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Cogliandro, Fiore and Novoselsky win Ward races

Rizzo tops At-Large race followed by Morabito, Silvestri, Visconti and Rotondo

Election night in Revere brought a few changes and some new faces to both the City Council and the School Committee.

Anthony Cogliandro wins Ward 3 seat

Anthony Cogliandro defeated Albert J. Terminiello in the Ward 3 councillor election Tuesday.

Cogliandro received votes while Terminiello received votes.

Cogliandro celebrated his impressive victory with his supporters at his

family's well-known martial arts studio, Revere Karate Academy.

"I'm just so proud of what my team accomplished," said Cogliandro. "We set out to do a very vigorous schedule of campaigning, and my people and I worked tirelessly, and I'm so thankful to them. I wouldn't have been able to do this without them."

The two candidates were seeking the seat currently held by Ward 3 Councillor Arthur Gui-



Ward 3 Councillor-elect Anthony Cogliandro.

nasso, who decided to not seek re-election.

Cogliandro, who began his campaign for the seat in April, said he is looking forward to taking office as the new Ward 3 councillor in January.

Following the final re-



Ward 5 Councillor-elect Al Fiore.

sults of the election, Cogliandro proposed to his girlfriend, Andrea, and she said yes.

Al Fiore wins Ward 5 election

Al Fiore defeated longtime Ward 5 Councillor



Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky.

John Powers to win the Ward 5 councillor election Tuesday.

A former councillor-at-large, Fiore received 908 votes while Powers 674 votes.

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COMMUNITY STORIES' SHORT FILMS EVENT SET FOR FRIDAY AT 6 P.M.

The City of Revere's Community Health and Engagement Office in collaboration with RevereTV will present a series of short storytelling videos highlighting some of Revere's proud, hard-working, multi-cultural business owners sharing their entrepreneurship story and additional stories from local BIPOC leaders.

Featured in the series are:

REVERE ON THE MOVE AND REVERETV PRESENTS
BIPOC Leaders: Our Stories

Local Businesses & Community Leaders

- Somaya Laroussi, Community Organizer;
- Juan Pablo Jaramillo, Chief of Staff for the Mayor of Lawrence;
- Kourou Pich, Executive Director at HarborCOV;
- owner of Las Delicias Colombianas, Maria Arango;
- owner of Casablanca Bakery, Nabil Ammar; and
- owner of La Oaxaqueña, Felipa Celaya.

This exciting event is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 5 at 6 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church, 250 Revere St. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Dimple Rana, Revere's

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TRASH DELAY

Due to the Thursday, Nov. 11th, Veterans Day Holiday, Trash schedule is as follows:

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AT-LARGE COUNCILLORS ELECTED



Dan Rizzo.



Stephen Morabito.



Marc Silvestri



Gerry Visconti.



George Rotondo.

Rep. Giannino will lose Chelsea in new redistricting process

By Cary Shuman

Rep. Jessica Giannino will continue to represent most of Revere and a portion of Saugus in the Sixteenth Suffolk District, but the first-term state legislator will be losing Chelsea in the new redistricting process.

The House of Representatives and the State Senate approved the redistricting of Massachusetts following the results of the 2020 census.

Giannino won election to the Revere-Chelsea-Saugus seat last No-

vember, succeeding Rep. RoseLee Vincent, who like former Rep. Kathi Ann Reinstein, had the Prattville section and other smaller neighborhoods of Chelsea in their legislative district.

But in the redistricting that will go into effect for the 2022 elections, Chelsea will have its own city-wide district of 40,000 residents. State Rep. Dan Ryan of Charlestown also currently represents part of Chelsea in the legisla-

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North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra returns live Nov. 14

Staff Report

After a twenty-month pandemic-induced hiatus, the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra returns to the stage and opens its 73rd season Sunday, November 14, 3:00 p.m. at Swampscott High School when Music Director Robert Lehmann conducts a program that features Beethoven's heralded Symphony No. 5.

"Little did we know, when we played our last concert on March 1, 2020,



Music Director Robert Lehmann will conduct the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra in its first live performance in 20 months as the Orchestra begins its 73rd season on Sunday, November 14, 3:00 p.m. at Swampscott High School.

that we would be unable to play live music together for almost two years," said Lehmann, who has led the NSPO since 1998.

Lehmann chose the Beethoven 5th Symphony and Sergie Prokofiev's "Firebird" Orchestral

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NOVEMBER'S PUBLIC SERVANT OF THE MONTH

Revere Public Schools Resource Officer Joe Singer

Special to the Journal

In July, Mayor Arrigo launched the Public Ser-

vice Honor of the Month Campaign to highlight Revere's outstanding public service workers for their

dedication to making the city a better place. For the month of November, Mayor Arrigo has highlighted school Resource Officer Joe Singer.



Officer Joe Singer pictured with his family's rescue dog, Fred.

Q: Can you tell us what you do in the City of Revere? What's a normal day like for you?

A: When I arrive to my office, I login to my station to ensure all cameras are active and functioning, check-in with the main entrance and east wing security at Revere High School and walk the first floor to greet staff and students as they arrive. Throughout the school day, I complete building security checks, correspond with building

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BOCCE COURT DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF GERALD 'JERRY' RUSSO



Pictured on the new Gerald "Jerry" Russo Bocce Court, are, Jay Russo, Danielle Nickerson, Michael Chiesa, Eileen Russo, Mayor Brian Arrigo, School Committee member Anthony D'Ambrosio, and Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino. See story and more photos on Page 5.

ZBA postpones action on three applications

Staff Report

The Revere Zoning Board of Appeals took up all three of the matters on its agenda last Wednesday, but ultimately postponed taking action on the items in order to obtain more information about each of the applications.

All five members of the board, Chairman Michael Tucker, Aklog Limehneh, John Lopes, Arthur Pelton, and Hazem Hamdan, were on hand for the meeting, which was held in the City Councillor Joseph A. DeGrosso City Council Chamber.

The three items on the agenda, and the discussions on each, were as follows:

1) Mario Zepaj, 78 Mill St., Middleton, MA 01949 seeking a variance of Section 17.24.030(D)(1) of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere with respect to a qualified pre-existing lot, that a "qualified lot" means a lot that was vacant as of January 1, 1994 to enable the appellant to construct a two-family dwelling on Lot 763 Reservoir Avenue, Revere, MA 02151.

DISCUSSION AND VOTE:

Mr. Zepaj appeared on behalf of himself, telling the board that he is seeking to construct a new, two-family home on the lot.

However, the board pointed out some serious deficiencies in Zepaj's application.

"We require 9x18 parking spaces, but you have 8x16 spaces," said Tucker.

"The application is deficient because the spaces are not large enough."

Tucker also noted that when Zepaj, who also had owned an adjacent lot with an existing house, had sold that house and lot, the 5200 sq. ft. lot that remained was insufficient per the zoning regulations for a two-family home.

"This is not a combined lot any more," pointed out Tucker.

Ward 4 Councillor Patrick M. Keefe, Jr. voiced his opposition to the application.

"This is a very dense neighborhood and parking is very constrained," said Keefe. "He (the applicant) is just going to build on it and move on. I've spoken to some of the neighbors and they are not happy with it. It doesn't make a lot of sense to put a two-family on a 5200 sq. ft. lot. I would be happy to support a single-family."

"We need to continue this hearing to send it back for further information from the Site Plan Review Committee and the City Solicitor," said Tucker. "There also is a question about the front yard parking and whether a variance is needed."

The board voted 5-0 to continue the hearing to its next meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, at 5:00.

2) Samuel C. Rubeiro, 61 Geneva Street, Revere, MA 02151 seeking a variance of Section 17.28.020 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere with respect to the requirement of four (4) parking spaces to enable the appellant

to convert a single-family dwelling to a two-family dwelling on Lots 244 & 255 at 61 Geneva Street, Revere, MA 02151.

DISCUSSION AND VOTE:

Local attorney Joseph V. Catoggio Jr. appeared for the applicant, who is seeking a parking variance.

Catoggio requested a continuance to provide further information to the board.

"The application was not submitted properly," Tucker noted. "It's not in the proper format -- the plot plan does not conform to the board's standards."

The board voted 5-0 to continue the matter to its next meeting on November 17.

3) Robert Mahoney, 2 Paul Street, Revere, MA 02151 seeking a variance of Section 17.28.020 minimum parking requirements of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere to enable the appellant to reconstruct a two-family family dwelling at 924 Winthrop Avenue, Revere, MA 02151.

DISCUSSION AND VOTE:

Mr. Mahoney appeared on behalf of himself. He informed the board that there will be on-street parking only. Mahoney told the board that this will not be a change from the situation that had existed prior to the original, two-family house burning down.

However, Darrell Tolis, the owner of 936 Winthrop Ave., two doors down from the subject property, urged the board to reject the application because of the parking issues in his neighborhood.

"In the last 18 months, the parking regulations have been enforced in our neighborhood, causing a lot of confusion and stress," said Tolis. "Wrong signs had been put up. All residents were required to get parking permits, which were issued in error and had to be reissued. If parking is a big issue, why are we even considering this? More on-street parking will make things even worse."

Another neighbor, Manuel Cid of 935 Winthrop Ave., told the board that he had the same objections.

"There are questions with the Site Plan Review with the original application and we would like to have those answered before we proceed," said Tucker.

This board then voted 5-0 to continue the hearing to November 17.

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ture.

Giannino has served as a Revere councillor-at-large for the past 10 years. The popular legislator decided not to seek re-election to the City Council in Tuesday's election. She announced at her well-attended 30th birthday party and campaign kickoff event at DeMaino's that she will be a candidate for re-election for state representative in the 2022 election.

Giannino was at polls in Revere and Saugus Tuesday greeting voters.

"This is my election day in ten years not being on the ballot, and it's bittersweet," said Giannino, who topped the ticket in the 2019 at-large election.

She talked about her revised district in the Mass. House of Representative during an interview Tuesday.

"Following the release of the decennial census data which showed population shifts, this past week the House voted to revise the legislative districts based on that data," said Giannino. "The new 16th Suffolk District will include Revere and Saugus. I will miss Chelsea, but I'm excited for the opportunity for Chelsea to have its own seat at the table as well as represent several new parts of the City of Revere. I am ex-

cited to continue my work with Rep. Wong in Saugus and Rep Turco in Revere. Several parts of Revere will be switched between Rep. Turco and me in 2023, but we will continue to work together to ensure there is no gap in constituent services in the city of Revere.

Nineteenth Suffolk District will also change

State Rep. Jeff Turco said the new 19th Suffolk District will consist of: the Town of Winthrop, and Revere, Ward 1, Precincts 1 and 2, Ward 2, except for Precincts 2-3A, Ward 3, Precinct 3, and Ward 5, Precincts 1 and 2.

Ward 3, Precinct 2 and Ward 5, Precinct 3 and a

small portion of Ward 2 were removed from Turco's current district and Ward 5, Precinct 1 and Ward 5, Precinct 2, were added to his new district. "I am honored to represent the people of Winthrop and Revere," said Turco. "Though my areas of representation in Revere will change, I am confident that in partnership with Representative Giannino, we will continue to strive to provide top notch service and advocacy for the people of Revere. This year we proved that working together we could effectuate change in a dramatic way by having the parking meters removed from Revere Beach."



State Rep. Jessica Giannino, pictured at the polls Tuesday on Election Day in Revere with State Senate candidate Anthony D'Ambrosio and Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino.

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director of community health and engagement, and Keith Fisher, Revere COVID Ambassador, are the coordinators for the short-film showcase.

"Our films are each 15-to-30 minutes in length," said Fisher. "Dimple has been wanting to have this event to try to raise up

these local businesses and long-time leaders in the community. Dimple wants to lift them up and let people know about them, especially after the pandemic."

Fisher said there has been a lot of pre-event promotion and he expects a sizable turnout at the

event.

Light refreshments and food samples from participating small businesses will be available. Please RSVP at <https://reverestories.eventbrite.com> to accommodate seating and food samples accordingly.

SENIOR CENTER HALLOWEEN



State Senate candidate Anthony D'Ambrosio, donning giraffe ears, stopped by the Senior Center Halloween Party last Tuesday at Suffolk Downs to wish the seniors a happy and safe Halloween.



In the spirit of Halloween, RevereTV aired an all-weekend-long marathon of Creature Feature movies! If you tuned in to the Community Channel last weekend, you would have seen the event which included some special screenings. October 30 was the anniversary of the War of the Worlds 1938 Radio Broadcast, so that was Saturday's special event. Throughout the day on Halloween, the movie of the day Sunday was Night of the Living Dead. If you missed the full weekend marathon or if the marathon sparked your interest in these types of movies, Creature Double Features hold a time slot every Saturday afternoon from 2pm to 5pm. You may be able to catch reruns of the Halloween specials as well.

Election season may be over for the city, but RevereTV's live coverage of the results on Tuesday can still be viewed on Facebook and YouTube. Ed Deveau was the host in studio this time, reading preliminary results and interviewing city officials about their campaigns. RevereTV thanks everyone involved in making live coverage on election night a success, especially Deveau, viewers, and the officials who take time to participate.

