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## NEWS BRIEFS

### ABCD FUEL ASSISTANCE CAN HELP YOU STAY WARM

Bitter January cold is hitting Massachusetts and ABCD (Action for Boston Community Development) wants to remind residents that households at or below the federal poverty level can now receive as much as \$1,650 in fuel assistance, while those with slightly higher incomes receive increased benefits on a sliding scale.

Due to the huge spike in energy costs and the ongoing economic crisis battering our most vulnerable households, benefits from the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) have been increased. Last year the highest fuel assistance benefit was \$1,210.

"We are thankful for this increase and look forward to the allocation soon of the significant funds committed by President Biden to get everyone safely through the winter and reduce the number of utility shut-offs in April," said ABCD President/

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## Council votes to place new high school at former Wonderland Greyhound Park site

By Cary Shuman

In an historic vote that will transform the lives of Revere families and students for decades to come, the City Council voted unanimously to build a new Revere High School on the site of the former Wonderland Greyhound Park on VFW Parkway.

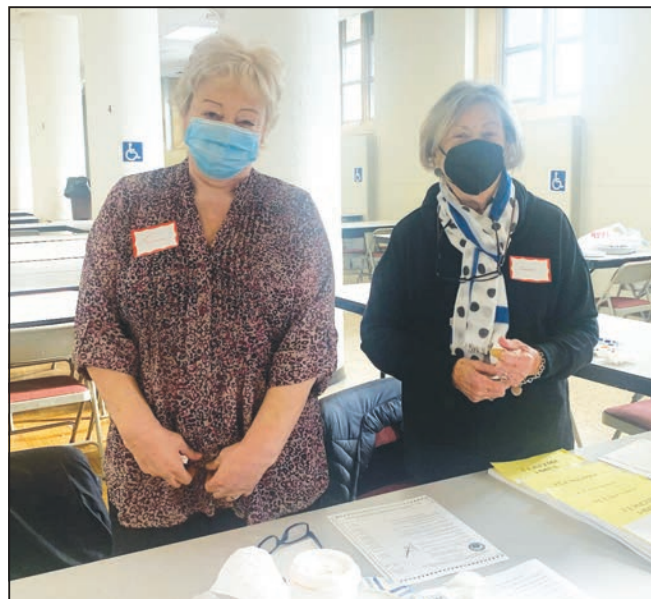
The Council's vote follows similar actions by the Revere School Building

Committee and the Revere School Committee who also determined that the Wonderland site was a superior option to building the new high school on the current RHS site, which was the other option.

The potential of using the current RHS site to build one central middle school for all Revere students – or totally renovat-

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## VOTERS HEAD TO THE POLLS



Poll workers Lorraine and Carol greeted voters as they walked through the doors at St. Anthony's Church hall to vote on the upcoming building program for Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School in Wakefield. No results were posted as of press time. Please check [reverejournal.com](http://reverejournal.com) for the latest results.

## License Commission puts off renewal of Quality Inn license

By Journal Staff

The Revere License Commission addressed a full agenda of items at the commission's regular monthly meeting held last Wednesday, January 19.

Chairman Robert Selevitch and fellow commission member Daniel Ocena were on hand for the meeting.

The meeting was uneventful, with the commissioners voting to approve all of the applications that came before them (see agenda items below), as well as approving a host of license renewals for Revere businesses for 2022 (see below).

However, the lone exception was the request for a license renewal by Sudguru Hotel, LLC d/b/a Quality Inn, 100 Morris St. Selevitch said he favored taking no action on renewing the license until representatives from the

hotel can appear before the board to explain their plans for the site going forward.

Ward 6 City Councillor Richard Serino, the vice-president of the City Council, appeared at the meeting and said he was against renewing the license. Serino said he too, was looking forward to hearing from the owners of the hotel.

Further action regarding the license renewal was put off until the commission's next meeting, which is scheduled for February 16.

Following are the agenda items and the commission's actions on each:

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

Item #1: El Paso Enchiladas, LLC d/b/a Algiers Place 1559 North Shore Road. Ahmed Ghiat, Manager, Application for Change of Seating: Application for an increase in seating to 50 seats from 18. The operations will otherwise remain the same.

Discussion and vote: Mr. Ghiat appeared on

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## RINCON LIMEÑO ON BROADWAY HOLDS GRAND OPENING



Owners of Rincon Limeño, Alfonso Giraldo, Andres Giraldo and Juan David Jaramillo, cut the ribbon with Mayor Brian Arrigo, State Representative Jeff Turco, and City Councillors, Anthony Cogliandro, Steve Moribito, Ira Novoselsky and Gerry Visconti, also Revere Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Amanda Portillo. See more photos on Page 10.

## Zambuto speaks against new RHS at Wonderland

By Cary Shuman

In a powerful, fact-based address emblematic of his 22 year-career in city government, past City Council President Anthony Zambuto told his former colleagues that he was against the construction of the new Revere High

School on the Wonderland Greyhound Park site.

"Councillor Zambuto, welcome back," Council President Gerry Visconti said to his predecessor prior to his remarks.

Zambuto began by stating, "I'm here to put some facts on the table. The bottom line is that the City

Council is the people responsible for the funding here. I spent 22 years as a city councillor protecting the taxpayers. That's what I'm here doing tonight.

"I'm trying to prevent the city from making the most fiscally irrespons-

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## Arrigo announces expanded accessibility to City Hall and Constituent Services

Staff Report

Mayor Brian M. Arrigo has announced Revere 311, the Mayor's Constituent Service Office, will be opening their brand-new office space in the basement of City Hall soon. Once open, residents

will have the option to talk to our 311 constituent service staff in-person, with assistance for a variety of requests such as missed trash pick-up, potholes, tree maintenance, and more. Previously, the 311 office was not open to the public. With a new walk-

up information window, residents now have the ability to speak to a 311 team member in person. The 311 Office, now in its fifth year, has seen impressive annual growth in its reach and use. The cen-

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## Man arrested in connection with fatal Revere shooting

By John Lynds

Revere Police have arrested a Revere man in connection with the fatal shooting Monday morning on Thornton Street.

Andre Tripp, 33, of Revere was arrested after police executed a search warrant at his Beach Street home.

Tripp was arraigned in Chelsea District Tuesday on charges of murder and possession of a firearm without a license. At the

request of assistant District Attorney Julie Higgins, Judge Jane Prince ordered Tripp held without bail.

The incident occurred after Revere Police responded to reports of a shooting in the area of Thornton Street just before 11 am Monday.

Police found a 31 year old man suffering from gunshot wounds and was transported to Mass General where he died of his injuries. The victim was

later identified as Antwane Strickland.

According to the Suffolk County District Attorney's office, State Police detectives assigned to the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office and Revere Police gathered evidence including witness statements, phone records and security camera footage, which led to a warrant being issued for Tripp's arrest.

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## From the Revere Brewers to Milwaukee Brewers, former Revere little leaguer signs with the MLB

By Melissa Moore-Randall

When Donis Rodriguez moved to Revere from the

Dominican Republic, he knew little about the city. However, he did know that he wanted to play baseball.

"I was new to the city. I did not know where anything was. I knew no one, and I did not speak English. But that was not an obstacle for me to continue doing what I liked and that was playing baseball." Donis, now 16 and living back in the Dominican Republic, certainly overcame all of those obstacles and is one of the newest members of the Milwaukee Brewers after signing a minor league contract with the team last week.

Donis's journey to the MLB began at the age of



Former Revere little leaguer Donis Rodriguez with his parents, Yaseli and Domingo, after signing a minor league contract with the Milwaukee Brewers.

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# Market Basket in top three U.S. grocery retailers, dunnhumby Retailer Preference Index finds

Staff Report

A nation-wide consumer survey confirms what legions of loyal customers already know. Major chains can learn a thing or two from New England's regional favorite, Market Basket which boasts 86 stores with three more under construction throughout Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, and Rhode Island. Market Basket currently operates two stores in the local

area, one in Revere and one in Chelsea.

