the news that Mayor McGee will not seek re-election, but I am grateful for his 27 years of service to his city and our Commonwealth. Although Mayor McGee's voice will be greatly missed, I wish him the best in his next chapter."

Following is Mayor

Thomas McGee's announcement:

It has been a great honor to serve as Mayor of

the City of Lynn, and, as an elected official for the past 26 years. I ran for Mayor to provide strong

leadership and vision at a

challenging turning point

planning including the waterfront, open space, and fair housing priorities; advancing a much-needed commitment to racial equity, inclusion, and justice for all; substantial infrastructure investment; fully funding net school spending, advocating for the Student Opportunity Act, and planning for school building capital projects; increased public safety personnel; professionalized and improved customer service, training and hiring processes; forging strong community and regional partnerships; and of course, coming together to combat the unprecedented and devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Under my administration we have put together a professional team of hardworking and dedicated public servants who care deeply about this City, and I am proud to collaborate alongside them every day. The City of Lynn is on solid footing and in a position to continue to move forward on that trajectory. Tough decisions have been made, and the pieces are in place for those that are ready to serve so that they may build on the vision for the next chapter of Lynn's bright future. Thank you to my family, my staff, and the community, who have shown me so much support throughout my career, and provided me the opportunity to serve and do my best to make Lynn a better place to live, work, and raise a family. Being your Mayor has been the honor of a lifetime, and though I have made the decision not to be a candidate in this year's election, I am confident that you will choose a new leader who builds on the important work we've done these last four years. I am committed to serving out my term with the same honesty, integrity, and respect I've shown throughout my public service. And I look forward to carrying out

K-12 SCHOOLS IN-PERSON CLASS STARTS APRIL 5 WINTHROP Durin

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time as your Mayor. We

have much left to accom-

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you. For your support,

your encouragement, and

your always candid feed-

back. I am truly grateful to

all who lend their voices

for a just, equitable, and

prosperous Lynn. Because

Lynn is a City we all be-

WINTHROP - During a special School Committee meeting, the school committee voted to approve an earlier school start date of April 5 for all students, K-12 to full in person learning, going against the starting procedures recommended by Superintendent School Howard. Howard provided the School Committee with recommended return dates that were reflective of the in-depth return to full in-person learning study that was conducted by the administration at the request of the School Committee, and in line with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education directives released on

March 10.

REJA joins statewide coalition calling for fair admissions to vocational schools

On Thursday March 18, Revere Education Justice Alliance (REJA) and the Vocational Education Justice Coalition (VEJA) demanded state action to create an equitable admission policy for Massachusetts vocational high schools. Civil rights, community and labor groups, state legislators and mayors spoke out, finding that the current admissions policy ranking middle school students by discipline records, grades and attendance is discriminatory and unjust. They called on Governor Charles Baker, Department of Secondary and Elementary Education Commissioner Jeff Riley and the State Board of Education to change the policy to a lottery system so all students have access to these public schools. The current vocational school admissions policy has meant less students of color, immigrants, and low income students from Revere have been admitted into Northeast Metro Regional Vocational High School than if there was

To attend the state's 26

a lottery for admission to

regional vocational technical schools, students who apply are ranked and selected based on grades, attendance, discipline, and guidance counselor recommendations, with the option to add an Interview. Schools are allowed to instead use a lottery but none of the vocational schools choose to do so. Each of these factors is being used in a discriminatory way to screen out students who have the ability to benefit from vocational-technical education.

The middle-schoolers screened out by these admissions policy factors disproportionately students of color, English language learners, students with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged students.

If a student graduates from a vocational technical high school, even if they do not go on to college they can get a \$50,000 a year job. But if they graduate from a district high school, do not take vocational courses, and go straight to work they get a \$25,000 a year job. A lot of what their lives will be like gets set then. The state's vocational schools all have waiting lists totaling 4,000 or more, especially in Gateway Cities.

Twenty-four ors have signed a letter to DESE Commissioner Riley asking for major changes in the Admissions Policy. Also the Gateway Cities Caucus of state legislators is circulating a letter to colleagues asking for major changes in the Admissions Policy. State Senator John Cronin (D-Lunenberg, Fitchburg, Gardiner) has filed a bill, SD2087, to change the Admissions Policy to a

The DESE CommissionerJeff Riley is expected to bring his proposal on changes to the Admissions Policy to an April Board of Education meeting. This is likely to be what's in the final decision, but a three month public comment follows with the Board of Education taking a final vote. However, the Commissioner's proposal almost always becomes the final proposal enacted.