There are a few community events from recent weeks that are now airing as highlight reels on RTV. The Great Pumpkin Dash was a road race at Revere Beach. Some runners even came dressed in costumes for a costume contest. Catch the highlight reel playing in between traditional programming on the Community Channel. The Rumney Marsh Burial Ground Tour can also be viewed this week. The recording will be airing in between general programming throughout the next few weeks. If you want to access any RevereTV coverage or shows produced by RevereTV, everything is posted to YouTube to be viewed at your convenience.

RevereTV's cooking programs have been hits lately with Community Channel viewers. Two in particular, "Cooking with the Keefe's" and "Cooking Made Simple" were recorded most recently and feature some Fall inspired recipes. RevereTV invites community members to volunteer to try hosting "What's Cooking, Revere?," a show created to feature residents sharing their favorite recipes. Becoming a community member is completely free and provides you with the training and resources needed to produce and volunteer to work on programming at RTV. The only requirement is that you live in Revere, or are sponsored by someone living in Revere.

Revere High School Football games continue to stream live on the RTV Community Channel, Facebook, and YouTube. Replays of the games can be viewed on television a few nights per week. RHS Football is not the only livestream in sports to look out for this month. The annual Powderpuff Flag Football Game will also be covered by RevereTV. To watch any of these games live, tune in to 8 and 1072 on Comcast, or 3 and 614 on RCN. You must be a cable subscriber to watch RTV on television.

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Dr. Perella briefs School Committee on Competency Based Learning

By John Lynds

At the last Revere Public School Committee meeting Revere High School Principal Dr. John Perella gave a presentation on some work that's happening at the high school particularly around teaching and learning.

Dr. Perella said for the past eight years or so the district has invested heavily into Competency Based Learning, or CBL, which is an innovative system of teaching and learning that supports students in a variety of different ways.

"We're very excited to continue this implementation this year," said Dr. Perella. "Tonight, I'd like to talk specifically about what we're focusing on this year. There are five very general principles that drive CBL and teaching and they are that the learning expectations are explicit and students need to know what they're doing and why they're doing it. That revision is an essential component of learning. In the past, in more of a traditional view, revisions were not utilized. We basically said that if a student didn't get it on the first try they failed. We now know that in every capacity of humanity, that

trying again, is an essential piece of that puzzle. Another component is that teachers and students recognize that there are many ways to show competency. There is not just one answer and even though there could be one answer there's not just one way of showing that you understand what that answer is. Pedagogy needs to focus on these complex skill sets in critical thinking. That includes problem solving analysis."

Dr. Perella said the last piece is that a student's habits of work is an essential skill in the standalone piece to teaching and learning.

"This year we are really focusing on digging into these principles in each of the semesters and then utilizing what we call instructional rounds to see how they look in practice," he said. "We are already doing instructional rounds, which includes a variety of stakeholders and administrators and we will be adding lead teachers as well as all the teaching staff to play a role in this. We are starting off small with some of the administrators at first, and what we do is we go around and we look for where there are learning expectations

explicit in the classroom. We've already engaged this and we're now starting to dig into principle two about revisions. The rounds that we will engage in this semester will include looking for both revision opportunities for students as well as the expectations are explicit. Then during semester two, we're doing more of the same except on CBL principles three, four and five. Our hope is that by the end of semester two we will plan on adopting what we call schoolwide core competencies."

Dr. Perella said core competencies are basically what students need to know, understand and be able to do in order to thrive in learning.

"We hope to also celebrate an annual CBL day at the end of the year as an appreciation for the hard work that educators are putting into this every single day," said Dr. Perella. "Teachers are engaging in this extremely challenging paradigm shift in teaching and learning and we are very happy to see that we're progressing this year. We hope to complete the year and really have a stronger foundation for these (five CBL) principles."

ROBIN'S NEST HOLDS POP-UP SALE ON REVERE BEACH



Robin's Nest Boutique & Fine Gifts had a Pop-up Shop on Revere Beach recently. Shown are owner Robin Gerolamo (in black), along with team member, Deborah Carbone, and Robin's fiancé, Michael McSorley. Robin's Nest offers a wide variety of Jewelry, Gifts Home Decor, and beautiful custom Revere items. They are located at 79 Jefferson Street in Winthrop.



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Suite to symbolize the return to live performance.

"These works exemplify rebirth, regeneration, and the celebration of all that we have missed," said Lehmann. "The Firebird paints colorful musical imagery of the mythical Firebird rising from the ashes to vanquish the forces of evil. Meanwhile, Beethoven's 5th might be the world's most recognized piece of classical music. From its famous opening, the Beethoven 5th is a triumphal celebration of light, optimism, and joy."

The concert will open with Eduard Lalo's Prelude to the ballet "Namuona" in tribute to longtime NSPO violinist Marcia Jones, who died earlier this year. "Marcia was a passionate and dedicated member of the NSPO for more than 50 years, a charismatic and dear person greatly missed by her NSPO family. 'Namuona' was one of her favorite works."



The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra resumes live concert performance on Sunday, November 14 with a 3 p.m. concert at Swampscott High School.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$30, \$25 for Seniors and students, and children 12 and under are admitted free. Advance purchase is available through the Orchestra's website www.nspo.org.

In compliance with local regulations and the practice of similarly-situated organizations, the NSPO requires all patrons attending the concert present proof of a Covid-19 vaccination, or proof of a negative Covid-19 test no

more than 72 hours prior to the concert. Patrons will be required to wear masks and socially distance in the auditorium.

Lehmann and his musicians are excited about their return. "The pandemic has had a catastrophic effect on the performing arts, which depend on in-person collaboration and interaction to do what we do. We can't wait to be together as an Orchestra and play our music once again," he said.

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administrators across all 11 schools, and collaborate with the other School Resource Officers for day-to-day activity. To conclude the day, I join Dr. Perella and other APs to ensure a safe dismissal for staff and students. Overall, my main priority is to ensure the safety and well-being for everyone.

Q: How long have you lived in Revere and what does this city mean to you?

A: I was born and raised in Beachmont and will always consider Revere my home. I've worked for Revere since 2006, and have worked, patrol division, gang unit, and currently SRO. My favorite part about working in Revere is being able to give back to my community, and provide our students with opportunities to succeed in their environment, especially our at-risk youth. To me, Revere is a tight-knit community that supports one another during challenging times. I've seen amazing things happen when our community comes together as a whole. For example, the Coats for Kids drive we do every year, and the cities Opioid Outreach Team who goes above and beyond daily.

Q: If you could give Revere Public School students one piece of advice, what would it be?

A: My one piece of advice would be to find your niche, whether it be sports, playing music, an instrument, debate club, drawing, etc. Speaking from trial and error, and error, and error... the one thing

that gets kids in trouble real quick is idle hands. So my recommendation would be to stay busy, be involved, and stay occupied!

Q: What's the highlight of your career thus far and what excites you about your current work?

A: The highlight of my career is being assigned to the public schools as the school resource officer. I've been able to see my students grow, as well as my own two children and their closest friends. I feel closer to my community knowing I can ensure the safety of our students, at the same time, easing the minds of their families as they drop their loved ones off at school each morning.

In the beginning of 2020, the Revere Police Department was awarded the Revere Cares Grant. With the support of Mayor Arrigo, Chief Callahan, Joe Lake, and our amazing grant writer, Kathy Callahan, this grant has provided each student with equipment and accessories, such as boxing gloves, hand-wraps, and other safety equipment. Due to this grant and other donations, I have been able to start an after-school boxing program that provides our high school students the opportunity for an outlet (of course after all their homework is done, that is) in addition to promoting a healthy-lifestyle, a safe and inclusive environment, and the development of positive-relationship with peers. This program develops a deeper connec-

tion between our schools and community officers. We currently have over 50 students enrolled, in addition to various community partners and officers who donate their time to support our athletes. It's a lot of work, so I'm grateful to have people such as Sgt Dennis Hickey, Sgt Joseph Internicola, Officer Emilio Fusco, Officer Guido Patrizzi, Officer Bryan Brenes, Officer Kenen Resic, and the current WBC USNBC Silver Welterweight Champion out of Everett, Greg the Villain Vendetti. We're quickly outgrowing our space, and hope to expand in the near future with the support of our community. We've developed a safe space for students to exercise and develop fundamental skills necessary for the sport.

Q: What does public service mean to you?

A: To me, public service is about integrity. It does not require a uniform; it's how you treat people without without the badge on. I believe that we need to take care of one another, support our neighbors, and set a good example for our children, who eventually will become the future leaders of this great city.

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Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Revere where they may be inspected.

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 write to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.

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MIAA'S FOOTBALL RATINGS ARE ABSURD

We want to make it clear at the outset that we have not spoken to any football coaches, athletic directors, athletes, parents, or officials from any school.

The point-of-view we are expressing here is strictly our own and it is this: The so-called football power rankings devised by the MIAA for determining playoff-qualifying teams is ridiculous.

The Revere High football team compiled a 6-2 record this season, with one of those losses coming to undefeated Everett.

But the RHS team is rated 18th in its division (Division 3), two slots below the 16 teams that will compete in the D-3 playoffs. Of those 16 teams, seven of them have worse won-loss records than Revere and one, Stoughton, actually has a losing record at 3-5.

Looking at Stoughton, of their five losses, three were blowouts by 28 points or more and another was a 20-point loss. Yet Stoughton is ranked 13th in D-3.

Another qualifying school we looked at in D-3, Minnechaug, which is ranked 10th with a 5-3 record, earned four of its wins against opponents with a combined record of 4-27.

Chelsea sports a 4-3 record, but also is on the outside looking in with a ranking of 18th in Division 7. One D-7 qualifier has a worse record and two others have the same record as the Red Devils.

Everett is ranked ninth in Division 1. The Crimson Tide are 7-0, one of only two undefeated teams in D-1, yet are ranked well-below fourth-ranked Xaverian, which has a 6-2 record. Oh, by the way, Everett defeated Xaverian when they met this season. Go figure.

The remainder of Everett's schedule consisted of its opponents in the Greater Boston League, other than Chelsea. But even if Everett had played the Red Devils and won, it would not have made its ranking any better -- in fact, from what we can gather, it might have made it worse.

The problem is that the MIAA power rankings penalizes schools that have strong programs, such as Everett and Revere, simply because they play in a weak conference (which was the case in the GBL this season).

Going back to Stoughton, that school earned "points" in the ratings in theory because of its strength of schedule -- but the ratings don't take into account that Stoughton got blown out in almost all of those losses.

The rating system seems to have the perverse incentive of rewarding losses against higher-rated schools more than victories over lower-rated schools.

The whole system is a joke. We feel badly for our athletes in Revere and Chelsea who earned winning records this season -- but who did not measure up to the MIAA's computers.

They deserved a chance to compete in the state tournament.

They are victims of the axiom in the computer world, "Garbage in, garbage out."

IF TAIWAN IS ATTACKED, SHOULD WE DEFEND IT?

We are living in unprecedented times -- from the COVID-19 pandemic, to the supply chain issues that are affecting all aspects of our economy, to the dire consequences of climate change, to the messy pullout in Afghanistan, to the spike in energy prices, to the craziness that has engulfed our politics.

It seems that we are living in a period of crisis-after-crisis-after-crisis.

But there is another potential source of disruption looming on the horizon that will dwarf all others: The spectre of a Chinese invasion of Taiwan.

So the question is this: If the Chinese decide to invade Taiwan -- as they clearly are preparing to do -- what should be our response?

We have a few thoughts:

1) The possibility of a military move by the Chinese against Taiwan has been a foreign policy issue for more than 60 years. Nixon and Kennedy debated the appropriate U.S. response should the Chinese invade Quemoy and Matsu, two small islands that belong to Taiwan, but that are within a very short distance (just a few miles) from the Chinese mainland. Kennedy made it very clear that the two islands were indefensible and not worth risking a large-scale war. Quemoy, Matsu, and Taiwan have fallen off our national radar, so to speak, since then, but they are back in the spotlight thanks to the recent Chinese provocations.

2) Although the Chinese government never has been a model of Western-style democracy, there always have been competing factions within the Communist Party. However, to whatever extent the Chinese Communist Party exhibited democratic tendencies within its own ranks, they are a thing of the past thanks to President Xi Jinping, who essentially has established himself as a dictator for life.

From abolishing term limits for his office, to destroying democracy in Hong Kong, to placing a million Uighurs into detention camps, to building up the Chinese military, Xi has abandoned the former model of a China that adhered to some semblance of international norms. The China of today is not the China of even 10 years ago.

3) The recent obsession with Taiwan by Xi is one of those issues that lacks rationality to non-Chinese. Although Taiwan poses no threat to China, there is no room for compromise on Taiwan in Xi's world-view. But that is what makes it such a potential tinderbox for world peace.

4) Some suggest that a Chinese invasion and takeover of Taiwan would be a prelude to further Chinese military domination in Asia, including So. Korea and Japan. But that's a version of the Domino Theory that got us into the war in Vietnam. We didn't understand that the Vietnamese War was merely a civil war. It was our misguided intervention that destabilized the surrounding region, just as we did 40 years later in the Mideast with our invasion of Iraq. Similarly, an American capitulation on Taiwan hardly would be a modern-day equivalent of a Neville Chamberlain-style appeasement that would be a prelude to Chinese domination of the Pacific.