According to the fifth annual Retailer Preference Index (RPI), Massachusetts-based Market Basket ranked third, following Amazon, which earned the top spot for the second consecutive year—and H.E.B, a supermarket chain headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, with more than 340 stores across the U.S.

The online survey of 10,000 U.S. households

was undertaken by dunnhumby, a British customer data science company. Dunnhumby asked respondents to rate grocers on a number of key factors including service, pricing, quality, digital options, operations, convenience, speed, and rewards programs.

Widely recognized for outstanding customer service, competitive pricing, an extensive variety of high-quality products, and an unparalleled com-

mitment to its employees, Market Basket ranked above Trader Joe's, Wegman's Target, Walmart, Costco, and other top retail brands in the survey that examined competitors within the U.S. grocery retail sector.

"We were gratified to learn that our valued customers placed us in the top three supermarkets in the country," said David McLean, Operations Manager at Market Basket. "They

highlighted continued excellence on price and operations, which is rewarding as our team seeks to fulfill our commitment to our "More for Your Dollar" shopping philosophy. The acknowledgment is truly a testament to how hard our Associates have worked and continue to work to serve our valued customers."

Market Basket's slogan is "More for Your Dollar" and is recognized by Consumer Reports as the

top supermarket operator in the Northeast. The grocer is known for its excellent service, quality, value, variety, and store cleanliness. As reported in Consumers' Checkbook, a family that spends \$200 a week on groceries can save \$1800 annually at Market Basket when compared to other supermarkets. Market Basket currently operates 86 stores in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, and Rhode Island.

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CEO John J. Drew.

\$989 in fuel assistance.

### APPLY NOW!

Drew calls on residents in need to APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Boston-area residents can apply by calling ABCD Fuel Assistance at 617-357-6012. Those living in the Mystic Valley region can call 781-322-6284. Help with applications is also available at all ABCD neighborhood centers. A new online system for first-time fuel assistance applicants can be accessed at [toapply.org/MassLI-HEAP](http://toapply.org/MassLI-HEAP). Go to [bostonabcd.org/heat](http://bostonabcd.org/heat) for detailed information, including a listing of neighborhood centers with contact information.

The 2022 federal poverty level for a family of four is \$26,500 in earnings annually or \$12,880 for a single person. To keep struggling families and elders from falling through the cracks, help with fuel costs is also available to those slightly above poverty level. For example, a family of four earning \$78,751 or a single person with an income of \$40,951 may currently qualify for

### Sky-rocketing costs

Home heating oil in Massachusetts is currently at \$3.43 a gallon and up, almost twice the cost last year. It costs about \$800 to fill a tank, and that can run out in a matter of weeks in bitter New England weather. Vulnerable elders and others who cannot afford to keep their thermostats at a comfortable level put themselves at risk of getting sick – or worse.

The rise in home heating costs is sparked by a 30 percent increase in the cost of natural gas. Based on national data, the average residential natural gas bill will increase from \$572 to \$859 this year while heating oil costs per household can rise from \$1,272 to \$1,900. Costs are higher in the Boston-New England region.

Last year a total of 21,501 applications were received for the 2020-2021 heating season, 2,000 more than the previous year. To date this season, ABCD has received more than 16,000 applications. Based on an early surge of applicants,

fuel assistance programs are predicting a significant increase in the number of households seeking aid.

Qualifying for fuel assistance opens the door to a comprehensive range of no-cost energy services to keep families warm, safe and healthy including repair and replacement of heating systems, energy-efficient appliances, utility discounts, weatherization, programs to improve energy conservation, and much more.

ABCD also offers more than 70 programs to meet basic needs and to equip individuals with the knowledge and resources to pursue their goals and achieve financial stability. For information about and referrals to all ABCD programs and services, contact [abcdconnect@bostonabcd.org](mailto:abcdconnect@bostonabcd.org) or 617.348.6329.

### Donations gratefully accepted

ABCD is grateful for any private donations to the ABCD WINTER FUND which will be used to help those in fuel assistance emergencies after using up their allocation. Your generous gift can save a household from hypothermia, stop a family from turning to dangerous heating substitutes, prevent sickness, and dramatically improve the quality of life. If you'd like to donate to the ABCD WINTER FUND, please call 617-348-6559, email [give@bostonabcd.org](mailto:give@bostonabcd.org) or visit [bostonabcd.org/donate](http://bostonabcd.org/donate).

A nonprofit human services community action organization, ABCD provides low-income residents in the Boston and Mystic Valley areas with the tools, support and resources they need to transition from poverty to stability and from stability to success. Each year, we've served more than 100,000 individuals, elders and families through

a broad range of innovative initiatives as well as long-established, proven programs and services. For more than 50 years, ABCD has been deeply rooted in every neighborhood and community served, empowering individuals and families and supporting them in their quest to live with dignity and achieve their highest potential. For more, please visit [bostonabcd.org](http://bostonabcd.org).

### MVES SEEKS DONATIONS OF NEW BLANKETS

With winter upon us and plenty of cold weather still ahead, Mystic Valley Elder Services is seeking donations of new blankets, all sizes, for its Emergency Closet. The Emergency Closet provides its care managers who work with low-income older adults and people with disabilities a place to access not only new blankets but new towels, new sheets, toiletries, and large print puzzle books for their consumers who need them. Having these items in the agency immediately available can make a huge difference in someone's life and they depend solely on donations.

If you are interested in donating blankets to the Emergency Closet, please contact the Mystic Valley Elder Services Development office at 781-324-7705 or [development@mves.org](mailto:development@mves.org).

### BAKER PROCLAIMS "MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK"

"It is important for parents in Massachusetts to explore and identify the best education options available to their children," reads a proclamation just issued by Gov. Charlie Baker, recognizing this Jan. 23-29 as "Massachusetts School

Choice Week."

Gov. Baker's proclamation highlights the importance of Massachusetts' diverse educational environments, dedicated teaching professionals, and commitment to continuously improving the quality of K-12 education. In issuing the proclamation, Gov. Baker joined more than a dozen other governors and more than 300 city and county leaders nationwide who have proclaimed School Choice Week in their territories.

For Massachusetts School Choice Week, community members have planned 432 events and activities across the state, including rallies, discussions, school open houses, and more.

These activities aim to spread information about school types and learning opportunities, bringing encouragement and information as families school search. More than half of American families are considering, or have considered in the last year, choosing a new or different school.

More than 26,000 events have been independently planned for the public awareness effort nationwide, which is celebrated by all types of schools.

"Massachusetts has many excellent schools to celebrate, and families are using the opportunity this January to look for learning opportunities and support in finding the best fit for them," said Andrew Campanella, president of National School Choice Week. "We appreciate Gov. Baker proclaiming the Week and recognizing the importance of every child having access to effective options."

National School Choice Week shines a spotlight on effective K-12 education options for children. As a not-for-profit effort, the Week focuses equally on traditional public, charter, magnet, online, private, and home education options. Every January, participants plan tens of thousands of events and activities — such as school fairs, open houses, and student showcases — to raise awareness about school choice across all

50 states. Year-round, National School Choice Week develops resources and guides to assist families searching for schools or learning environments for their children. The effort is nonpolitical and nonpartisan and does not advocate for legislation.

### SJC FURTHER PAUSES JURY TRIALS

The Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) issued an order extending the current pause on all jury trials in Massachusetts state courthouses for an additional two weeks, until February 14, 2022. All courts otherwise remain open for in-person business, with a continued emphasis on conducting matters remotely whenever possible.