The Vocational Education Justice Coalition has been organizing for these changes for more than two years. It is made up of community, civil rights, and labor union groups. Its members testified in person at the State Board of Education, and met with 10 of the 12 members of the State Board of Education individually to make their case. They've also met with DESE Commissioner Jeff Riley twice on this issue.

The REJA is backing the Coalition's calls for change. They want better access to vocational education for all Revere students, as their members, public educators and community organization leaders explain.

"As a former eighth grade teacher who used to help students apply to vocational programs, it became increasingly clear that vocational schools were not accepting, enrolling, and, therefore, supporting a vital subgroup of students who have been historically oppressed by the traditional K-12 education system. Vocational schools are supposed to provide additional pathways and opportunities for students who are interested in a variety of topics not covered in the realm of public education, so it is concerning and worrisome to see so little thought and care for how to make sure all

ACCEPTANCE RATE STATISTICS

From the report "Career/Vocational Technical Education—Update to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, February 22, 2021"

- Students of Color acceptance rate was 60.4% vs. for Whites 73.2%
- English Language Learners (ELL) acceptance rate was 51.5% vs. for non-ELL 69.1%
- Economically Disadvantaged acceptance rate was 58.5% vs. for non-EcoD 75.4% • Students with Disabilities acceptance rate was
- 58.2% vs. 71.1% for non-SWD
- First Language Not English acceptance rate was 57.3% vs. 70.7% for non-FLNE

NOTE: And this does not include all the students who don't apply because they know they have little to no chance of getting in or whose guidance counselor doesn't mention it because of that.

students are invited, supported, and represented in these programs. Said Dr. Asha Chana, an RHS ELL teacher. "With an almost 20% difference between ELLS and non-ELLS in vocational programs, it is imperative that change begins now for our most vulnerable and underrepresented populations".

"When I first started working at SeaCoast High School, the alternative high school in Revere, students frequently discussed applying to the local vocational school. Now, no one mentions it. Students come to SeaCoast because they have not been successful in traditional high school." Said Karen Suttle, LICSW, School Social Worker, at SeaCoast High School. "Our school offers students alternate pathways to succeed academically instead of leaving school before graduation. When students are talking about dropping out, vocational schools are not part of the conversations. Our students have not met the selective admission criteria due to discipline records, attendance, grades, or MCAS status. Despite growth and improvements made at SeaCoast, those previous discipline records, attendance, or academic problems, are still held against them. Not everyone is college-bound. Each student learns differently. Everyone should have an equal opportunity to benefit from

has to offer." "As a parent and education justice advocate, we need regional vocational schools to reflect Revere and Chelsea's school demographics." Said Olga Tacure, Executive Director of WEE. "We need a lottery system, so more students can have access, especially undocumented students who have limited options and opportunities to further their education after high school. "

what a vocational program

"As BIPOC majority and Title I school districts like Revere work to deliver on their promises for equitable pandemic recovery, centering anti-racism, and ending the school to prison pipeline, the state must eliminate all discriminatory public school admissions policies to support these efforts." Said Sandy Wright, Co-Director of Revere Youth in Action, "Every student who wants to apply should have a fair shot at vocational school. A lottery system is the solution.' On March 18 the fol-

lowing state and regional leaders also argued for the changes.

"The North Atlantic States Carpenters Train-Fund (Carpenters Apprenticeship) Union takes great pride in its mission of building a diverse apprenticeship. Our relationships with community organizations dedicated to diversity in the construction trades has

been extremely valuable

in this mission. The one area of recruitment that falls short in helping us develop a diverse apprenticeship is recruitment from the Massachusetts Vocational schools. Of the current 34% minority apprentices in our program a mere 1% have come from Massachusetts Vocational schools. It is our hope that those responsible for determining intake requirements for the high school vocational programs find solutions that will remedy this inequity." Thomas Fisher, Director of Training for the Carpenters

Union "Every day in Chelsea we witness the consequences of an economic system that excludes and marginalizes poor and immigrant youth of color. We can barely keep up with the current demand for emergency food and housing support coming from our young people that are forced to take low-wage and demoralizing jobs that do not begin to cover the high cost of living in the Boston area, let alone a college education. Access to vocational education would guarantee our most vulnerable youth an alternative pathway to dignified work opportunities. however the state guidelines for vocational admissions use criteria like grades, attendance and interviews that have been proven to be discriminatory against young people of color and English language learners. We believe the admissions policy is a serious and pervasive civil rights violation that must be addressed at the state level." Gladys Vega, Director of La Colaborativa (formerly the Chelsea