5) Do we have a national interest in defending Taiwan? The only plausible reason in this regard is that the Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. is the largest supplier of computer chips in the world. We all know about the chip shortage. But while a Chinese invasion of Taiwan might make the chip shortage worse in the short term, is TSMC really worth fighting for?

6) On that note, we should keep in mind that an all-out shooting war with the Chinese would result in thousands of U.S. casualties and the sinking of just about every ship we have in the Pacific fleet.

7) Finally, why should the Taiwanese expect us to defend them when they themselves have shown little or no interest in their national defense? As a recent news article made clear, the Taiwanese are a far cry from the Israelis, for whom national defense is an imperative that is taken seriously by every Israeli citizen.

In our view, when you add it all up, Taiwan is not worth shedding one drop of American blood. We shouldn't let our emotions get in the way of reality. Whatever treaty the U.S. has with Taiwan was conceived in a different world.

But this is 2021, and the present generations should not be bound by something that they have had no part in.

LETTERS to the Editor

REGARDING MANDATES

Dear Editor,

Freedom to choose is a privilege God gave to Human Creation. Humans, made in the image of God, have abilities to reason, imagine, create, be self-aware, love, etc., while the animal kingdom functions with built-in instinct. God gave Humanity Freedom to love or reject Him. Love cannot exist in a preprogrammed robotic relationship. It can only be expressed in a free environment. However, God's standards and our Freedoms are slowly being chipped away. This explains why the love of mankind is growing colder.

The King of Creation values Freedom of Choice. So how can a mere mortal impose mandates that require everyone to be vaccinated or risk their job and livelihood? Medical Interventions are not given until a patient gives his consent, ask any doctor. So why is this God given right being trampled? Our heroes of yesterday are now being threatened with job loss if they refuse the jab! What insanity!

This same individual leader who has mandated vaccines feels that "women have the right to choose" to murder their unborn babies in the womb! The common reasoning given:

"it's the women's body." But in fact, during pregnancy, there are two bodies, mother and baby! The woman and male partner created the baby, so another truth is evident: there are only TWO genders! Science proves it and anyone with half a brain knows this! Do you see the inconsistent logic being promoted?

Life, Liberty and Faith are essential for Americans, not mandates.

Lucia Hunter

CLEARING UP THE AIR

Dear Editor

There appears to be some misunderstanding about the October 7th monthly meeting of the Human Rights Commission (HRC). We have been criticized for not inviting public input and not providing notice. This was not a public hearing. As required under Open Meeting Laws, our agenda was timely posted, no less than 48 hours prior to the meeting. The agenda included the topic "Columbus Day - Indigenous People's Day." Our monthly meeting agendas also routinely include a dedicated 'public forum' section where members of the community have the opportunity to address the HRC.

The HRC is not a legislative body. We do not

create laws or ordinances. We discussed Columbus Day and Indigenous People's Day and voted unanimously to recommend a change in the designation of the first Monday of October to Indigenous People's Day. These discussions and changes are already happening in other communities across the State and throughout the country.

It also appears that, somehow, the HRC has been implicated about requesting the removal of the Christopher Columbus statue at St Anthony's church on Revere Street. The HRC never discussed the Columbus statue. The HRC is well aware that this statue resides on private (Archdiocese) property.

No one benefits when some in the public react and respond to mistaken, unreliable or fabricated information. The HRC takes seriously its responsibilities and mission. We welcome and look forward to thoughtful conversations with Revere residents. The HRC and the public can foster a more unified community when we work and act together. The HRC meets the first Thursday of every month at 5:00 pm in the Council Chambers and remotely via Zoom.

Janine Grillo Marra,
Chairperson, Revere Human Rights Commission

GUEST OP-ED

We need to invest in America

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

America needs attention to our infrastructure. It's pathetic that our Congress and President are having so much trouble putting something together they can agree on. We managed to spend the equivalent of a trillion dollars in today's currency on the Vietnam war. What did we get for a trillion dollars? Over fifty-eight thousand dead American soldiers. Plus, over 1500 missing in action and thousands of wounded. Many who have never recovered.

We lost 4,497 American soldiers in Iraq. We spent two trillion dollars in Iraq. We had over 32,000 other casualties. What does America have to show for the war in Iraq?

We spent 20 years in

Afghanistan. Over 2,400 American soldiers were killed and over 20,000 were wounded. We spent at least 2.3 trillion dollars. What does America have to show for our war in that country? (United States Military casualties of war, Wikipedia.org)

Did these wars make us safer? Did they make our country greater and stronger? Is America better and freer because of these wars? America suffered great loss from these wars. Thousands of American families are still grieving.

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Gerald 'Jerry' Russo Bocce Court dedication ceremony

Photos By Cary Shuman

The City of Revere held a dedication ceremony for the new Gerald "Jerry" Russo Bocce Court Friday at the Susan B. Anthony/A.C. Whelan School.

Family and friends attended the ceremony honoring Mr. Russo, who was a long-time resident of Revere.

Mayor Brian Arrigo presided over the impres-

sive ceremony.

"I have to give a special shut-out to somebody who came up with the idea, haunted me about it a little bit, but ultimately this was something that he wanted to see happen," Arrigo told the assemblage. "It wouldn't have happened without Michael Chiesa."

Mr. Chiesa and Mr. Russo were close friends for 25 years. The two men shared a love of bocce and

often talked about having a new bocce court built in the area. Mr. Chiesa brought the idea for the bocce court to Mayor Arrigo, and with the support of Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino and the City Council, and the technical assistance of the Revere DPW, the bocce court was built adjacently to the fields at the elementary school complex.

"And of course, once we got it done, Michael said, 'You better name this for Jerry,' related Mayor Arrigo. "So, it is an honor and a pleasure to do that."

"My family and I can't thank you [enough], Mayor, and all the officials of Revere, and of course, Michael, for all this going on," said Eileen Russo, who shared 59 years of marriage with her husband, Jerry Russo, before his passing in January,



Eileen Russo looks at the plaque honoring her late husband, Jerry Russo, at the site of the new Gerald "Jerry" Russo Bocce Court.



The plaque at the new Gerald "Jerry" Russo Bocce Court.

2021.

"Jerry loved bocce," said Councillor Serino, who also spoke at the ceremony. "I wish that he had gotten to enjoy

the court right here in his own neighborhood. I'm glad that we have a nice, beautiful outdoor bocce court that our seniors will be using, and I'm so glad that we will be honoring Jerry's memory here."

Michael Chiesa said he was happy to see a court named in memory of his friend. "Jerry and I used

to talk about a new bocce court all the time," said Chiesa. "Jerry was all excited about the new court, but unfortunately Jerry never got to see it."

The memory of Jerry Russo, an outstanding Revere resident "who dedicated his life to his family and his city," will live on at the new court forever.



From left, are Mr. Jerry Russo's grandson, Tanner Russo, son-in-law, Steve Nickerson, grandson, Alex Russo, daughter-in-law, Kerri Russo, grandson, Colten Russo, daughter, Danielle Nickerson, son, Jay Russo, wife, Eileen Russo, and friend, Michael Chiesa, Mayor Brian Arrigo, Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino, and School Committee member Anthony D'Ambrosio.



Colten Russo tries out the new bocce court that was dedicated in honor of his grandfather, Mr. Gerald "Jerry" Russo.

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Lydia Edwards endorsed by community activists

Special to the Journal

In the special election to the State Senate, Lydia Edwards has been endorsed by: Monique Nguyen, Executive Director of the Matahari Women Workers' Center; Lenita Reason, Workers' Rights Executive Director, Brazilian Worker Center; and Gladys Vega, Executive Director, La Colaborativa. Primary Election Day is December 14, 2021. General Election Day is January 11, 2022.

"Lydia and I worked hand-in-hand to secure the Massachusetts Domestic Workers Bill of Rights, and that was only the beginning of our advocacy work together," said Monique Nguyen. "Over the decade of knowing Lydia, she has consistently stood up for and help empower the people who need it: exploited workers, immigrant families fighting deportation, people facing displacement from their homes, and countless others. Lydia will be a visionary and effective champion in the Senate and I'm proud to endorse her candidacy."

Of Lydia, Lenita Reason said: "Long before she was elected to office, Lyd-

ia was honored by the Brazilian Worker Center as a Community Peacemaker for her work helping domestic workers secure job stability and fair benefits. That's the difference with Lydia: She shows up and does the work, not for headlines or her own benefit. She helps people because that's what drives her, and I know she'll have an even greater population to lift up when she is elected to the state senate."

"Lydia Edwards has been a fearless advocate for people who need affordable housing, for homeowners who are struggling to make ends meet, and as she made important changes to the zoning code," said Vega. "In her role as a Boston City Councilor, I worked closely with Lydia on issues of climate change and environmental justice. She is the person who has what it takes to make strong policy for Massachusetts."

Prior to entering the City Council, Councilor Edwards worked extensively in the legal field serving as a judicial law clerk with the Massachusetts Superior Court and the Massachusetts Appeals Court. Edwards worked as

a public interest attorney with Greater Boston Legal Services focusing on labor issues such as fighting for access to unemployment insurance, back wages, fair treatment for domestic workers and combating human trafficking. She served as the statewide campaign coordinator for the Massachusetts Coalition for Domestic Workers, which advocated for the passage of the Domestic Workers Bill of Rights. In 2015, she was named Bostonian of the Year by the Boston Globe.

Lydia Edwards is a candidate for State Senate representing the First Suffolk and Middlesex District, following the departure of Senator Joseph A. Boncore. For a full and up-to-date list of endorsements, visit: LydiaEdwards.org/endorsements.

Councilor Lydia Edwards is a career advocate, activist, and voice on behalf of society's most vulnerable. She is currently the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Housing and Community Development in the Boston City Council. Learn more at LydiaEdwards.org/meet-lydia.

REVERE AND WINTHROP FIRE DEPARTMENTS ENDORSE D'AMBROSIO



The Revere and the Winthrop Fire Departments have proudly endorsed the D'Ambrosio for State Senate campaign. Kevin O'Hara, President, Revere Firefighters Local 926, said, "Revere Firefighters Local 926 is proud to endorse Anthony D'Ambrosio for State Senate. We want a State Senator who we can rely on to stand with us. For us, the choice was clear," said Kevin O'Hara, President, Revere Firefighters Local 926. "Anthony is dedicated to his community and will be a tireless advocate for fire fighters across the Commonwealth. We will never have to guess where he stands, because he tells it like it is and is un beholden to anyone." Eric Cusack, President, Winthrop Firefighters Local 1070, said, "We need leaders on Beacon Hill who are willing to stand up and fight for our members. Anthony immediately impressed us with his knowledge of our issues and commitment to work with us on banning the cancer causing chemicals currently being used in our protective gear," said Eric Cusack, President, Winthrop Firefighters Local 1070. "We strongly endorse his campaign for State Senate and look forward to working with him at the State House."

Councillor Morabito wants to establish Citizens Planning Committee

By Cary Shuman

Councillor-at-Large Steven Morabito's request that Mayor Brian Arrigo establish a Citizens Planning Committee to "promote citizen participation in planning throughout the city" drew some support and opposition at the Oct. 25 Council meeting.

Council President Anthony Zambuto was concise in his likely, future opposition to Morabito's motion, stating flatly after the meeting, "I have concerns about this proposal."

Morabito said the purpose of his motion was to form a committee that will act as an advisory board on ZBA projects and development projects, "anything going on."

Morabito said the committee's membership would be comprised of citizens throughout the city. "This way, the people of Revere's voice will be heard, and it won't act as a political committee," he said. "Our ward councillors do an excellent job, but this would take them out of the equation in the sense that you can still go your ward councillor when you have pressing issues, but it gives the residents in each of their wards a voice on matters that really affect and impact our city."

Councillor-at-Large

George Rotondo took the discussion in another direction, suggesting the creation of "a redevelopment authority, like they do in Malden."

Morabito took Rotondo's idea into consideration, stating that residents should be able to contribute ideas on such projects "as beautifying an area or redeveloping an area." "However we do it, I don't care. I just want to get the people involved. This way, they can help make a difference on things that can impact our city," said Morabito.

Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky said on all Ward 2 projects, he always hosts community meetings to get public input.

"Before I ask Mayor Arrigo to do this [Citizens Planning Committee], I would want to see some criteria set up before I vote on this, see what the description is, what their entitlements are, so I'm not really prepared to do an open-book request just like this."

Novoselsky suggested that the proposal be placed in a Council subcommittee meeting for further discussion.

Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino asked Morabito if the ward councillors would be selecting

the members of the Citizens Planning Committee. "Who's making the decision?"

"Great question," replied Morabito. "Regardless of what we establish, or what we vote on, the Mayor has to implement it. I'm sure he'd be more than willing to listen to the ward councillors, because who knows their ward better than the ward councillors, other than the people themselves?"

Serino said if an ordinance on the proposal were established, "the City Council should not only confirm a mayoral appointment [to the Citizens Planning Committee], but the six ward councillors and the Mayor would need to agree on the appointees."

Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti said the Citizens Planning Committee should be "completely separate from the Administration and be a citizen-driven type of program where out of courtesy and respect, they should give that ward councillor a call and inform them about what is going on is well, just because they are the ward councillor."

Zambuto referred the motion to the Council's Economic, Development, and Planning Subcommittee for further discussion.