"While we are encouraged by the trend in COVID-19 cases in the Commonwealth, the additional two week pause on jury trials is necessary to protect the health and safety of all who enter and work in our courthouses," said Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Kimberly Budd. "Assuming the number of COVID-19 cases continues to decline as expected, we do not anticipate any further pause beyond February 14. As throughout the pandemic, however, all plans and expectations regarding the resumption of jury trials may be adjusted at any time in the ongoing effort to balance the safety of court users and personnel with the fundamental constitutional right to a trial by jury."

Today's order partially amends the existing order regarding court operations during the pandemic, which was issued by the SJC on July 1, 2021, and supersedes a prior amendment issued on December 31, 2021.



A well-known face and new official RTV community member, State Representative Jessica Giannino, is creating a new program at RevereTV. It will be called "A View from the Hill," and be an interview-style show featuring Giannino talking to people from our community and also some colleagues in government with a focus on potential initiatives to take on. The first episode will have Revere Fire Chief, Christopher Bright, as her guest. Be on the lookout in the coming weeks for this program to be premiering on RevereTV. Specific days and time slots will be listed in future RTV Spotlights.

Creating and producing your own program is something that any RevereTV Community Member can do. Memberships are free with the only stipulation being that you reside in Revere. Productions can include participants from other cities and towns, but all programs must be sponsored and produced by a community member living here. For those interested in creating a show, you can sign up at any time and take classes that lead you through all the skills needed to become an independent producer. Programs made by community members air on television on the Community Channel which is 8 and 1072 on Comcast, and 3 and 614 on RCN.

The schedule for the monthly Board of Health Meeting has been changed to now take place on every fourth Tuesday of the month. RevereTV covered the meeting this week and continues to stream all city government meetings live from the Council Chambers at City Hall. You can view all RevereTV content including government meetings on RevereTV's YouTube page. Don't forget to also follow @RevereTV on Instagram for snapshots of everything going on at RTV.

Due to some technical upgrades happening with the Education Channel out of Revere High School, Revere School Committee Meeting recordings will now also be scheduled to replay on RTV Gov. The meetings will not stream live on RTV Gov because of scheduling conflicts with other city meetings, but recordings will be scheduled soon after the meetings happen. Revere School Committee Meetings do still stream live on the Revere School Committee YouTube page, and will stream live on the Education Channel again once the upgrade is complete. The Education Channel is 22 on Comcast and 15 on RCN.



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**HISTORIC VOTE:** Pictured at Monday night's City Council meeting, at which time the Council voted for the former Wonderland Greyhound Park site as the preferred option for the construction of a new Revere High School, are, from left, architect Robert Bell of Perkins-Eastman, school project manager Brian Dakin, City Council President Gerry Visconti, Supt. of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly, and Ward 4 Councillor Patrick Keefe.

**Wonderland //** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ing the current high school and placing the middle school there – weighed heavily in the Council's discussions.

Dr. Dianne Kelly, superintendent of Revere schools, lauded the councillors for their unanimous vote.

"It's really exciting, I think it's a huge moment for the City of Revere," said Kelly. "It's a great moment for all of the children, present and future of Revere. I'm just thankful to work in a community where everybody, all of the elected officials and the citizens, really values education."

The vote was a monumental triumph for Mayor Brian Arrigo, whose administration's sound fiscal management has put the city in the strong financial position of being able to propose a \$378 million state-of-the-art high school. If all goes according to schedule, Revere students can look forward to the opening of the new Revere High School in the summer of 2026.

Brian Dakin, project manager for the Revere High School project, said an initial key deadline for the project is March 3 at which time the City must submit "the preferred schematic report" to the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Council President Gerry Visconti gave each of the councillors an opportunity to ask questions to Dakin or provide their own comments about their preferred option for the new high school. Visconti decided to stray from any council seniority and begin the comment period in "alphabetical order."

Councillor Anthony Cogliandro said "my big concern is the cost of the land acquisition" at Wonderland Greyhound Park.

"You said, \$30 million, but I find that it might be a lot more than that," said Cogliandro. "If that is the case, are we still moving forward, and how will that impact the taxpayers?"

Dakin, who is the son of former Supt. of Schools Dr. Paul Dakin, said the \$30 million figure is "really a starting point value." "From what I understand there's a commitment from the City that if that value increases, we can stick with it."

Ward 4 Councillor Patrick Keefe, a member of the School Building Committee, said he has been involved in the project for the past 18 months.

"Early on, a year ago, I really didn't think it [Wonderland] was going to be feasible," said Keefe. "Over time I took the pros and cons, and due to some of the assessments that has been brought forth, I definitely came on to the other side."

Keefe said the pros for the Wonderland option were site control, future site control [of the current RHS location] for growth of the city, and the ability to meet the demands of the growth of the city a decade from now. He also noted that there will be no disruption in the current learning environment at Revere High School.

"Wonderland is a clean campus, you don't have to change around the culvert that goes through the current school," said Keefe, adding that "you will not see an Assembly Row (Somerville) at Wonderland."

Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna said her biggest concern was that Wonderland "was not a pedestrian-friendly area."

"Councillor Novoselsky and I have been working diligently through the last six years to get added crosswalks in there," said McKenna. "It doesn't matter where the crosswalks are. The kids walk in between the cars. That's my biggest fear. I think if we're going to put the new high school, it really needs to be pedestrian friendly, and we should have all kinds of [traffic] studies there to make sure the kids are safe."

Councillor-at-Large

Steven Morabito said he was "not an obstructionist, but I do have reservations about building the high school at the former Wonderland site."

Morabito said he grew up in that neighborhood, expressing safety concerns about crossing the rotary on foot, "especially during rush hour, in morning traffic, and during the winter when there is snow."

Morabito estimated that 100,000 vehicles travel through the Wonderland location on most days.

"We do need high school and I campaigned on the fact that I'm pro-education, and I know we need a new high school," concluded Morabito, also citing the desirability of the current RHS site for one central middle school.

Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky said by purchasing the Wonderland site and building the new high school there, the City would retain the authority to "sell the [remaining] land for what we want on it, not what a developer wants on it."

Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino asked Chief Financial Officer Richard Viscay about the potential tax revenues that would be generated by the conversion of the Wonderland site into a commercial or residential site.

Viscay outlined three potential scenarios for commercial-residential splits on the property that would generate annual tax revenues between \$17-19 million.

"Assuming it eventually gets developed, it's important to note that site has sat vacant for ten years, and in some ways, it has been a blight to our community with some of the activities that have gone on there," said Serino. "So I think this could be a positive thing for the site."

Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri asked for a firm clarification that "on paper that the new school will be done 100 percent union built and Revere residents will have a number of those jobs onsite."

Council President Gerry Visconti, a member of the School Building Committee, reaffirmed his previous vote, noting that residents should understand that once the vote is official, everyone should be "all in" on the construction of the new high school and there is no turning back.

And Visconti was right on the mark as the City Council followed the votes by the School Building Committee and the School Committee by casting an "all-in" unanimous vote for the Wonderland site.

**RHS senior DeMauro designs logo for newly formed Arts Commission**

By Cary Shuman

Naomi DeMauro is one of the top students academically in the Revere High School Class of 2022 and a proud member of the National Honor Society. She is also president of the 40-student-member RHS Art Club, but right now she's also making history in the City of Revere.

At 18 years old, DeMauro is the youngest member of the newly formed Revere Arts Commission (RAC) that was launched as an initiative by Mayor Brian Arrigo. DeMauro is representing Revere's youth on the committee, and she is making an immediate impact. As one of her first noteworthy acts as an RAC member, DeMauro has developed The Commission's official logo, which is a red, white, and blue paint brush with "Revere Arts Commission" on it.

"I wanted to personalize the logo and make it specific to Revere," said DeMauro. "It ended up being really simple, but I think the colors and paint brush will definitely let people know who we are."