Collaborative) "The factors being used in admissions to both voctech schools and voc-tech programs could violate students' civil rights because they screen out disproportionate numbers of middle school children of color, English learners, and children with disabilities, along with economically disadvantaged children, who have graduated, been deemed ready for high school, and could benefit from those programs. At a time when the nation and the Commonwealth face a challenge in reckoning with the legacy and exacerbation of deep-seated inequality, any failure to use a clear legal mandate to fully eliminate one important piece of that inequality is unthinkable. At the same time, eliminating these discriminatory factors will benefit not just members of those groups, but all children - whatever their race, language or disability status, or family income - who could benefit yet are currently denied an equal opportunity to participate because of their prior grades, attendance, or disciplinary records,' said Paul Wecktstein at the

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PROPONENT: Redgate Capital Part-

sion, Revere, MA 02151

The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or before March 24, 2021 This will initiate review of the above project

pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA") M.G.L. c. 30, s.s. 61-621). Copies of the ENF may

Richard Jabba, Senior Planner, Fort Point Associates, Inc., a Tetra Tech Company rjabba@ fpa-inc.com, Telephone:

617.357.7044 x208 During the interim Covid-19 response period, electronic copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Plan-

ning Board of the City of The Secretary of Energy

& Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and will then decide, within ten days, if an **Environmental Impact** Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a

site visit or consultation session, should email MEPA@mass.gov. Mail correspondence will continue to be accepted, though responses may be delayed. Mail correspondence should be direct to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental

referencing the above project. Redgate Capital Partners

Affairs, 100 Cambridge

St., Suite 900, Boston,

Massachusetts 02114.

Attention: MEPA Office,

3/24/21

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT

PROBATE AND **FAMILY COURT** Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL **ADJUDICATION** Docket No. SU21P0531EA Estate of:

Charles M. Russell Date of Death 12/22/2020 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Mary Ellen Girard of Worland, WY requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such

other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Mary Ellen Girard of Worland, WY be appointed as Personal

Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Pe-

tition from the Petitioner

a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/28/2021.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED **ADMINISTRATION UNDER**

THE MASSACHUSETTS **UNIFORM PROBATE CODE** (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court.

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any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 18, 2021

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J.

Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate 3/24/21

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by G/J Towing Inc of 22 Whitin Ave Ext Revere, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L c. 255, Section 39A,

that they will sell the following vehicles on or after March 25, 2021 beginning at 10:00 am by private or public sale to satisfy their garage keepers' lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale. Vehicles are being

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Frank Russo G/J Towing Inc

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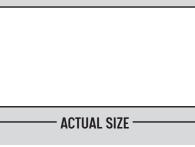
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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Chelsea Curves construction look-ahead through April 3

Staff report

This is a brief overview of construction operations and traffic impacts for the Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project. MassDOT will provide additional notices as needed for high-impact work, temporary ramp and street closures, and changes to traffic configurations beyond those described

ROUTE 1 TRAFFIC IMPACTS

•ROUTE 1 NORTH-BOUND: Approaching the Tobin Bridge from Boston, the work zone begins in the right lane. 2 of 3 travel lanes will be open during daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.). Nighttime lane reduction to one lane scheduled for Thursday, 3/25, and Friday, 3/26 (10

p.m. - 5 a.m.). •ROUTE 1 SOUTH-Approaching BOUND: the Chelsea Curves from the North Shore, the work zone is in the median. All 3 travel lanes are open during the daytime hours (5 a.m.-10 p.m.).

LOCAL STREET **CLOSURES** •FIFTH STREET: On

Monday, 3/26, Fifth Street will be closed during the daytime from 7 a.m. to 3 •ORANGE STREET:

On Monday, 3/26, Orange Street will be closed during the daytime from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• A R L I N G T O N STREET: On Tuesday, 3/27, Arlington Street will be closed during the daytime from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WORK HOURS

•Most work will occur during daytime working hours (7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) on weekdays. Some work will take place on a 2nd shift (2 p.m. - 1 a.m.)and overnight hours (9 p.m. - 5 a.m.) and on Saturdays (7 a.m. - 7 p.m.).

DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK •ROUTE 1 NORTH-

BOUND: Placement of bridge barrier and installation of final highway lighting will continue through the Chelsea Curves.

•ROUTE 1 SOUTH-BOUND: Completion of bridge superstructure and installation Fire Standpipe System will continue through the Chelsea Curves.

COMPLETED WORK

•All remaining work is within the Chelsea Viaduct portion of the job. Work continues on the reconstruction of parking lots underneath the Chelsea Viaduct.

TRAVEL TIPS

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones. The contractors

coordinating with local event organizers and police to provide awareness and manage traffic during events. For your awareness, there will be no events at the TD Garden during this look ahead schedule.