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The stimulus proposal, approximately \$1.75 trillion is about investing in America. We are long overdue for a major investment in America. We don't all agree on the infrastructure bill's spending list. However, can't these "great" politicians come up with an "essential" needs list that is starkly visible to any naked eye?"

Maybe we could get busy in our nation and stay out of other countries' business for a while. Maybe we could take a break from fighting among ourselves. A working nation will be a much happier nation. We hear all this bull talk about we'll never get out of debt from this infrastructure bill and we won't. However, we've spent too much time trying to solve the world's issues while ignoring our own problems. We need to work on our homeland. The roof is leaking, the walls are crumbling, the electrical work needs to be repaired. The water we are drinking is dirty. The driveway is crumbling and potholes abound. The plant down in town relocated and the local coal mine closed. Things are

tough.

The house needs a lot of repair but it's hard to repair a house and buy expensive groceries on the meager wages that are available to most Americans. Families can't live on \$15 an hour, or go to the doctor. Over forty million Americans still live in poverty. Millions more live right above the poverty line and struggle. "According to Pew Research, a household with an income between two-thirds of and double the median household income is considered middle class. The national median income in 2021 is \$79,900, which would mean an individual would fall squarely in the middle class with an income between \$53,266 and \$159,800." (Motley Fool Service, fool.com) Is this you? The average household income for 2021 has been \$79,900 according to huduser.gov.

A financially strapped American living in an aging house that is desperate for repairs is symbolic of much of America. Yes, we have seen a stock market boom. Americans selling houses are doing well financially. Yes, a lot of people in America are in

the medium income level which is not bad.

However, too many Americans are still financially insecure. They don't make enough money. They can't afford adequate housing. They still put off going to the doctor because of costs. They aren't saving any money. More senior Americans are working than ever before because they can no longer live on their meager pensions and Social Security is being eaten away by rapid inflation.

We need an investment at home, our home, America. Congress, please make a reasonable list. Our needs are so visible. We need clean water, Internet, available affordable healthcare including prescriptions, affordable clean energy, chips for our cars and phones, roads and bridges and real paying jobs for Americans who are willing to work. Why is this so hard?

In comparison to over 5 trillion dollars and thousands of American lives spent around this world, spending a few dollars at home should be a cakewalk for this Congress and President.

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The bid documents will be accessible on line from Monday October 04, 2021 through Friday October 29, 2021 by visiting the City of Boston Public Procurement website and Supplier Portal at the following link (<http://boston.gov/procurement> and accessing the event ID #EV00009747.

All sealed bids shall be filed electronically no later than 4:00 pm on Friday October 29, 2021 by logging onto the City of Boston Procurement website as listed and accessing the above event number.

The attention of all bidders is directed to the provisions of the Invitation for Bids and contract documents, specifically to the requirements for bid deposits, insurance and performance bonds as may be applicable.

Sealed bids shall be opened electronically by the Official on Friday October 29, 2021 at 4:00 PM. The contract awarded pursuant to this invitation to bid will commence on or about November 15 and will end on June 30, 2022.

Marty Martinez, Chief of Health and Human Services
(October 4, October 11, October 18, October 25, 2021)

SCENES FROM ELECTION DAY AROUND REVERE



The Election Day banner on Broadway.



Shown at the Staff Sergeant James J Hill Elementary School are Don Martelli, Pat Keefe Sr, Dave Welch, District 4 Pat Keefe Jr, Marc Silvestri candidate for City Councilor At-Large.



Joey Biasella handed out candy to promote his aunt Vanesa Biasella, candidate for School Committee.



Neris Gonzalez is supporting Jacqueline Chavez, candidate for School Committee and Tony Zambuto for City Council.



School Committee Candidate Michel Ferrante (right) greets voters with his uncle Joseph Ferullo.



David and Rob DeMattia with Joe Silvestri holding signs at St. Anthony's Church for several candidates: Tony Zambuto, Anthony Cogliandro, Gerry Visconti, and Joe's son, Marc Silvestri running for City Council.



Candidate for School Committee Susan Gravellese (center) with supporters her husband Jimmy Gravellese, Maria Gnerre, Kristina Paolini, and Joyce Horgan at St. Anthony's Church.

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Ward 3 City Council Candidate Al Terminiello with supporter Stevie Ray.



Candidate For the Ward 4 City Council seat Pat Keefe Jr with one of his top supporters, his father Pat Keefe Sr.



Jane Rizzo (left), wife of Dan Rizzo, who was a candidate for councilor-at-large in Tuesday's election, and campaign supporter Nancy Jenkins.



City Council Candidate Ward 5 Al Fiore (2nd from right) with supporters Brian Chapman, Vincent Milaiko, and Ron Clark.



Residents held signs for John Powers outside of Revere High School.

COURTESY PHOTO



School Committee candidate Vanessa Biasella's parents, Steve DiCologero and Vicky DiCologero, and aunt, Christine Tower, hold signs on Election Day outside the polls.



School Committee Candidate Aisha Millbury-Ellis with Andy Mongolla, Joe "Mad Dog" Stella.



Ward 3 School Committee Candidate Anthony Cogliandro (3rd from right) with an army of supporters greets voters.

OBITUARIES

Alfred Pantano, Jr.

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Family and friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours on Friday, November 5 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, 773 Broadway (Rte. 107) Revere, for Alfred "Al" Pantano, Jr., 78, who died on Saturday, October 30 at the North Shore Medical Center – Salem Hospital in Salem following a long illness. His funeral will be conducted from the Funeral Home on Saturday, November 6 at 11:30 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass in the Immaculate Conception Church (Corner of Beach St. & Winthrop Ave.) Revere at 12:30 p.m., immediately followed by entombment in Woodlawn Cemetery – Versailles Mausoleum, Everett.

Al was born in Everett and raised in Somerville until the age of six when the family moved to Chelsea. He was educated in Chelsea Public Schools and was a graduate of Chelsea High School, Class of 1960.

As a young man in high school, Al worked at Stop & Shop and it was there that he met his future wife, Donna DiGianni. Al went on to serve his country during the Vietnam Conflict by enlisting in the United States Airforce. He returned home after he was honorably discharged and began to further his education by attending Northeastern University where he earned a bachelor's degree in business.

On July 9, 1967, Al married Donna and the couple remained in Chelsea, where they began their family. They later moved to Saugus in 1978.

Al began his working career at Bellotti Oldsmobile, then making a move to Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and later to Provident Life Insurance Co. In 1980, he went on his own and became an independent financial adviser. A business that he built with his excellent reputation and superior knowledge. He loved doing what he did, and it showed. People looked upon Al to make important financial decisions that would help them forecast their future in retirement.

Al was an avid golfer and played as often as he possibly could. He enjoyed traveling with his family, especially on cruises. He was the Past President of the Saugus Rotary and belonged to the Corvette Club and Hot Rod Club.

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In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or by visiting www.dana-farber.org/gift.

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Virginia Guarente

Dedicated wife, mother and grandmother

Graveside Services were held privately on October 27 at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park in Peabody for Virginia T. (Rahilly) Guarente, 82, who died on Thursday, October 21 at the Kaplan Family Hospice in Danvers following a brief illness.

Virginia was born in Winthrop and raised and educated in Revere. A graduate of Revere High School, Virginia married Frederic G. Guarente, and the couple remained in Revere where they raised their children. She worked as a secretary for many years in the dental office of Dr. Leo P. Benecchi. In 1995, Virginia and her husband moved to Saugus, where she remained.

Virginia was a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother. She loved her family more than anything.

The beloved wife of the late Deacon Frederic G. Guarente, she was the loving and proud mother of Dr. John F. Guarente, DMD and his wife, Barbara and Paula A. Kalton and her husband, Drew H., all of Saugus; cherished grandmother of Jason F.



Guarente and his wife, Sarah of Haverhill, Matthew E. Guarente and his Wife, Maria of Haverhill, Katrina T. Shea and her husband, Harry of Salem, Ryan D. Kalton and Eric G. Kalton, both of Saugus; dear sister of the late Jeremiah J. Rahilly. She is also lovingly survived by several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Remembrances may be made to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St., Suite B-102, Danvers, MA 01923.

The staff at Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals are most honored to have assisted the family with completion of funeral arrangements. To send condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com.

Rose Mirasolo

Retired Revere School Cafeteria worker, active in many clubs and organizations

A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Anthony of Padua Church on November 2 for Rose M. (Fagioli) Mirasolo, 83, a 23 year cancer survivor, who died unexpectedly at her residence at the Jack Satter House on Revere Beach Blvd. on October 25. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Rose was born and raised in East Boston. She attended Boston Public Schools and was a graduate of Girl's High of Boston, Class of 1956. Rose married Joseph Mirasolo and the couple moved to Revere in 1960 where they raised their family. Rose was a homemaker until her children were of age and she then returned to work with over 25 years of service as a Revere school cafeteria worker.

Rose was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Her family was the essence of her life. All of her life, Rose was active in many clubs and organizations including the Red Hats, Revere Council of Elder Affairs, Revere First Ladies, Revere Bocci and the Patriot Civic Club.

Rose was also a long-time devotee of Immaculate Conception Church and St. Anthony of Padua Church in Revere and she was a resident of the Jack Satter House.

The beloved wife of the late Joseph F. Mirasolo,



she was the loving mother of Donna M. Dreeszen and her husband, Steven K. of Revere and Joseph F. Mirasolo of Seabrook, NH; cherished grandmother of Andrea M. Tufo and her husband, Joseph of Peabody, Joseph S. Dreeszen and his wife, Lauren Catalano of Peabody, David S. Dreeszen and his companion, Paula Rodrigues of Somerville, Maria R. Dreeszen and her companion, Nicholas Wojtynek and Michael C. Dreeszen, all of Revere, Devon Garcia of Germany, Michael A. Garcia of Florida and Mariana V.R. Mirasolo of Kentucky and great grandmother of Joseph Jace "J.J." and Matthew Michael. She was the dear sister of the late Louis Fagioli, Sr. and Joseph Fagioli and is also lovingly survived by several nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and many friends. Remembrances may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society – New England Chapter, 70 Walnut St., Suite 301, Wellesley, MA 02481.

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Ashley Wilton

Graduate of RHS, Class of 2006

Family and friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours today, Wednesday, November 3 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, 773 Broadway (Rt. 107) Revere for Ashley N. Wilton who passed away unexpectedly after being stricken at her home in Lowell on Wednesday, October 27. She was 33 years old.

A Funeral Service will be held in the Funeral Home on Thursday, November 4 at 1:15 p.m., immediately followed by interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Ashley was born in Malden and raised in Revere. She was educated in Revere Public Schools and was a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 2006, where she was also on the National Honors Society.

Ashley was a vibrant young woman with a huge heart and a beautiful smile that showed her beauty inside and out. She worked as a store manager for DSW Shoe in Salem, NH for many years.

She loved her family and friends beyond anything else. Anyone who knew Ashley knew that she loved Halloween. It was her favorite holiday and she decorated her home with many Halloween themed decorations. She loved scary movies and dressing up.

Ashley was also a lover of all animals.

The beloved daughter of Michael J. Wilton of North Andover and the late Elaine M. (Gatta)



Wilton, she was the cherished sister of Courtney L. Wilton and her companion, Cameron Maltais and Tyler M. Wilton, all of North Andover, loving fiancé of Erik Strazdins of Lowell, treasured niece of Kathleen M. Bruno and her husband, Michael C. of Saugus and Robert J. Gatta and his fiancée, Joanne of Everett; special cousin of Stacey A. Bruno of Saugus, Christopher M. Bruno and his wife, Amanda of Arlington, TN, Kristen Reynolds and her husband, Alan of Salem, NH and Amanda Gatta of Somersworth, NH. She is also lovingly survived by her fiancé's family: Susan S. Strazdins of Methuen and Andrew S. Strazdins of Burlington, Andrea Resendes and her husband, Danny and their children, Aubree and Mason, all of Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to The American Heart Association, 300 5th Ave, Waltham, MA 02451.

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REVERE THROUGH THE YEARS

10 years ago

November 2, 2011

The Revere Police Department (RPD) is preparing to deploy a major new strategy in fighting crime. The new strategy is known as D-DACTS. It was developed by the U.S. Justice Department over the last several years after being piloted in numerous cities around the country. In a nutshell, the new system stresses intensive motor vehicle enforcement at key hot spots in the city using new technology, most of which was recently purchased by the RPD. By cracking down on traffic scofflaws, the program has proven to reduce overall crime dramatically, Police Chief Terence Reardon said.

Election Commissioner Diane Colella is predicting a voter turnout of 49 percent of registered voters for next week's city election. The major draw on the ballot next Tuesday, Nov. 8th, will be for the office of mayor. For the first time in 12 years, Mayor Tom Ambrosino will not be on the ballot for the office of mayor, leaving current councilors-at-large Dan Rizzo and George Rotondo vying for the seat.

Official school enrollment figures were recently released by the state and the Revere school system's total enrollment is at an all-time high, with 1,000 more students in 2011 than in 2001. The district's population was at 6,735 in the official October 1 reports that are taken by the state's Department of Elementary

and Secondary Education (DESE). That number includes students from Revere who have been placed outside of the district. Superintendent Paul Dakin said that the most striking thing is that the enrollment has ballooned in the last four years alone, growing by 607 students in that time period.