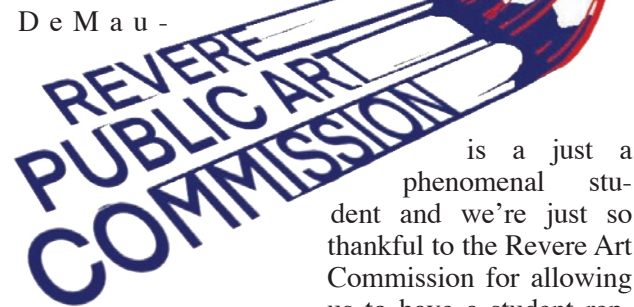
DeMauro has been attending the RAC's virtual monthly sessions. "The members have been great and so helpful. Our chairperson, Joanne McKenna, is really, really nice and has a very good vision for the community in relation to how the arts are going to be incorporated into the community and improve our lives," said DeMauro. "Elle Baker has done a great job bringing the Commission together."

"The members have been supportive as I've advocated for different ideas for murals that maybe we can install in the future. I've also brought forth ideas about public art installations that would help connect artists in the community more. I think Revere has a lot of artists, and the Revere Arts Commission will be able to connect all the artists and make Revere a more beautiful and artsy place. Everyone on the Com-

mission is working their hardest, and I think in the future our ideas are going to come to life and help Revere."

DeMauro -

and Overseer Elle Baker. "Naomi is



ro said Revere High art teacher Megan Allen, an adviser to the Art Club, has been "very supportive" of her endeavors. "We have great art teachers at the high school," added DeMauro.

**Studying toward a career in the arts**

Naomi DeMauro is the sixth-ranked student in the senior class and has taken several AP and honors classes. She is the creator and director of a popular webcomic called "Blighted Light."

Having enrolled in arts classes at the high school, DeMauro has applied to several colleges including Rhode Island School of Design, Mass Art, Brown, Harvard, BU, Lesley, and UMass/Dartmouth.

"I really want to be able to study art and graphic design in college, eventually working with other forms like the entertainment media as well as writing," said DeMauro. "I really wanted to be a professional graphic novel artist in the future."

DeMauro's work on the Arts Commission is not the first time she has participated in a public service endeavor. She previously participated in Project 351, a non-profit, community service group, during her freshman and sophomore years.

**Praise from city leaders**

DeMauro's dedication to her service on the new board has drawn commendation from city leaders, including Supt. of Schools Dianne Kelly, Ward 1 Councillor and McKenna, and Commission Creator

is a just a phenomenal student and we're just so thankful to the Revere Arts Commission for allowing us to have a student representative," said Kelly. "One of the things that we're working toward with our Director of Fine Arts, Christina Porter, is developing a program where we can have an artist-in-residence, and have a student who will automatically serve on the Revere Arts Commission. It's great to be starting that process with Naomi and really getting moving and having the kids have more of a voice in the community."

"Naomi developed our logo and we're having it printed right now at Northrop," said McKenna. "Naomi is a wonderful girl. I hope we can replace her next year with someone as terrific a student and person as she is."

"One of the positions on the Commission is reserved for a Revere High School student and Naomi has been a great addition," said Baker. "She's been part of our effort in laying the groundwork for some projects [murals at the Route 1A underpass in the Point of Pines and at a building adjacent to the Wonderland MBTA Garage] that that will commence in the spring."

**Inspired by her parents**

Naomi is the daughter of Robert DeMauro and Robert DeMauro. She has an older sister, Emily DeMauro, 19, who is studying Animation at Lesley College.

"My parents and my sister have been very supportive," said Naomi. "I don't think I would have been able to do this without them. My sister loved to draw, too."

In fact, Naomi's mother, Betty, is an accomplished artist and a graduate of Mass Art. She was a first-place award recipient in the Revere Art Festival.

"My mom is an artist and I really liked all her paintings and everything," said Naomi. "Growing up, I watched a ton of cartoons and I really like them a lot and so I wanted to be able to draw the cartoons I saw, and eventually I want to create my own original characters and my own stories. It's been really enjoyable and something I continue to do in my free time."

Her father, Robert, is a hero to his daughters and everyone else, serving as a firefighter in the Revere Fire Department.



Revere High School senior Naomi DeMauro, a member of the Revere Art Commission and president of the RHS Art Club, works on her illustrations.



Former City Council President Anthony Zambuto is pictured following his remarks opposing the use of the Wonderland site for the construction of a new Revere High School.

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ble mistake in the history of this city," he continued. "It's not about the \$25-50 million in land acquisition costs or the \$250-\$275 million it's going to cost to build the school. It's about taking Wonderland off the tax rolls."

Zambuto said the Suffolk Downs development will generate \$47 million per year in tax revenue upon completion.

"Let's say Wonderland is just half of that," said

Zambuto. "That's \$23.5 million a year in lost revenue – times [multiplied by] 50 years – is almost \$1.2 billion that the taxpayers are being asked to come up with, because we're not going to get it from the piece of property that we're taking off the tax rolls."

"Your job is to protect the taxpayers," he said to his former colleagues. "I ask you to vote against this location [Wonderland]. "I'm

for a new high school and I know everybody up here is, but please don't go down this road. Please don't vote to take \$1.2 billion over 50 years, off the tax rolls. I ask you to vote 'no' on the Wonderland site."

Despite Zambuto's impassioned speech, the City Council unanimously voted, 9-0, in favor of the Wonderland site, affirming the votes of the School Building Committee and the School Committee.



Above, Senator Lydia Edwards with Mayor Michelle Wu and former Senators Joseph Boncore, Robert Travaglini, Linda Dorcena Forry and Anthony Petrucci.



Sen. Lydia Edwards and her mom, Bridgett.



Left, Senator Lydia Edwards is administered the oath of office by Gov. Charlie Baker last Thursday in the Mass Senate Chambers.

# Senator Lydia Edwards sworn in by Baker

By John Lynds

At a State House ceremony last Thursday Senator Lydia Edwards was administered the oath of office by Gov. Charlie Baker in front of a room of new colleagues, friends and family.

After taking the oath Edwards addressed the Massachusetts Senate for the first time and promised to be a hard worker and asked for her colleagues' prayers as she embarks on a new journey in public

service.

"I can only promise to do one thing and that's to be myself and ask that you help me, pray for me, feed me because I'm a horrible cook, but also, educate me," said Edwards "I asked for your patience, your transparency, your honesty. To my colleagues on both sides of this incredible building, especially those in the Senate, you have in me a hard worker. You have someone who likes to laugh. You have someone who

wants to get things done. I won't choose perfection over progress. I will ask that you be totally transparent with me as I will be with you. We are going to get along and we're going to get a lot of things done. This pathway here was not easily paved and includes losses, it includes wins, it includes a lot of different things. I'm gonna keep fighting but more importantly I'm ready to go so let's get to work."

Edwards, who won the state special election dem-

ocratic primary in December and then the general election earlier this month hails from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan where she was raised by her military mom.

"To my public school teachers, my coaches, my after school program counselor, my babysitter—thank you," she said. "Thank you to all of those hands that helped train me in the art of social justice and service. I also want to thank the immigrant community of Massachusetts. So much of my pathway here is paved by you, paved by your struggle, paved by your resilience, paved by your fight that I was honored to be a part of. But I have to say I've been told consistently no matter how far I go in my life to not forget where I come from."

Edwards continued and addressed her mother, Bridgett, "Today I look at my mother. You know, the reason why I won was because of your story. My mom, retired Master Sergeant Bridget Edwards of the United States Air Force, raised me and my sister Erica all over the world. When we landed in Michigan, she worked two jobs during the week and a weekend job. Erica and I had jobs and so much of that story is replicated in the men and women I see in my district. So much of who you are and your struggle is what I saw in the nannies and house cleaners that I represented. Because I saw you in them I fight harder because you're in my life. You're an excellent mother. I love you so much. Thank you so much."