Revere tow company owner sentenced for tax fraud and evading cash transaction reporting

The owner of a Revere towing company was sentenced last week on charges of engaging in an under-the-table payroll fraud scheme that defrauded the government of more than \$3.3 million.

Gennaro Angiulo, 49, of Nahant and Saugus, was sentenced by U.S. Senior District Court Judge Douglas P. Woodlock to 42 months of probation with 18 months of home confinement and

dered to pay restitution of \$1,769,486 and forfeiture of \$430,000. Judge Woodlock also ordered that Angiulo complete 40 hours of community service per week during his term of home confinement and not be involved in running his business, GJ Towing, during this time period. The government recommended a sentence of 27 months in prison.

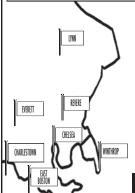
In November 2020, Angiulo pleaded guilty to one count of willful failure to collect and pay over taxes and one count of evading cash transaction reporting requirements.

For tax years 2014 through at least 2017, Angiulo paid a portion of the wages to employees of GJ Towing, in cash "under the table." In doing so, Angiulo did not collect, account for or pay over to the IRS required withholding and FICA taxes. The cash payments to employees were funded, at least in part, by cashing checks from clients of GJ Towing and other third

parties in groups totaling not more than \$10,000 in a single day.

Acting United States Attorney Nathaniel R Mendell and Ramsey E. Covington, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Internal Revenue Service's Criminal Investigation in Boston made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorney Sara Miron Bloom of Mendell's Securities, Financial & Cyber Fraud Unit prosecuted the

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Virtual Shamrock Splash raises over \$50,000 for Save the Harbor/Save the Bay

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Virtual Shamrock Splash had to "go virtual" this year, but that didn't stop nearly 150 registered Splashers and nearly 750 participants and 28 teams from raising more than \$50,000 to support free beach programs from Nahant to Nantasket when the beaches open up later this year, as part their Better Beaches Program

Partnership with DCR. Participants competed for free flights from Jet-Blue and great swag from Harpoon Brewery. This year's winners were:

Jane Kepros from East Boston raised \$3000 and won the prize for Biggest Fundraiser. You can see her splash at https:// www.youtube.com/ watch?v=wt1vKuJoIbw

Mark Bisson of East Boston's Team Harbor-Keepers won the prize for best costume for his great Lobster Costume. You can see his splash at https:// www.youtube.com/

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Jeremy Reger of South Boston and team Mass-Kiting won the prize for Most Unique Splash for his series of eight splashes. You can watch them all at https://www.youtube. com/channel/UCPUaKD-9Nwey1hMNDbaQyAxw

Kennedy Elsey and Kennedy's Crew splashed in Quincy and won the prize for largest team.

Emma Leavett from the Dorchester Art Project and Carol Haney from Revere won this year's raffle.

Some teams and participants splashed to raise funds for their favorite beach, which will be supplemented by additional funds from Save the Harbor's Better Beaches pro-

This year's totals by beach were: 1 South \$6,094 Boston Quincy Wollaston Beach \$5,225 3 East Boston Constitution Beach \$4,845 4 Lynn & Nahant \$4,710 5 Revere Beach \$3,395 6 Winthrop \$3,310 7 Hull

Nantasket Beach \$2,735 8 Dorchester \$2,490

"We are optimistic that if people continue to wear masks, practice social distancing, and sign up for their free vaccinations as they become available, region's residents from Nahant to Nantasket will be able to return to our beaches again this summer, when free beach events and youth programs will be more important than ever before," said Mancini. "Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Splash such a success we hope to see you on the beach soon." Since Save the Harbor/Save the Bay began the Splash during their 25th Anniversary celebration in 2011, thousands of splashers have raised more than \$1 million dollars to support free beach events and programs in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull. Save the Harbor wants to thank their program partners and



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our event sponsors, including Harpoon Brewery, JetBlue, Mix 104.1, The Blue Sky Collaborative, The Boston Foundation, The Richard Saltonstall Charitable Foundation, Beacon Capital Partners, P&G Gillette, National Grid, the Daily Catch, and Comcast. In addition, Save the Harbor wants to thank Metropolitan Beaches Commission

Chair Senator Brendan Crighton and the legislative and community members of the Commission for their support for our beaches and our communities. They also want to thank the Baker-Polito Administration, the Massachusetts Legislature, our partners at the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Boston Centers for Youth & Families,

the YMCA of Greater Boston, and the hundreds of people who take part in the Harpoon Shamrock Splash every year, for their support.

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