Dozens upon dozens of manhole covers and catch basin covers have apparently been stolen by roving marauders who simply stop wherever there is a manhole cover, lift it up, and toss it into the back of a truck and then it's onto the next manhole cover. Then it's off to the scrap metal yard in Everett or in New Hampshire where the material is weighed, the thief is paid, and then the metal is melted.

Jack and Jill, J. Edgar, and The Descendants are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago

Nov. 7, 2001

Voters approved a ballot question lengthening the term of mayor from two years to four years, with 4375 in favor and 3676 opposed, starting with the 2003 election. Incumbent Mayor Thomas Ambrosino was unopposed for re-election.

Former Mayor George V. Colella topped the balloting for City Councilor at Large with 5773 votes. John Jordan, Dan Rizzo, Joe Giannino, and Tony Zambuto won the other four at-large seats. Lenzy Semenza, Arthur Gui-

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nasso, Carol Sinclair, and Richard Ireton did not win seats.

Richard Penta defeated Douglas Goodwin for Ward 1 Councilor; Ira Novoselsky defeated Catherine Penn in Ward 2; and Bryan Vesce, Michael Ferrante, John Powers, and Mark Casella were unopposed in Wards 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Former School Supt. Carol Tye topped the balloting for School Committee. Peter Martino, Tom Caporale, Donna Wood Pruitt, Fred Sannella, and Manny Ferrante also were elected. Michael Ciarlone, Ann Raponi, George Rotonondo, Dan Maguire, Fred Balboni, and Gary Peluso finished out of the money.

MCAS scores for the city's students continued to rise, with the McKinley and Whelan Schools reporting scores above the state average.

"Buster" Curtis, former co-owner of the Revere Journal whose father Sidney owned the Journal for many years, passed away this week after a long battle with coronary artery disease. He was 58.

The Others, Serendipity, and Zoolander are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**30 years ago
Nov. 6, 1991**

Robert J. Haas Jr. defeated John Festa, 8561-7298, in Tuesday's city election in the hotly-contested mayoral race, which drew a voter turnout of 74 percent.

Newcomer Al Fiore topped the balloting for City Councilor at Large with 8100 votes. Incumbent George Caporale was next with 6300 votes, followed by fellow incumbents Linda Santos Rosa, Joseph A. DelGrosso, and Patsy Tata. Donald Goodwin, Joseph W. DiCarlo, Arthur Zambuto, Edward O'Hara, and Elaine Morabito Hurley finished out of the money.

All ward council incumbents were victorious: Rita Singer defeated Joseph J. McDonough in Ward 1; Richard Penn defeated Carol Sinclair in Ward 2; Arthur Guinasso edged Dick Smith in Ward

3; John J. Jordan was unopposed in Ward 4; John Arrigo defeated Sylvia Litman in Ward 5; and Steven Colarossi edged Joseph Gannon in Ward 6 for John Festa's vacant seat.

Thomas Ambrosino topped the field in the School Committee race. He was followed by incumbent Peter Martino, incumbent Louis A. Cheako Ciarlone, former School Committeeman Emmanuel J. Ferrante, incumbent Denise Salemi, and newcomer Thomas Caporale, who edged incumbent Guy Meli by 34 votes. Stephen DiCologero and Eustachio DiMare were the other candidates.

The No Name Storm struck the city on Halloween, October 30-31, last week, wreaking havoc and causing the worst flooding in the city since the Blizzard of '78. More than 500 persons were rescued from their homes in the Point of Pines and Beachmont when flood waters from 50 foot waves overwhelmed the seawalls and came on too fast for an evacuation. However, flooding and damage along Revere Beach was minimal thanks to the recent re-sanding program that caused the waves to break further away from the seawall.

Strictly Business and All I Want for Christmas are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**40 years ago
Nov. 4, 1981**

Mayor George V. Colella was re-elected to a third straight term and his sixth overall since the city went to a Plan B form of government in 1965, defeating Arthur Guinasso by a big margin, 10,553-4547. Guinasso had run as a sticker candidate in the primary election to earn a place on the November ballot. Voter turnout was 65 percent.

Anthony Conte topped all candidates in the race for City Council at Large with 6525 votes. Incumbent William Bell was next with 6105 votes, followed by newcomer John P. Jordan, the son of former mayor and State

Rep. Peter Jordan, incumbent Robert J. Haas Jr., and incumbent Joseph DelGrosso. Losing candidates were incumbent Frederick Sannella, William J. Foley, William C. Flynn, Joseph J. Marasca, and Thurston Ege.

In the ward contests, Rita Singer was unopposed in Ward 1; Catherine Bellinfante Penn defeated Jack S. Parker in Ward 2; Dick Smith defeated C. Eugene Giangregorio for the vacant Ward 3 seat; Robert Cronin defeated Ray Banks in Ward 4; Kenneth Hill was unopposed in Ward 5; and John F. Hurley defeated Ejio R. George DelGreco in Ward 6.

In the School Committee contest, incumbents William Cintolo, John R. Correggio, Anthony D. Rizzo, and Emmanuel Ferrante will be joined by Samuel Samuelson and Eletta Graceffa, who knocked-off incumbents James F. Page and Michael Edwards. James Guido, Angela Lauretano, Andrew DiPietro, and Paul Mazzone did not win election.

Burt Reynolds stars in Paternity at the Kincade Theatre in Winthrop.

**50 years ago
Nov. 4, 1971**

State Rep. William G. Reinstein defeated incumbent George V. Colella by a vote of 11,354-9396 in the contest for mayor in Tuesday's election. Their long and bitter race brought out a voter turnout of 83 percent. Colella had been the city's only Plan B mayor since the city returned to that format in 1965.

Voters approved a ballot question allowing beano games in the city, but rejected a question that would establish a Revere Redevelopment Authority, which had been approved by the City Council.

Incumbents Fran Dorris and Joseph DelGrosso took the top two spots in the race for City Council at Large. School Committeeman Louis Cheako Ciarlone took third, followed by Angelo Yantosca and Edward O'Hara. Incumbent Victor Fanikos, Paul Pat Morelli, Charles G. Moschella, Lawrence E. Malta, and C. Eugene Giangregorio failed to win a seat. There will be a large turnover in the at-large council, as incumbents Charles Zaccaria, Donald J. Zollo, and William P. DiCarlo were not on the ballot, the latter having run for mayor in the primary.

In the ward council races, Joseph O'Brien defeated David J. Middlebrook for the Ward 1 seat vacated by Alfred Liston; Sydney Dubchansky ousted incumbent Leonard Ginsburg in Ward 2; incumbent Arthur Nigro defeated Guy Arigo in Ward 3; John F. Dobbyn defeated former mayor John P. Jordan in Ward 4, where incumbent John Henry had been defeated in the primary; Michael Edwards defeated Thurston Ege in Ward 5 for the seat left vacant by incumbent Gerald Esposito; and Ernest Tentindo defeated Arthur Malfitano for the newly-created Ward 6 council seat.

In the School Committee race, incumbents

DO YOU REMEMBER?



Members of Mrs. Longo's Fourth-grade class at the Paul Revere School in 1990. Michelle Guierro, Diana DeChristoforo and Denise Goddard showing off some robots they made as part of a school project.

Anthony D. Rizzo, Ruth Badolato, and Anthony C. Moschella defeated challengers William J. Cintolo, Sylvia J. Corin, and Norman Harrington.

Charlton Heston stars in Omega Man at the Winthrop Theatre.

**60 years ago
Nov. 9, 1961**

Incumbent Raymond E. Carey handily topped the field in the City Council contest in Tuesday's city election with 7000 votes. Former School Committeeman Frank Fiore Jr. was second with 6303 votes, followed by incumbents Thomas U. Kelley, Edward White Jr., David J. Smith, and Joseph DiCarlo. Newcomer Samuel DiStasio edged incumbent Charles Bellinfante for the seventh council seat.

In the School Committee race, newcomer Seymour Schwartz handily defeated all candidates with 7288 votes. Incumbent Anthony Abbene was next with 5439 votes, followed by newcomer Peter Brandano, incumbent Anthony Moschella, newcomer Clara Romano, and incumbent Vincent Cammarata. Incumbents Guy Arigo, Thomas J. O'Connell, and Katherine Collins lost their bids for re-election.

The Revere co-chairmen of the 1961 Heart Fund drive, Senator Harry Della Russo and Revere High Athletic Director Silvio Cella, have announced that the annual door-to-door campaign will take place this weekend.

Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward star in Paris Blues at the Winthrop Theatre.

**70 years ago
November 8, 1951**

None of the 26 candidates for City Council have received the necessary quota of votes for election in the city's second-ever election under the Plan E system of government. After the first counting of ballots, Atty. Frederick G. Reinstein and Harry Della Russo lead the voting in which seven councillors will be

chosen. It is expected that the counting of ballots under the proportional representation system could go on for at least another week.

Former Mayor and State Rep. Peter J. Jordan reportedly is in line for a new state position of administrative assistant to the State Commissioner of Public Works, William F. Callahan. The new job is being created by Gov. Paul J. Dever by means of a supplemental budget he is submitting to the legislature.

Officials report that there was only a small amount of vandalism over Halloween.

Spencer Tracy stars in The People Against O'Hara at the Revere and Boulevard Theaters.

**80 years ago
Nov. 6, 1941**

Revere residents this week are recalling their memories of Armistice

Day, which occurred 23 years ago on November 11, 1918. Revere sent 1571 of its residents into the armed service in support of the war effort, of whom 24 died.

The family of local resident Maurice W. Hudlin, 24, of 75 Sagamore St., has been informed that Hudlin is missing and presumed dead after his U.S. Navy ship, the U.S.S. Reuben James, was torpedoed and sunk. Hudlin is remembered as an excellent athlete at Revere High, where he excelled on the football team and led Revere to a 12-0 win over Winthrop in the 1935 Thanksgiving Day game. The Reuben James was on convoy duty at the time of its sinking and is the third U.S. Naval ship to be sunk by German torpedoes.

Ann Sheridan, Jack Oakie, and Jack Haley star in Navy Blues at the Revere and Boulevard Theaters.

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Ira Novoselsky wins Ward 2 election

Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky defeated Manuel Carrero Jr. to win re-election to the Revere City Council Tuesday.

Novoselsky received 300 votes while Carrero received 267 votes.

At-Large results

Former Mayor and Councillor-at-Large Dan Rizzo topped the ticket in the councillor-at-large election Tuesday while Councillors-at-Large Steve Morabito, Gerry Visconti, and George Rotondo were re-elected to

the City Council. Revere's Director of Veterans Services Marc Silvestri was also elected to the Revere City Council, taking a strong third place overall.

Current Council President Anthony Zambuto was defeated in his bid for re-election as a councillor-at-large, finishing sixth in the field of six candidates.

Always a prolific vote getter in citywide elections, Rizzo received 3,184 votes to finish in first place. Morabito took second place with 2,666 votes. Sil-vestri received 2,631 votes. Visconti re-



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	School Committee Total	% of Total
1. Carol A. Tye	2,482	7.1%
2. John Kingston	2,274	6.5%
3. Michael Ferrante	2,099	6.0%
4. Aisha Milbury-Ellis	2,066	5.9%
5. Susan Gravellese	2,051	5.9%
6. Stacey Bronsdon-Rizzo	1,889	5.4%
Jacqueline Chavez	1,768	5.1%
Frederick Sannella	1,741	5.0%
Vanessa Biasella	1,554	4.5%
Total	17,924	

ceived 2,342 votes while Rotondo received 2,249 votes. Zambuto received 2,186 votes.

"I'm grateful for the tremendous response by the voters, and I'm happy to be able to once again serve our city and serve the various neighborhoods that make up our city and the residents who live there," Rizzo told Revere TV during its Election Results show.

School Committee Race

Revere School Committee members Carol Tye, Michael Ferrante, Susan Gravellese, and Stacey Bronsdon-Rizzo were re-elected to their positions Tuesday, while John Kingston and Aisha Milbury-Ellis were elected to the Committee.

Tye, a former teacher and superintendent of Revere schools, topped the ticket with 2,482 votes. Kingston had a very im-

pressive second-place finish with 2,274 votes.

Ferrante received 2,059 votes, followed by Gravellese with 2,051 votes, Milbury Ellis with 2,066 votes, and Bronsdon-Rizzo with 1,889 votes.

Jacqueline Chavez was seventh with 1,768, followed by current, long-time School Committee member Frederick Sannella with 1,741 votes, and Vanessa Biasella with 1,554 votes.

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

	At-Large Total	% of Total
2. Steven Morabito	2,666	5.94%
1. Dan Rizzo	3,184	11.2%
5. George Rotondo	2,249	7.9%
3. Marc Silvestri	2,631	9.3%
4. Gerry Visconti	2,342	8.2%
Anthony Zambuto	2,186	7.7%
Total	15,258	

	Ward 3 Total	% of Total
Anthony Cogliandro	589	55.9%
Al Terminiello	271	41.5%
Total	860	

	Ward 5 Total	% of Total
Al Fiore	908	55.9%
John Powers	674	41.5%
Total	1,582	

	Ward 2 Total	% of Total
Manuel Carrero	267	45.6%
Ira Novoselsky	300	51.3%
Total	567	

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Revere defeats Lynn Classical, but falls short of playoff berth

Marchese scores 2 TDs in 21-6 victory

By Cary Shuman

Senior running back Mark Marchese rushed for 120 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Revere High football team to a 21-6 victory over Lynn Classical Friday night at Manning Field.