Supporters watch a live feed of Sen. Lydia Edwards being sworn in at her swearing in watch party at Democracy Tavern in Boston.

## Rizzo Insurance announces partnership with Arbella Insurance Group

Staff Report

The Rizzo Insurance Group is proud to announce the addition of the Arbella Insurance Group to their list of carriers they currently represent. Arbella Insurance Group, headquartered in Quincy, Massachusetts, United States, is a regional property and casualty insurance company providing business and personal insurance in Massachusetts and Connecticut, as well as business insurance in Rhode Island and New Hampshire. Arbella Insurance Group serves as a carrier, partnering with independent insurance agencies throughout New England to write lines of commercial and personal insurance for its customers.

Paul Rizzo, President of Rizzo Insurance said "We are proud of our affiliation with Arbella Insurance. They have been serving

thousands of consumers in our area since 1988 and their addition to our list of carriers will help us continue to provide our clients with the most options, the best coverage, and the most competitive pricing, all in one stop shopping.

The Rizzo Insurance Group is a community-based company that strives to be part of the communities they operate in. For over 35 years, they have worked with individuals, families and businesses to protect what matters most to them so that they may be adequately protected in the event of an unforeseen loss. They seek to acquire a mutual trust between their clients and their agency so that they may exchange an honest and open dialogue from which they can determine a correct and appropriate plan of action with regards to their client's insurance portfolios.

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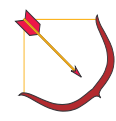
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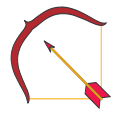


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# Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2022

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*This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." Catholic schools have a specific purpose to form students to be good citizens of the world, love God and neighbor and enrich society with the leaven of the gospel and by example of faith. As communities of faith, Catholic schools instill in students their destiny to become saints. Academic excellence is the hallmark of Catholic education intentionally directed to the growth of the whole person – mind, body and spirit. Finally, service is fundamental to Catholic education and the core of Catholic discipleship. Service is intended to help form people who are not only witnesses to Catholic social teaching, but also active participants through social learning.*

## What is Catholic Schools Week?

Special to the Journal

Catholic Schools Week is a national celebration of Catholic education and an opportunity to recognize the importance, the value, and the contributions of Catholic education to the Church and the world. Catholic Schools Week is sponsored by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA).

An annual tradition that began in 1974, Catholic schools across the nation commemorate Catholic Schools Week with celebrations, Masses, open houses, and activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members. Catholic Schools Week events showcase and celebrate the rich traditions and the incredible value of Catholic education on both a local and national level.

Each year, Catholic Schools Week is celebrated during the last week of January. This year, Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from January 30th through February 5th.

### Catholic Schools and the Students They Serve

According to NCEA, there are more than 6,000 Catholic schools nationwide. These schools—serving elementary, middle, and secondary school students—are located across all regions, giving many families the opportunity for accessible Catholic education.

### The Benefits of Catholic Schools

- The integration of faith with academic subjects, culture, and everyday life
- The emphasis of living out the faith as missionary disciples
- Catholic virtues and values and Catholic Social Teaching, which contribute to productive citizenship and responsible leadership
- An environment that encourages and nurtures prayer and is safe, welcoming, and supportive for children
- A favorable student to teacher ratio
- High graduation and

college attendance rates

- Teacher commitment

For further reading and in addition to these benefits, explore NCEA's A Dozen Reasons to Choose Catholic Schools Info Graphic.

### Celebrating Catholic Schools Week

Throughout Catholic Schools Week, schools, parishes, and dioceses schedule activities and events to provide opportunities for celebration and engagement with students and families related to the annual theme. Parishioners and community members are also often invited to participate in some events. Events invite participants to reflect on the value and importance that Catholic education to the school and community, the Church, and the world.

Many Catholic schools also host an open house to start or during Catholic Schools Week. An open house is an opportunity to celebrate the mission of the Catholic school, welcome visitors

and newcomers, and perhaps showcase original student artwork inspired by the 2022 theme. Families, visitors, and special guests can see firsthand the benefits of students learning, playing, praying and living out their faith and school.

Each year, Catholic Schools Week has a theme. The theme for this year's Catholic Schools Week is Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.

Each day of Catholic Schools Week focuses on a particular celebration. Within the overarching theme for the week are the

following daily themes:

- Sunday: Celebrating your parish
- Monday: Celebrating your community
- Tuesday: Celebrating your students
- Wednesday: Celebrating the nation
- Thursday: Celebrating vocations
- Friday: Celebrating faculty, staff, and volunteers
- Saturday: Celebrating families

### Celebrating Your Parish on Sunday

On the opening day of Catholic Schools Week, many parishes devote a Mass to Catholic educa-

tion. These celebrations show the connection between Catholic schools and parishes, on both a local and national level, and reflect the support and guidance parishes provide.

Families and catechists can prepare children and students for this Mass by reflecting with them on the support they witness through the assembly of school, Church and community. Students can be reminded that Catholic school students, families, and supporters are gatherings all over the country as they beginning Catholic Schools Week at Mass in their own parishes.



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# Forum

## SAFE INJECTION SITES ARE NEEDED NOW

Among the side-effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has been the increase in drug-overdose deaths in this country.

The death rate from opioids finally had begun to decline in 2019, but then came COVID-19 and the number of deaths from drug overdoses began to skyrocket once again.

The nation was reporting fewer than 50,000 fatal overdoses as recently as 2014, but in 2020, drug overdose deaths breached the 100,000 mark.

The chief cause of the surge in deaths is the increase in availability of the synthetic opioid fentanyl, which is being laced into all sorts of drugs -- from marijuana to cocaine to heroin -- by the drug cartels. According to some news reports, nearly half of drugs tested by the DEA contain a potentially fatal dose of fentanyl.

Fentanyl is up to 50 times more powerful than heroin, but is far cheaper to manufacture for drug dealers, who use it as a substitute for heroin powder or press it into black-market oxycodone pills. Fentanyl is now also finding its way into cocaine and party drugs like ecstasy and is even sprayed on marijuana.

It has been reported that fentanyl now has killed far more Americans than all U.S. conflicts since World War II combined. In the past decade, it has claimed more than a half million lives, a toll that is growing daily.

In view of the combination of the lethality and availability of fentanyl, now more than ever our nation needs to address the tragedy of drug overdose deaths with a realistic solution.

Those who think that we can stop the supply of fentanyl are living in a fantasy-world of the 1970s-era movie *The French Connection*. Fentanyl is so powerful that just a few automobile trunk-loads are enough to kill every American citizen.

If old-school heroin were to be compared to conventional weaponry, then fentanyl is a nuclear bomb.

The Massachusetts legislature has before it a number of bills that would allow for clean injection sites, similar to what New York City and the nation of Portugal (where drug overdose rates have been a fraction of the rest of the world for 20 years) are doing.

We urge our state legislators to enact this important legislation forthwith. Every day of delay means more lives lost needlessly to the scourge of drugs.

## OMICRON CAN LEAD TO LONG COVID

Public health officials have defined so-called long COVID as the physical, neurological, and cognitive symptoms that can persist indefinitely after infection.

Over the past two years, we've all seen the countless news stories about the devastating effects of long COVID upon those who are unfortunate enough to suffer from it.

Although the Omicron variant is causing less severe disease in those who are fully-vaccinated, the number of those infected who suffer from the loss of taste and smell, physical fatigue, and brain fog still is quite significant.

During this period of a surge in COVID because of Omicron's high transmissibility, it only makes sense for all of us to continue to take the usual precautions -- wearing a protective face mask (such as an N-95), maintaining social distancing, and avoiding large crowds -- until the Omicron surge begins to wane.

Sure, we can play Russian roulette with our health.

But with the number of Omicron cases already declining (though still high) in Massachusetts, we figure that if we've made this far through the worst of the pandemic, sticking it out for another two months or so by making careful choices only makes sense.