Many observers felt that Marchese's clutch performance and Revere's impressive victory would be enough to catapult Revere into the state playoffs, especially after quarterback Anwar Marbough scored on a late 2-yard sneak that insured the all-important, 14-point margin of victory

would be attained.

But despite a 6-2 record and a second-place finish in the Greater Boston League behind powerful Everett, the Patriots fell two spots shy in the power rankings that allow 16 teams to advance to the playoffs in each division. Head Coach Lou Cicatelli was clearly upset at the playoff snub (see related story).

As for the game itself, Marchese and his teammates stepped up with some key performers sidelined due to COVID-19 protocols.

Team captain Augusto Goncalves, who has had an All-Star caliber senior season, made the



ABOVE IT ALL: Augusto Goncalves (18) hauls in a pass at the three yard line in front of Lynn Classical's Matt Carillo (25) and Nick Costa (26). The play set up Revere's first touchdown on the way to a 21-6 win at Lynn Classical Friday night.

best catch of the game on an 18-yard, over-the-shoulder grab to set up Marchese's 2-yard run for

a touchdown. Wilmer Mejia-Rodriguez booted the first of his three PATs to give Revere a 7-0 lead.

Elmadhi El Kaouakibi recovered a fumble at the Classical 15-yard line on the last play of the first

quarter. On the ensuing possession, Marchese

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RHS SPORTS Roundup

BETTERO SCORES 100TH CAREER GOAL FOR RHS

The Revere High girls soccer team celebrated Senior Day in appropriate fashion, defeating Malden with a 4-0 shutout in which RHS senior captain Carolina Bettero scored her 100th career goal, becoming the only player in RHS annals to achieve that amazing milestone.

The historic goal came about when Nahomy Martinez got the ball at midfield and turned to the sideline. Nahomy then delivered a perfect pass to Bettero on her foot as Carolina was heading toward the Malden net. Bettero ended up one-one-one with the Malden goalie, whom she beat for the goal. Martinez, who also assisted Bettero on her 50th career goal, was credited with the assist on the 100th.

Bettero added to her all-time mark by scoring two more goals in the contest for the hat trick. Defender Samarah Paiva applied the icing on the RHS victory cake when she took the ball up-field from the back, beating four Malden defenders, and then delivering a superb shot from the top of the box into the back of the Malden net.

Freshman goalkeeper Nisrin Sekkat earned the clean sheet with eight saves to record the shutout.

"We had great play from seniors Sophia Padron in the midfield and Emily Gomez and Angela Huynh on the defensive line," said RHS head coach Megan O'Donnell. "Senior Isabela Usero had multiple opportunities to score, but just couldn't reach the net. We had wonderful midfield play from freshmen Erika Mejia and Catalina Chizavo and Nahomy Martinez, who moved the ball to give our forwards the chance to score."

Prior to the game, the five senior members of the team from the Class

of 2022 were honored for their contributions to the RHS girls soccer program: Sophia Arciniegas Padron, Emily Gomez, Isabela Usero, captain Angela Huynh, and captain Carolina Bettero.

Last Tuesday, the Lady Patriots racked up another shutout victory with a 5-0 blanking of Chelsea. Bettero scored four goals -- to make it 106 career goals -- with assists from Kyara Rodriguez, Ari Pinam Erika Mejia, and Fatima Esquivel.

Nisrin Sekkat recorded another clean sheet for the shutout. Freshman Kathy-Granados scored her first varsity goal with an assist from Giselle Portillo Ramos, who earned her first varsity assist.

"We had great play from Malak Chahlaouy, Pamela Marquez, Cynthia Rodriguez, Isabela Usero, Eldaa Samuel, Giselle Salvador, and Nisrin Sekkat," noted O'Donnell. Last Wednesday the Lady Patriots took on Malden for their last regular season game and made it three shutout wins in a row with a 3-0 victory. Bettero reached the back of the Lady Golden Tornado net for all three goals (that's 109 for those of you keeping count).

Angela Huynh, Sandra Torres, and Nahomy Martinez assisted on the first goal, with Martinez assisting on the second and Kyra Delaney earning an assist on the third.

Nisrin Sekkat had another shutout in net.

"We had great defense from Fatima, Ari, Giselle, Sandra, and Nahomy," said O'Donnell. "Kyra Delaney played a great midfield, along with Erika Mejia and Emily Gomez."

O'Donnell and her squad, who finished the season tied for second place in the Greater Boston League with a 9-4-1 league mark and compiled a sterling 13-5-1 overall record, were awaiting word of their first-round oppo-

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RHS CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS COMPETE AT THE GBL



The boys field is off and running start of the GBL cross country championships at MacDonald Park in Medford on Thursday, October 28.

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SCENES FROM THE RHS PATRIOTS VS LYNN CLASSICAL RAMS AT MANNING FIELD



BIG NIGHT: Senior running back Mark Marchese (11) looks for running room to pick up some of the 125 yards he gained on the night.



LOW AND GO: Senior running back Mark Marchese (11) dips and take the low road to get around a rushing Lynn Classical defender Emil Bruno (8).

Photos by Bob Marra

Revere took care of business with a 21-6 win

over Lynn Classical Friday night at Manning field to finish their regular season play with a 6-2 record.



RIGHT THIS WAY: Max Doucette (55) leads the way around the right side for Domenic Boudreau (21).



LOST ON THE ROLL: Dom Boudreau (21) and the ball roll in different directions after Boudreau almost came down with a fourth-quarter interception.



LUCKY 7-11: Tailback Wilmer Mejia Rodriguez (7) follows lead of running mate Mark Marchese (11).



PATH CLEARED: Dom Boudreau (21) breaks away from the block by Max Doucette and Ricardo Goncalves (1) that removed Lynn Classical's RJ Faessler (5) from the path.

Cicatelli disappointed by MIAA playoff system denying Revere

By Cary Shuman

Revere High football coach Lou Cicatelli led the Patriots to a 6-2 record and a second-place finish in the Greater Boston League behind powerful Everett.

But despite winning 75 percent of its games, a record which would qualify Revere for the playoffs in any other sport, the Patriots will be home for the playoffs.

"I'm disappointed for the kids," said Cicatelli. "It's a pretty tough one to swallow. It's a glaring omission for Revere not to get into the playoffs. It's just hard to believe, but again it's the fault of the system. There are way too many glitches in it."

Revere was hurt by its GBL opponents not winning enough non-league games (besides Everett's big win over Xaverian).

"The biggest thing is

you're penalized because your league [GBL] is struggling," said Cicatelli. "Other than Revere and Everett this year, the league was down a little bit, and you're not getting ratings points."

Cicatelli said wins must count heavily in any playoff qualification system.

"Wins have to count — this is high school football," said Cicatelli. "It's really silly. The kids are really disappointed. They

played good football, and we got better as the year progressed. I think we could have made some noise in the playoffs."

Another area team that was hurt by the playoff system was Peabody (4-4), who did not qualify for the playoffs despite being the Northeastern Conference South Division champion.

"There are a lot of good football teams that didn't make the playoffs," said Cicatelli.

Cicatelli may have found a solution to the strength-of-schedule aspect of the playoff system as he has reportedly reached out to Catholic Memorial head coach John DiBiasi for a non-league game to start the 2022 season. A game against top-ranked Catholic Memorial — win or lose — would be a rating points bonanza for Revere.



ALMOST UNMASKED: Mark Marchese is (11) slowed as Kymari Phipps (27) gets a finger in Marchese's face mask.



GOT THE JERSEY: Lynn Classical's Matt Carrillo (25) is not letting go of the jersey of Revere's Wilmer Mejia Rodriguez (7).

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made a great read of the developing play and scored on a 4-yard run to give Revere a 14-0 advantage in the second quarter. Running back Dominic Boudreau and the offensive line helped Marchese find an outside path to the end zone.

Classical's talented quarterback Brian Vaughan Jr., son of Classical head coach Brian Vaughan Sr., scored on a 17-yard run to close the gap to 14-6.

But Revere, led by captains Max Doucette, Augusto Goncalves, Elmahdi El Kaouakibi, and Wilmer Mejia-Rodriguez, kept Classical off the scoreboard in the second half.

Marbough closed the scoring in the final minute with a 2-yard rush, following the blocks of center Patrick Keefe III and the offensive line into the end zone.

Cicatelli said Marchese had a superb game as the featured back in the Re-

vere offense.

"Mark had a wonderful game," said Cicatelli. "We played old-school football and ran a lot of inside stuff. Mark helped us win with power football. And I thought our defense played outstanding football once again."

Revere will have a bye this week and resume its season against a divisional foe next weekend. Revere also has its traditional Thanksgiving game against Winthrop.

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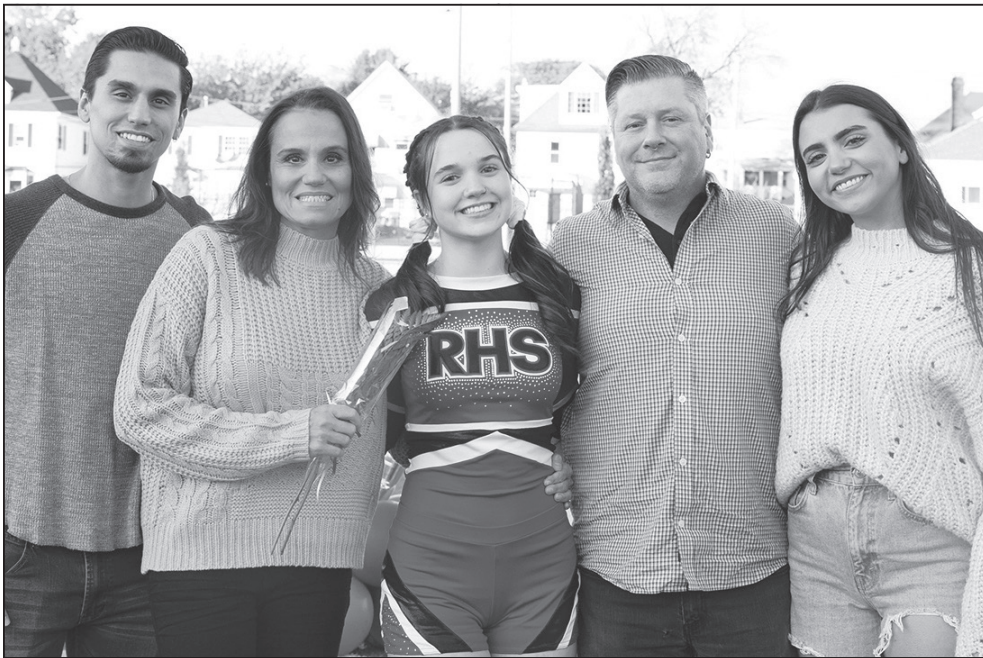
The Revere High athletic program honored the seniors on the Revere High cheerleading team before a home football game at Harry Della Russo Stadium.

The student-athletes were recognized for their dedication to the program and their school spirit. The seniors were joined on the field by their families for the pre-game ceremony.

Among the athletes honored were Zoey LeGrand, Niccole Gonzalez, Olivia Osborne, and Allen De La Rosa Polcano.



Allen De La Rosa Polcano with mom Anyelina.



Zoey LeGrand with mom Stephanie, dad John, brother Drew and sister Andrea.



Niccole Gonzalez with parents Claudia & Juan and grandmother Fanny.



Olivia Osborne with parents Mandi & Joe and aunt Penny.

RHS SPORTS Through the Years

10 years ago November 2, 2011

The Revere High volleyball team clinched a berth in the MIAA post-season state tournament with a dramatic win Friday against Saugus on an evening made all the more memorable because it was Senior Night. RHS head coach Kim Hudd cited the outstanding performances of senior Angelmarie Gonzalez, who led the team in digs in the back row and service points; senior Cristina DiFabio, who paced the Lady Patriot offensive attack in the kills department; sophomore Natalie Colon-Martins, who led the team in blocks at the net; and senior Rebecca Colon-Martins, who was the leader in assists on the night.

The Revere High boys soccer team reached the post-season state tourney with three victories in the final week of the season. Coach Nik Tower's Patriots were led by captain Quais Ghulam (four goals, three assists) and freshman Mohamed Kenawy (three goals, three assists) in a 7-0 win over Winthrop. Revere then defeated Swampscott, 2-1, when freshman Abel Alcantar found the back of the Swampscott net with less than 10 minutes to play for the winning goal. In a 6-1 victory over Saugus, Ghulam had two goals and three assists and Kenawy tallied a hat trick and two assists.

The Revere High football team expected that No. Andover would be a strong opponent, and indeed there were no surprises for the Patriots, who came out on the short end of a 34-6 decision Friday evening under the lights at Harry Della Russo Stadium. Andover presently is in first place in the Cape Ann League/Northeastern Conference Division 1. The Pats' lone touchdown came in the final period on a quick toss from quarterback Joey Ritchie to captain Drew Lauria, who went in from five yards out. The Patriots, who now stand at 5-3 on the year (1-2 in the CAL/NEC D-1), will face another division opponent, Lynn Classical, Friday evening at the Manning Bowl.