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## GUEST OP-ED

### The 3Gpocalypse is coming — Is your car ready?

By Kane DiMasso-Scott

Just this week I heard about something that I'm surprised has not gotten more media coverage on the national level, as it's extremely important to us as consumers. Beginning in February and continuing through the end of the year, 3G networks are being shut down by the major players in the cellular network industry AT&T, Verizon, and T-Mobile. This poses no problem to our use of cell phones, however, our automobiles are about to get a whole lot "dumber."

Nearly every major brand in the auto industry has, from 2010 to as late as 2021, used these 3G networks in certain models for many of their included and on-board features in their cars. With the shutdown of 3G networks, features like GPS navigation, automatic crash detection, SOS emergency features, remote locking and unlocking, and the ability to connect with your phones (wirelessly), among others, will no longer be functional. Some companies

have already announced their plans to address the issue, while others still have not said much.

Certain brands will be offering free over-the-air updates for your vehicle to ensure that the features continue to work such as Subaru, Honda, and GM, while others look to require a hardware upgrade at a dealership to re-enable your features or disable warning messages that may arise from the lack of connectivity.

The shutdown of 3G networks is not something that comes as a surprise, as it was always an inevitability following 4G and now 5G rollouts. However, what's embarrassing and downright frustrating is the fact that some automakers continued to produce vehicles using this same outdated network, fully aware of the ramifications down the line. I commend the aforementioned companies that are pushing out updates for their consumers, but others who have yet to announce what their plans are is maddening.

More often the not

we, as the consumer, will spend tens of thousands of dollars on a vehicle, expecting the features included when we purchased the vehicle to always be available. Now, with the shutdown of 3G networks, it seems like a fair number of vehicles will lose those features permanently, or will require additional purchases to re-enable or modernize these vehicles for 4G.

So not only will some consumers lose access to features they thought they'd have throughout their vehicle's lifetime, but others may also have to pay additional fees to get those features back. This shouldn't be our responsibility. It's on the automakers and dealers to make it right. They continued to produce vehicles on an outdated network knowing it would be obsolete, but now, the piper needs to be paid and some of them believe that responsibility falls on you.

You can visit [https://www.cnbc.com/2022/01/16/3g-networks-shutting-down-in-2022-could-affect-your-](https://www.cnbc.com/2022/01/16/3g-networks-shutting-down-in-2022-could-affect-your-cars-gps.html)

[cars-gps.html](https://www.cnbc.com/2022/01/16/3g-networks-shutting-down-in-2022-could-affect-your-cars-gps.html) or scan the QR code below with your smartphone to see the current list of publicly known affected models. AT&T will shut down their 3G network next month, which certain Honda, Nissan and Volvo models rely on for their features. If this is your first-time hearing about it as well, I suggest you call your dealer, figure out what, if anything, could be done if you have an affected model, and hope for the best.

Good luck.



*Kane DiMasso-Scott is an art director for the Independent Newspaper Group. The views expressed in this Op-Ed do not necessarily represent the views of the Independent Newspaper Group.*

## Accessibility // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ter received 19,000 phone calls and 4,400 service requests in its first year, growing to 34,000 phone calls and over 10,000 service requests last year.

"The new 311 office space will give us the opportunity to assist every resident, even in person at City Hall," said Nicholas Romano, Director of Revere 311. "Connecting to residents and offering the best service possible has always been our goal in the 311 office. The new space gives us more liberty to connect with residents, assist with their issues, and streamline city services. This is a new chapter for the 311 team and I'm excited to see where this will take us."

As Mayor Arrigo works to continue to modernize government and expand accessibility, the City of Revere will now utilize Hyper-Reach — a new emergency alert platform to bring City and weather email, text, and phone call alerts to residents. For the first time, Revere emergency alerts and weather

notices will be translated in Spanish - an effort made to ensure all residents, despite the language they speak, have access to important resources. Those who wish to continue receiving alerts must visit [www.revere.org/connect](http://www.revere.org/connect) to make sure they are subscribed to the new system, and those who have unsubscribed from our prior alert system will have to do so again. Residents can also download the Hyper-Reach app to receive notifications on their phone. If residents have any questions about the new system, they are encouraged to reach out to Revere 311.

"With new projects, initiatives, and campaigns launching almost every week, it's more important than ever before to ensure our residents have access to this information in multiple languages," said Mayor Brian Arrigo. "Throughout the pandemic we utilized a variety of communications tools, and by expanding on that framework, our residents

now have more access to City Hall than ever before. Simple things like emergency alerts, newsletters, and City-specific text messaging creates community and ensures our residents are connected to all things Revere."

The City of Revere 311 Office launched [www.revere.org/connect](http://www.revere.org/connect) in an effort to connect residents to the various communications tools available. On one streamlined webpage, residents are able to subscribe, follow, or register for the following tools:

Hyper-Reach Emergency and Weather Alerts: This system will be used to announce urgent matters in the City, such as weather emergencies, road closures, events that may impact water service, and other vital information. Residents have the option to sign up for both alerts from the City as well as opting-in for National Weather Service alerts. This service is available in both English and Spanish.

Public Input Newsletters and Text Messages:

Every week, the Mayor's Office sends a newsletter email and text message to those who are signed up for our subscription service. Information includes new programs with the City, small business support, COVID data and clinics, events, and more. Both English and Spanish newsletters are available.

Revere Trash App: By downloading the Revere Trash App on Apple or Android, residents can input their address to receive push notifications for their specific address's trash schedule. Learn what can and cannot be recycled, reach out to 311 with questions, and more on this user-friendly app.

Social Media: The City of Revere is regularly updating social media profiles on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram with information regarding events, COVID, water main shut-downs, City Hall hour changes, and more. Be sure to follow us to be the first to know about new programs the City is offering.

## Shooting // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Higgins told the court that Strickland and Tripp were on Thornton Street Monday morning when their encounter escalated. Tripp allegedly produced a firearm and shot Strickland then fled on foot.

"I'm grateful to my office's State Police detective unit and the Revere Police Department for their tireless work identifying and apprehending the individual accused of Strickland's murder,"

said Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin R. Hayden. "We will not tolerate such senseless violence in our communities, and those who would inflict such incredible and reckless harm should know that we will take

every step to hold them accountable. My office is available to support Strickland's loved ones and the Revere community that has been impacted."

Tripp is due to return to court on March 4.

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behalf of himself to present the application. The commission members had no questions and there were no opponents. The board voted 2-0 to approve the application.

**Item #2:** Fair Price Market, Inc., 1470 North Shore Road, Abdelkader Fedhal, President and Manager, Application for a Common Victualler License: Application of Fair Price Market, Inc., Abdelkader Fedhal, President and Manager, for a Common Victualler license to be exercised at 1470 North Shore Road, for preparation and service of sandwiches at a convenience store. Requested hours are Sunday – Saturday 6 a.m. – 12 a.m., with no seating. Discussion and vote:

Commissioner Ocena asked the applicant whether he had all of the necessary approvals from the city and was told that all of the required inspections had been conducted. There were no opponents. The commission voted 2-0 to approve the application.

**Item #3:** Revere Restaurant Group, Inc., d/b/a Tio Juan's Margarita's Mexican Restaurant, 85 American Legion Highway, Sean M. Casey, Manager, Application for an Alteration of Premises and Change of License Type: Application of Revere Restaurant Group, Inc. d/b/a Tio Juan's Margarita's Mexican Restaurant, Sean M. Casey, Manager, for an alteration of premises to renovate and expand the licensed premises, and a change of license type from All Alcohol Restaurant to All Alcohol Innholder.

Discussion and vote: Mr. Casey appeared on behalf of himself and explained that his business will be enlarging the footprint of the restaurant within the hotel to allow guests to bring their alcohol beverages to their rooms. He assured the commissioners that the hotel security will not allow patrons to bring their beverages outside of the hotel. There were no opponents. The application was approved by a vote of 2-0.