The Revere High boys cross country team ran past Salem, 15-49, last week to clinch an undisputed championship of the South Division of the Northeastern Conference for a second straight year. The Patriots were led

by their ace, captain Mike Fitzpatrick, who breezed to victory in a time of 17:08. He was followed by five teammates who took the next five spots: Karim Sahila in 17:35, Rawlings Toglan in 17:44, Kristi Nushi in 17:50, captain Brian Collins in 18:11, and John Dellorusso in 18:13. The win gave the Pats a perfect 5-0 mark in the NEC South and a final record of 5-2 overall. Fitzpatrick, Revere High's star cross country runner, then achieved the best performance of his career at Saturday's Northeastern Conference All League Meet, turning in a sterling fourth-place finish in a time of 16:34 over the 5K course at Bradley Palmer State Park in Topsfield. Fitzpatrick finished 25th in the NEC Meet last year, so his leap to number four in the conference is immensely impressive. His time was just 44 seconds off the first place finisher, Nick Christensen of Peabody, who was number three in the state last year. In addition, only 11 seconds separated Fitzpatrick from second place and just one second from third.

The Revere High girls cross country team took the top two places against Salem last Tuesday, but dropped a close 25-31 contest to the visiting Lady Witches. Lady Patriot Caitlyn Caramello once again blazed the trail for teammates, taking first place in a time of 20:19. Teammate Nikki Nelson was next across the line for second spot in 20:28. Nelson, who has been improving greatly in recent weeks, then finished as the top girl runner in the NEC South Division thanks to her clocking of 22:42 over the 5K course in Saturday's Northeastern Conference All-League Meet held at Bradley Palmer State Park in Topsfield. She finished 24th overall at the meet, which featured the top seven runners from each of the 12 schools in the Northeastern Conference from

both the South and North divisions. Peabody's Catarina Rocha won the girls' race in 17:54, two minutes ahead of the next competitor.

20 years ago Nov. 7, 2001

The RHS football team pulled off the upset of the season in the GBL with a 12-6 win over Somerville Friday night at Harry Della Russo Stadium. Somerville had been ranked 10th in Eastern Mass. and had wins over Peabody and Waltham. The Pats were led on defense by Patrick Reardon, who had missed four weeks with a bruised sternum, but who came back against Somerville to record four sacks and 11 tackles. Mike Silvestri rushed for 125 yards on 16 carries. Peter Graziani and quarterback Bryan Marino scored the Revere touchdowns.

RHS star cross country runner Ba Tran took second place in the All-GBL Meet Saturday. He covered the 3.1 mile course in 17:03. Coach Steve Pavey's Patriots finished third overall in the meet. Regan Clarke was the next Revere runner in 18:24, followed by Nate Lees in 18:33, freshman Ryan Burke in 18:45, and Matt DiGregorio in 19:20.

50 years ago Nov. 6, 1971

Steve Antinich scored on a one-yard run and Mike Cunningham tossed a TD pass to John Dyer, but the Immaculate Conception High football team dropped a 48-14 decision to Hudson Catholic for the Revicons' first loss of the season.

70 years ago November 8, 1951

The RHS football team dropped a 7-0 decision to Gloucester before 3000 fans at Newell Stadium in Gloucester on Saturday.

The rushing of Joe Gallant paced the Immaculate Conception High football team to a 7-0 win over St. Columbkille Sunday afternoon.



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RHS CROSS COUNTRY PARTICIPATES IN GREATER BOSTON LEAGUE MEET



Revere's Samantha Solis makes their way along the course.



A timekeeper's hand is in the foreground as Jasmine Riazi nears the finish line for a ninth-place finish.



Revere's Christy Ly crosses the finish line.

Photos by Bob Marra
The GBL Cross Country Championships (boys and girls) held October 28 at MacDonald Park in Medford.



Revere runners pose for a cell phone photo, left to right, Cristy Ly, Yasmine Ruazi, Carly Bennett, NEED NAME, Rocio Gonzalez, and NEED NAME.



The runners get off to their start in the GBL girls cross country championships.



Rocio Gonzales eyes the finish line as she runs to a 6th place finish.



Mohamed Ouakani pushes past a Classical runner.



Revere's Trey Delaney breaks away from the pack.

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ment in the upcoming state tournament as of the Journal's press time.

THIRD PLACE FOR RHS GIRLS AT GBL CROSS COUNTRY MEET

The Revere High girls cross-country team turned in a fine performance at the Greater Boston League Meet that was held last Thursday at Torbert MacDonald Park along Route 16 and the scenic Mystic River in Medford. Coach Katie Sinnott's squad finished in third place in the team standings, with two Lady Patriot runners, Rocio Gonzalez Castillo and Yasmin Riazi, earning medals for placing in the top 10. "Every runner ran their best race of the season and nearly all set or tied their personal best paces," said Sinnott, who noted that sophomores Rocio Gonzalez Castillo and Yasmin Riazi and senior Carly Bennett all ran at paces of under eight minutes. Rocio and Yasmin also attained personal records (PR), as did Christy Ly (junior), Maaajda Louaddi (senior), Samantha Solis (freshman), and Jessica Medina (junior).

"I am so beyond proud of the work the whole team put in over the course of the season," said Sinnott. "It is not an easy sport to stick with, but to have a race like this one at the end of the season really caps off all the miles these girls have put in. We enjoyed cheering each other on throughout every race and supporting all the runners, and you can see it in these results. "With the team's regular season now concluded, Rocio Gonzalez-Castillo will continue on to two, state-level invitational meets where she will have the opportunity to build on this solid foundation," added Sinnott. Those races are set for this Saturday, November 6th, and next Saturday, November 13th. Individual Results
6th place - Rocio Gonzalez Castillo - 20:01
9th place - Yasmin Riazi - 20:53
12th place - Carly Bennett - 21:39
24th place - Christy Ly - 24:01
25th place - Maaajda Louaddi - 24:30
27th place - Samantha Solis - 24:55
39th place - Jessica Medina - 33:55



Revere's Rocio Gonzales leads a pack of runners into a turn soon after the start of the GBL cross country championships at MacDonald Park in Medford on Thursday, October 28.

RHS BOYS COMPETE IN GBL MEET

The Revere High boys cross country team competed in last Thursday's Greater Boston League Meet that was held on the 2.71-mile course at MacDonald Park in Medford. Mohamed Ouakani was the top Revere runner, coming across the line in 15th place in a time of 16:21 among the field of 73 competitors. "Mohamed continues to improve and ran a great league meet," said RHS head coach Mike Flynn. "Trey Delaney ran a strong race and finished 30th with a time of 17:32," added Flynn. "Miguel Leonarte also ran a really strong race and finished in 35th place with a time of 17:38. Brayden Shanley continues to improve with each race and finished 48th with a time of 18:58."

RHS VOLLEYBALL TEAM OPENS TOURNEY PLAY TODAY AT SHARON

Coach Lianne Mimmo and her Revere High volleyball team opens play in the Division 2 State Tournament with a contest today (Wednesday) at Sharon. The Patriots are seeded 36th among the 39 teams in D-2. If they are successful in today's match, they will advance to play at fourth-seeded Billerica on a date and time to be announced.

RHS BOYS SOCCER AWAITS TOURNEY

The Revere High boys soccer team, a 1-0 winner over Newton North in its season finale this past Saturday, was awaiting word of its first-round opponent in the upcoming Division 1 state soccer tournament as the Journal was going to press.

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RHS PATRIOTS BOYS SOCCER VS. CHELSEA RED DEVILS

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tie in boys soccer Tuesday, October 19 at Harry Della Russo Stadium.

Revere and Chelsea battled to a 1-1



BIG STEP: Revere's Khalil Lechheb steps into the fray with Chelsea's Christian Palacios Sanchez (23).



CRASH LANDING: The ball goes free as Revere's Kayo DeSouza Lopes (left) and Khalil Lechheb (2) and Chelsea's Christian Palacios Sanchez (23) land in a heap.



KEEP OUT: Revere goalkeeper Mateo Norena makes a save.



TOE THE LINE: Revere's Bryan Medina controls the ball while harassed by a Chelsea defender.



ESCAPE ROUTE: Revere's Zuiroz Bonn (30) gets away from Chelsea's Jefferson Ruiz.



TENS BATTLE: Revere's David Paiva battles with his opposite number 10, Chelsea's Jefferson Ruiz.



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT: Revere's Santiago Grajales reacts after his shot from in close went wide of the Chelsea net.



THE WINDUP: Revere's (19) lines up a shot in front of Chelsea's Christian Palacios Sanchez (23).



TANGLED UP: Revere's Kayo DeSouza Lopes (21) tangles with Chelsea's Angel Rosales (7) in a race for the ball.

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construction plans for a new pedestrian footbridge that will connect the Assembly Square MBTA Station with the Encore Boston Harbor casino and resort property.

Mother Nature delivered a beautiful October day for the event that was held with the spectacular, \$3 billion Encore Resort glistening in the sunshine behind the speakers at the press conference.

Gov. Baker said the footbridge project "has always fallen in the category of, yes, we should really find a way to make this happen."

"The hard part has just been figuring out to how to put the pieces together to get it done," continued Baker. "The Gaming Commission recently awarded a \$650,000 grant to finish the final design work on this, and at that point in time, we as an administration basically said, okay, final design is paid for, we're going to fund this project and make it happen."

Baker's comment noting his strong commitment to the project drew hearty applause from the audience.

"We can't wait to put the shovels in the ground and get this bridge built," concluded Baker.

Secretary of Environmental Affairs Kathleen Theoharides said the new footbridge "will be an important new asset to thousands of people and will connect the cities of Everett and Somerville and open up new access for residents and visitors to restaurants, businesses, and services, and transportation options."

Theoharides also thanked Mayors DeMaria and Curtatone for their leadership in the project.

Secretary of Transportation also praised the two mayors for "their leadership at the municipal level to encourage and lead and guide us", noting that "it takes a partnership to build, these great things."

DRC Commissioner Jim Montgomery, who served as the leader of the speaking program, introduced Mayor DeMaria, "a lifelong resident of Everett who signed the historic, host-community agreement between Everett and Wynn Development to bring the resort-casino to

the banks of the Mystic River."

DeMaria personally thanked Gov. Baker at the outset of his speech, stating, "We really appreciate you being here and doing this for the residents of Everett. I'm totally overwhelmed to be here and to finally get some access to a 'T' station that we so rightfully deserve."

DeMaria told the gathering that he was pleased to be at Encore "for a monumental announcement about a project that will positively impact the entire metro Boston area."

"Most importantly, to me, we will be getting an amazing opportunity for my hometown of Everett," said DeMaria, who thanked several officials for their support of the project.

DeMaria specifically noted the cooperation and support from Gov. Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, "for your unwavering commitment to viable transit, which is remarkable. This bridge will be so beneficial to so many people across Massachusetts. It is an undeniable symbol of the commitment you both have to build a better future for Everett."

DeMaria also noted the presence of "my colleague and friend, Mayor Joe Curtatone," at the press conference.

"Thank you for your continued support and coordination in advancing the bridge as well as the Assembly Row Headhouse Expansion Project," said DeMaria. "You have been remarkable neighbors and partners throughout this project."

Curtatone praised DeMaria in his remarks. "It's great to be here with all of you, and it's testimony to anything great we do as a society is a product of many hands," said Curtatone. "It's advocacy, it's activism, it's investment. It's policy leaders, it's people giving a damn about where they live and the future of their city. I hope you get that sincere passion and flavor from the mayor of Everett, because I admire him greatly."

COVID RATE DECREASES IN EAST BOSTON

EAST BOSTON - East Boston's weekly COVID

positive test rate decreased once again last week following a nearly 7 percent decrease two weeks ago according to the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

Last week, 1,541 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and 2.4 percent were positive--this was a 17 percent decrease from the 2.9 percent that tested positive as reported by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) on October 18.

The citywide weekly positive test rate also decreased last week. According to the BPHC 23,877 residents were tested and 2.3 percent were COVID positive--this was a 11.5 percent decrease from the 2.6 percent reported by the BPHC on October 18.

Thirty-seven additional residents contracted the virus between October 18 and October 25 and there are now 8,492 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 0.73 percent since October 18 and went from 82,255 cases to 82,855 confirmed cases in a week. There were three additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total COVID deaths is now at 1,447.

LYNN WOODS PAROTECTED

LYNN - A momentous vote occurred at Tuesday's City Council Meeting when the City Council, on behalf of the City and the Lynn Water & Sewer Commission, voted to petition the Legislature to authorize the City to grant a Conservation Restriction to protect Lynn's most treasured natural resource, Lynn Woods.