**Item #4:** MFRP Corp., d/b/a The Squire, 604 Squire Road, Peter DePesa, Manager, Application for an Alteration of Premises: Application of MFRP Corp. d/b/a The Squire, Peter DePesa, Manager, for an alteration of premises to renovate and rearrange spaces within the licensed premises.

Discussion and vote: Mr. DiPesa appeared on behalf of the applicant. He explained that this is the first renovation of the premises since 1994, which will involve rearranging only the interior by essentially reversing the current layout. He said

there will be no additional seating. There were no opponents. The commission voted 2-0 to approve the application.

**Item #5:** North Shore Road Donuts, LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, 555 North Shore Road

Nilesh Patel, LLC Manager, Application for Transfer of a Common Victualler License: Application of North Shore Road Donuts, LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, Nilesh Patel, LLC Manager, for transfer of a Common Victualler license from Courtyard Donuts, Inc., said license to be exercised at 555 North Shore Road. Requested hours are Sunday – Saturday 5 a.m. – 8 p.m. with seating to remain at 10 inside, 12 outside.

Revere Donuts, LLC, d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, 1 Bennington Street Nilesh Patel, LLC Manager

Application for Transfer of a Common Victualler License: Application of Revere Donuts, LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, Nilesh Patel, LLC Manager, for transfer of a Common Victualler license from RMG Donuts, LLC, said license to be exercised at 1 Bennington Street. Requested hours are Sunday – Saturday 4:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. with seating to remain at 10.

Lee Burbank Donuts, LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, 41 Lee Burbank Highway Nilesh Patel, LLC Manager, Application for Transfer of a Common Victualler License: Application of Lee Burbank Donuts, LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, Nilesh Patel, LLC Manager, for transfer of a Common Victualler license from Trifecta Donuts, LLC, said license to be exercised at 41 Lee Burbank Highway. Requested hours are Sunday – Saturday 5 a.m. – 8 p.m. with no seating.

Discussion and vote: Mr. Patel presented the application. He stated that his company has been expanding its business with the acquisition of Dunkin' Donuts franchises across the state. They said there will be no changes to the existing franchises in Revere and that he intends to keep the present employees. The commissioners voted 2-0 to approve the application.

**Item #6:** Nyan Group, Inc., d/b/a Cash Point, 7C Everett Street, Marat Hunanyan, President, Application for a Pawnbroker License: Application of Nyan Group, Inc. d/b/a Cash Point, Marat Hunanyan, President, for a Pawnbroker license to be exercised at 7C Everett Street. Requested hours are Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Discussion and vote: Prominent local attorney James Cipoletta ap-

peared with the applicant, who has five similar business locations in the state. Cipoletta explained that his client wants to upgrade his present business to a pawnbroker business. Mr. Hunanyan told the commissioners that he presently has a second-hand dealer's license, also known as a junk license, which he has had for six years. He said that there now is a demand from his customers for the services of a pawnbroker, which would allow customers to bring in their items without selling them. Hunanyan said he operates a pawn shop in Beverly and is aware of all of the laws and regulations pertaining to the pawn shop business. There were no opponents and the application was approved by a vote of 2-0.

**Item #7:** Rockwell Realty Trust, 1380 North Shore Road Jean Geary, Trustee, Application for a Change of Number of Spaces for a Parking Lot License: Application of Rockwal Realty Trust, Jean Geary, Trustee, for a change in the number of available parking spaces to 30 from 45.

Discussion and vote:

Ms. Geary appeared on behalf of herself to present the application. She explained that she is seeking the reduction because of the fewer number of commuters during the current business climate. Ms. Geary previously had appeared before the commission in December regarding the same issue. Commissioner Ocena noted however, that the lot has available spaces for 60 vehicles and that based on his observations, there were up to 35 vehicles being parked daily, in addition to a number of vehicles that were being stored there. Ocean said that though there is no way for the commission to know exactly how many vehicles are being parked daily, he would not oppose the request. Geary pointed out that the vehicles that are stored there are from adjacent businesses. She assured the commissioners that if there is an increase in the number of commuter vehicles parked there, she will inform the commission. Selevitch noted that this is the only private commuter lot in the city and told Ms. Geary that if business picks up, it would be her responsibility to come back to the commission to ask for an increase in the number of cars. There were no opponents and the commission voted 2-0 to approve the application.

**Item #8:** Kenneth G. LaFauci, d/b/a Brothers Auto Body 16 Naples Road, Kenneth G. LaFauci, Manager, Application for a Class 2 Motor Vehicle Dealer License: Application of Kenneth G. LaFauci d/b/a Brothers Auto Body, for a Class 2 Motor Vehicle Dealer License, said license to be exercised at 16 Naples Road. Requested hours are Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and requested number of cars for sale is two.

Discussion and vote: This matter was continued to the commission's February meeting.

**Item #9:** Four Partners, Inc., d/b/a Antonia's at the Beach 492 Revere Beach Boulevard Rodrigo Angulo, Manager. Board Discussion: Board discussion concerning the denial of renewal of this license in light of recent filings.

Discussion and vote: Atty. Cipoletta appeared with the applicant

to discuss the issue. Cipoletta explained that there have been internal issues within the corporation that have been resolved recently, including the attainment of a Certificate of Good Standing from the Secretary of State's office. There also was an issue recently involving the serving of food for take-out, which Cipoletta said stemmed from a misunderstanding by his client. The business presently is closed. Ocean pointed out that it is the responsibility of the business to know what the law is and said that as long as the business operates under the law, the commission is not looking to hurt a local business.

Selevitch said that inasmuch as all of the necessary paperwork now is in order, the commission can move forward with approving and renewing the necessary licenses, which had been held in abeyance since December.

There was no opposition and two persons spoke on behalf of the application, including a resident of Revere Beach Blvd. who advocated in favor of Antonia's in particular and minority businesses in general. The commission then voted 2-0 to approve the renewal of all of the necessary licenses.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**  
1. Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) approval of application of Revere Restaurant Group, Inc. d/b/a Tio Juan's Margarita's Mexican Restaurant for a change of manager.

2. ABCC notice of hearing for appeal of Four Partners, Inc. d/b/a Antonia's at the Beach appealing the denial of renewal of license. (Note: The commission's action to renew the licenses made this communication a moot issue.)

**LICENSE RENEWALS**

Fortuneteller:

Mary Wasso d/b/a Revere Psychic Studio, 230 Squire Road

Innholder/Hotel:  
Bell Circle Assoc. d/b/a Comfort Inn & Suites, 85 American Legion Highway

Lodging House:  
Shirley Investments, LLC, 194 Shirley Avenue

Parking Lot:  
Bell Circle Assoc. d/b/a Comfort Inn & Suites, 85 American Legion Highway

Secondhand Dealer:  
AC's Cards & Games, Inc., 348 Revere Street

Class 1 Motor Vehicle Dealer:  
The Bikers Outfitter, Inc., 1039 Broadway

Class 2 Motor Vehicle Dealer:  
Smart Buy Auto Group, Inc. d/b/a Smart Buy USA, 1107 North Shore Road