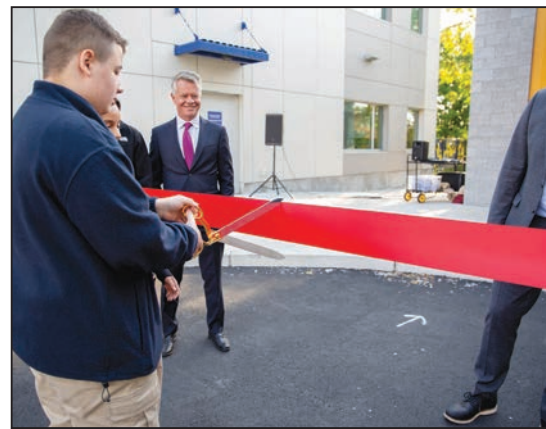
The grant to the state Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Essex County Greenbelt Association is intended to protect and preserve the City's reservoirs, watershed, and the hundreds of acres of

EXCEL ACADEMY CUTS RIBBON ON GREENWAY CAMPUS EXTENSION



On Saturday the Excel Academy Charter School in East Boston joined members of the Friends of Excel Academy Charter Schools and other officials to cut the ribbon on Excel's Greenway Campus extension that was recently completed and houses a new middle school. The middle school opened in the spring and is located next to the Excel Academy Charter High School on the Bremen Street Park. Excel Academy Orient Heights was relocated from its rented space next to CVS on Saratoga Street to the new building and rebranded as Excel Academy Greenway.

Shown above, Chief Executive Officer of Excel Academy Charter Schools Owen Stearns (center) and Rep. Adrian Madero joined Excel board members, staff and students at the ribbon cutting. Shown right, an Excel Academy middle schooler cuts the ribbon on Excel's new recently completed middle school addition along the Bremen Street Park.



Lynn Woods for conservation and recreation purposes.

City agencies and officials have worked for over twenty years with state officials, conservation groups, neighboring towns, and many others to achieve a lasting legacy, the protection of Lynn Woods, its open space and trails, and surrounding properties that contribute to the City water supply.

Speaking in support of the protection of Lynn's natural resources, City Council President Darren Cyr said, "I am proud and pleased that my Council colleagues are the ones who not only recognized the need to preserve and protect Lynn Woods, but acted to do it now. We received the input of the Friends of Lynn Woods, Gannon Golf Course, the Special Needs Camp, the Park Ranger, and importantly the Lynn Water and Sewer Commission.

The real vote here is one of thanks to all who persevered, working so long, to finally achieve the result desired by the community."

Once Lynn Mayor Thomas McGee signs the agreement and approval is obtained from the towns of Saugus and Lynnfield, the Secretary of Environmental Affairs will then proceed with the final formal steps to complete the conservation protection.

PUBLIC SAFETY TOPS LIST AT FALL FORUM

WINTHROP - Around 30 people attended the annual Fall Forum on Oct. 19 in the Robert A. DeLeo Senior Center, where Town Manager Terence Delehanty provided updates on public safety and public works.

Public Safety

The presentation kicked off with a tribute to Winthrop's public safety team during the past year, which saw unprecedented challenges. A video montage stitched together footage of the June murder-suicide, the August gas explosion, and the rescue of a boater in September. It also highlighted the town's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Town Manager Delehanty emphasized that robust public safety depends on the collaboration of all city departments, not just fire and police. He wants this taken into account when it comes to designing the new public safety facility.

"We really work as one team," he said.

Public Safety Building

Newly appointed Fire Chief Scott Wiley spoke about the need to replace one or both of the current fire stations, which are not ADA compliant, OSHA compliant, or handicap accessible. It is still unclear whether the new facility will be a standalone fire station, a combined fire and police station, or something else entirely.

The architectural firm Kaestle Boos Associates presented conceptual design options for a new facility. These include a single phase construction option at the Little League field on Veterans Road, and both a single phase and a multiphase option for the 7th hole of the golf course. A more detailed overview of the concepts will be available in a future issue of the Transcript.

Public Works

DPW Dir. Steve Calla celebrated his department's many achievements

over the past year.

In addition to the massive CBD restoration, it planted 50 new shade trees, repaired a culvert at Lewis Lake, completed thousands of SeeClickFix requests, restored the Main Street tennis court and parking lot, removed 100 lead water services, paved 70,000 square yards, and replaced a sewer at Palmyra and Crescent Streets.

Dir. Calla laid out the department's goals for Fiscal Year 2023. DPW aims to finish the CBD project by spring or early summer; replace a water main on Bartlett Road; continue to restore roadways; remove an additional 100 lead services; clean the water mains and improve drainage on Revere Street, Crest Avenue and Grovers Avenue; and secure funds for sidewalk replacement.

The DPW director also lamented that his department was not consulted in the feasibility study of the public safety building project. He strongly urged the town to combine the middle school redesign project in the public safety building discussion. He called it an "incredible opportunity to correct some long standing problems in town."

"As your director, I'd be acting irresponsibly if I didn't ask you to hear me out," he said.

Dir. Calla proposed building a new elementary school at the old middle school site, and retrofitting the Fort Banks School to accommodate the new public safety building, a new EOC and the expanding public health department. He claimed that this would solve a number of existing problems, would forestall future infrastructure problems, and would do so "with no negative impacts on anyone."

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Fire officials offer reminder to change your clocks, check your alarms

Staff Report

With the end of daylight savings time coming on Nov. 7, Massachusetts fire officials issued a seasonal reminder to check your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms when you change your clocks.

Text Description automatically generated with medium confidence "Working smoke and CO alarms are key to surviving a fire or carbon monoxide leak," said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey. "As we 'fall back' this weekend, remember to check your alarms when you change your clocks. Unless you have newer alarms with 10-year sealed batteries, this is a good time to replace the

alkaline batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms or replace the entire device if it's more than 10 years old."

Fire Marshal Ostroskey also highlighted the importance of CO alarms as we head into the colder months.

"Carbon monoxide is the leading cause of poisoning deaths in the United States," he said. "The primary sources of carbon monoxide in the home are furnaces and other fuel-burning appliances. We can't see, smell, or taste carbon monoxide, so it's important to have working CO alarms to alert you to this invisible killer."

Replace Aging Smoke Alarms

"Smoke alarms are like

any other household appliances: they don't last forever," said Chief Michael Winn, president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts. "Alarm manufacturing dates are printed on the back of the device. Smoke alarms usually need to be replaced after 10 years, and carbon monoxide alarms after five to seven years. If the date on your alarm is more than 10 years ago, or if there's no date at all, it's time to replace it."

Replacement Alarms Should be Photoelectric With 10-Year Sealed Batteries

The State Fire Code requires replacement battery-operated smoke alarms in older one- and two-family homes to be photoelectric and have 10-year,

sealed, non-replaceable, non-rechargeable batteries and a hush feature.

"We see too many disabled smoke alarms at fire scenes where people really needed them to work," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. "Fire officials hope that if smoke alarms are easier to maintain, like those with long-life batteries, people will keep them in use rather than disabling them or forgetting to change out the batteries."

Modern Fires Burn Faster

"Changes in construction and manufacturing make today's residential fires burn faster," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. "In the average house fire, there are only one to three

minutes to escape after the smoke alarm sounds. Working smoke alarms give you precious time to use your home escape plan before poisonous gases and heat make escape impossible."

Chief Winn said, "No one expects to be a victim of a fire, but the best way to survive one is to have working smoke alarms. Take a few minutes to protect those you love by changing the batteries in your smoke alarms this weekend. And if you have parents, grandparents, or older neighbors who might need a hand, volunteer to check their alarms and change their batteries, too."

Home Fire Sprinklers

Home fire sprinklers can provide residents additional

time to escape and contain or even extinguish a fire, but working smoke alarms are still needed to alert people to danger.

Senior SAFE

Nearly 40% of last year's fire deaths involved adults over the age of 65. More than 200 fire departments across Massachusetts have grant-funded Senior SAFE programs. Seniors who need help testing, maintaining, or replacing smoke alarms should contact their local fire department or senior center for assistance.

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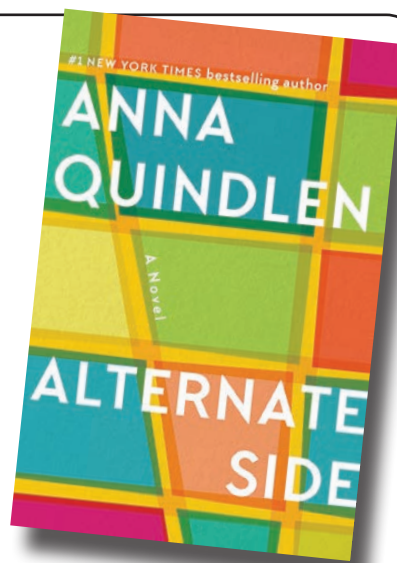


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BOOK REVIEW

'ALTERNATE SIDE' by ANNA QUINDLEN

Reviewed By Bernie Kelly



"Alternate Side" by Anna Quindlen is an exploration of the dissolution of a marriage and a depiction of the series of incidents leading to that break-up.

Nora Nolan is the heroine of the novel. A bright, vivacious woman, she is the curator of a jewelry museum, a wife and the mother of twins. Anna Quindlen does an excellent job in developing her character portraits. Nora's husband Charlie is pictured as an ambitious executive who hates his Cul de sac New York City habitat. He wants to move to the country and he has a habit of playing golf with other up and coming executives in the hopes of

achieving his dreams of success. In her spare time, Nora enjoys long distance running to clear her head.

The twins, a boy and a girl are precocious and both are enrolled in college. Other characters include the neighbors who get together with the Nolans on a regular basis and Ricky a skilled handyman who assists the family with household repairs. Jim Fisk, one of the mainstay neighbors, has a nasty temper and one day he vented on Ricky by clubbing him on the leg with his golf club.

The novel progresses to the point where Nora and Charley become disillusioned with the marriage and go their separate

ways. The narrative is handled by Quindlen in a mature fashion. In no way is the book a tear jerker. Nora leaves her job at the jewelry museum, and instead takes employment from a former boss of Charlie, who admires her ability to deal with potential customers.

One of the peripheral characters in Phil, who is described as a "faux homeless" man, which is to say that he has a dwelling place and a car, yet prefers to beg on the streets of New York City. Nora strikes up an acquaintance with Phil, who sits opposite the museum.

Another character in the book is Charity, the No-

lan's dutiful housekeeper. She is admired and loved by the entire family, especially the twins. Charity is described as a diligent caring housekeeper, and when the Nolan's separate, she rapidly moves to another residence.

Nora and Charlie love each other, but their marriage becomes too burdensome. The story line centers mostly on Nora, but Charlie's impatience and suffering are palpable. A sense of ennui permeates the novel.

Anna Quindlen is an exceptionally talented writer. Her style is precise and compelling. "Alternate Side" is a gripping novel which will move

the reader. She was formerly a journalist for the New York Times and Newsweek. While at the Times she won a Pulitzer Prize for one of her columns.

Her book, "A Short Guide to a Happy Life" sold more than a million copies. Moreover, she is the author of 9 novels, including "Object Lessons," "One True Thing" and "Millers Valley." Her Newsweek columns were collected in "Loud and Clear."

"Alternate Side demands the reader's attention. It is so clearly defined that you will be

enraptured by a thoroughgoing perusal. Anna Quindlen is a force to be reckoned with. Hopefully you will enjoy this novel as much as I did. I highly recommend it. The book can be picked up at your local library or at one of the bookstores in Winthrop.

Bernie Kelly

CITY PAWS

Don't Let 'Heartworm Positive' Happen!

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Happens?

A recent article on The Bark Magazine website "My Dog Is Heartworm Positive: Signs, Diagnosis, and Treatments," by Chicago resident Julia Lane detailed the author's experience treating her heartworm-positive dog. An annual test before her vet provided a prescription for the medication found this case. Catching the parasites early is critical.

Lane quoted Dr. Ashley Saunders, a veterinary cardiologist and professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. "The recovery rate with treatment depends on how bad the disease is at the time it is treated and which treatment protocol is used." She continues, "Dogs can recover following treatment, but those with severe damage may have long-term clinical signs or develop them at a later date."

Treatment for active heartworm disease has to be personalized for each animal. Most vets will repeat an initial positive test to check for a false positive. From there, they may have to do addition-



This is good advice from the American Heartworm Society.

al testing to determine the stage of the disease and the dog's chances of surviving a specific treatment option.

One given of a positive test is that you will have to restrict your dog's activity. The American Heartworm Society warns that the more active the dog is, the more damage the parasites can do to the animal's heart and lungs. And, the more severe the case, the more the animal's activity must be restricted.

Symptoms of Heartworm

There may be no symptoms displayed before a dog or cat tests positive for heartworms. This makes regular testing critical to prevention. If your dog has missed a dose, we

suggest you schedule an additional test.

Most heartworm symptoms are subtle. The American Heartworm Society says to look for "... a mild persistent cough, reluctance to exercise, fatigue after moderate activity, decreased appetite, and weight loss. As heartworm disease progresses, pets may develop heart failure and the appearance of a swollen belly due to excess fluid in the abdomen." For cats, they add to these asthma-like attacks, periodic vomiting, difficulty walking, fainting or seizures.

Prevention Is Kinder and Less Expensive

We suggest that you work with your veterinary team to find a heartworm

prevention medication that your animal will tolerate. Today your options include preventives that are chewable, topical, and injectable. Then give the medication as prescribed year-round.

We'll repeat what Lane wrote at the end of her article. "To think that for less than \$50, we could've given her a few more doses of Heartgard (low-dose

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