Sena Motors, Inc., 120 Squire Road

Ibrahim el Rihane d/b/a U.S.A. Motors, 404 Revere Beach Parkway

Charlie's Auto Exchange, Inc., 655 North Shore Road

Bob's Auto Body Services, Ltd., 1456 North Shore Road

Avetis John Nakashian d/b/a European Exotics Auto Sales, 787 North Shore Road

Serop Rob Nakashian d/b/a Beach Motors Auto Sales, 787B North Shore Road

Circle Auto Gallery, Inc., 400 Beach Street

Master Auto Sales, Inc., 1027 Broadway

Emanuele Gulino d/b/a Gulino's Auto Body, 1062 Broadway

Pat Tata, Jr. d/b/a Millennium Motors, 190 American Legion Highway

Exotic Auto Group, Inc., 212 Everett Street

Motorcycles of Manchester, Inc., 184 Broadway

Entertainment:  
Sudguru Hotel, LLC d/b/a Quality Inn, 100 Morris Street

Bajza, Inc. d/b/a Papa

Jack's, 327 Broadway  
The Good Diner, LLC, 361 Broadway

Common Victualler:  
Sudguru Hotel, LLC d/b/a Quality Inn, 100 Morris Street

Bell Circle Assoc. d/b/a Comfort Inn & Suites, 85 American Legion Highway

Aamwal, Inc. d/b/a Nick's Bistro, 169 Squire Road

Kelly's Roast Beef, Inc., 410 Revere Beach Boulevard

Beach Mount Corporation d/b/a Beachmont Roast Beef, 629 Winthrop Avenue

Bajza, Inc. d/b/a Papa Jack's, 327 Broadway

Target Corporation d/b/a Target Store T-1942, 36 Furlong Drive

Los Hornitos, LLC, 2 Park Avenue

Tori, LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, 477 Beach Street

Colimens Corporation d/b/a Taqueria Colima, 425 Revere Beach Boulevard

Mehrun Islam d/b/a 7-Eleven #34393, 127 Broadway

The Delta Hellenic Company, LLC d/b/a Revere House of Pizza, 354 Broadway

The Good Diner, LLC, 361 Broadway

A & I Hospitality, Inc. d/b/a Kabob Hut, 163 Squire Road

La Metapaneca Grill, Inc., 63B Revere Beach Boulevard

Ly Roun & Sereypanha Chhoeurng d/b/a 4 Season Boba Tea, 196 Shirley Avenue


G.F. Enterprise, LLC d/b/a Taco Bell, 339 Squire Road

Extension of Temporary Renewals until April 30 in accordance with the extension of Temporary Certificates of Inspection:

MFRP Corp. d/b/a The Squire, 604 Squire Road

White Label, LLC d/b/a Easy Pie, 649 Squire Road

The next meeting of the commission is set for February 16.



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# OBITUARIES

## James Martin

Longtime owner of Martin's Autobody of Lynn

James W. Martin, 88, of Saugus, died on Tuesday afternoon, January 18 at the High Pointe Hospice House in Haverhill. He was the husband of Jean (Ciarletta) Martin and the late A. Marcia (Robertson) Martin.



Born and raised in Revere, he was the son of the late Henry and Lillian (Ege) Martin. A U.S. Navy veteran, James "Big Jim" Martin owned and operated Martin's Autobody in Lynn for many years. He enjoyed boating, working around his house, and spending time with his family.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his five children; Melinda Gagnon and her husband, Richard of Maine, Cathy Ciociolo and her husband, Robert of Florida, James Martin Jr. and his wife, Maureen of Saugus, Lori Gordon and her husband, George of New Hampshire, Pat-

tye Griffin and her husband, Thomas of Peabody, 12 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Mr. Martin was predeceased by his siblings: Gertrude Sidebottom, Lorraine Palm, and Clara Schmidt.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to the charity of your choice.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Bisbee-Porcella Funeral Home, 549 Lincoln Ave., Saugus. At the request of the family, funeral services were private. For condolences [www.Bisbee-Porcella.com](http://www.Bisbee-Porcella.com).

## Joseph Michael DellOrfano

Polaroid Retiree

Joseph Michael DellOrfano, originally from Revere now living in Tewkesbury, passed away on Wednesday, January 19.



The son of the late Joseph C. DellOrfano and Rita Mima (Casali) DellOrfano of Revere, Joe is survived by his three children: Joseph DellOrfano Jr. of Revere, Stacy DellOrfano of Lynn, Elaine DellOrfano Jr. of Revere; his three beloved grandchildren: Joseph, Michael and Aleesa of Revere, his sister, Debra Paul of Londonderry, NH, his Great Aunt Mabel (Casali) Oakley of Sun Valley, CA, and his former wife, Elaine DellOrfano of Revere.

A college baseball player and Revere High School star athlete himself, Joe loved going to his grandchildren's sports games to

cheer them on. Joe worked at Polaroid for 30 years and always an athlete, he played sandlot baseball and softball for Polaroid.

Joseph will be waked today, Wednesday, January 26 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Paul Buonfiglio Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere. Family and friends are welcome to join. For guestbook, please visit [www.buonfiglio.com](http://www.buonfiglio.com).

## Edna Charlotte Staub

A true seeker of knowledge and new experiences

Edna Charlotte (Edwards) Staub, 93, passed away peacefully after enjoying many chapters of a long and beautiful life.

A true seeker of knowledge and new experiences, Edna would recruit anyone to go anywhere at a moment's notice. She loved to engage in all of life's opportunities and looked at everything as an adventure.

Graduating from Revere High School and having a deep love of Revere Beach, she devoted a chapter of her life raising 10 children in Revere, spending every summer on the beach.

Then she embarked on her own management career at Verizon before retiring after 20 years and enrolling in college. Having helped all her children graduate with a college degree, she was able to accomplish a personal goal by graduating from college with a double major at the age of 70 and on the Dean's list! Edna embraced all that was special in everyone she met. She strove for excellence in herself and recognized it in others before they did. A wonderful woman who will be missed by many who thought of her as mom and friend.

Edna was born in Boston, the daughter of Ernest and Christina (McKinley) Edwards and beloved wife to Leo, who passed in 2008 after a 59 year marriage.

She was a loving moth-



er to: Susan Wilhelm of Marion, Ohio, Mary Whelton of Wrentham, Xavier Staub (Geraldine Louise Trembly) of Waianae, HI, Paul (Julia) Staub of Dracut, Timothy (Debbie) Staub of Boxford, Joseph (Danette) Staub of Saugus, Christopher (Shelly) Staub of Aventura, FL, Janet (Raymond) Mirabella of Poland, ME, Theodore (Cathy) Staub of Flagler Beach, FL and Daniel (Susan) Staub of Lynn.

Edna is also survived by 24 loving grandchildren and 21 sweet great-grandchildren.

To honor her life, you may choose to pass on an act of kindness in her name.

Donations in her name can be sent to her favorite non-profit organization: Waianae Coast Aikido, 84-256 Makaha Valley Rd, Waianae, HI. 96792. This organization trains children and adults in the martial art of aikido, supporting a non-violent peaceful way of living. Online guestbook may be found at: [rjrossfuneralhomeinc.com](http://rjrossfuneralhomeinc.com).

## Connie Pace

Devoted wife, mother and homemaker

Connie J. (Amato) Pace, 89, of Low Street, Newburyport, formerly of Revere, passed away on Monday, January 17.

The wife of the late Joseph R. Pace, she was born in Boston on December 31, 1932, the daughter of the late Filipa Amato.

Concetta was a devoted wife, mother, and homemaker to her family.

She is survived by two sons, Robert J. Pace and Richard D. Pace, Sr., and his wife, Deborah; grandsons, Joseph R. Pace and his wife, Jillian and Richard D. Pace Jr. and his fiancé, Caliegh Hold-

en; granddaughter, Veronica Montes and her husband, Antonio and her great-grandson, Nico Montes. She was predeceased by her daughter, Annmarie Porcella.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church, Revere. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. To light a memorial candle or to leave a message of condolence, please visit [www.fsrobertsandson.com](http://www.fsrobertsandson.com). Arrangements were by to F. S. Roberts & Son Funeral Home of Rowley.

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& great grandchildren  
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January 30, 2021

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A thousand words won't bring you back,  
we know because we've tried

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## Maureen Souza

Longtime employee of the Revere Elder Affairs Office and member of the Red Hat Society

Maureen L. (Montesanti) Souza of N. Andover, formerly of Revere, died on January 18.

Maureen worked for the City of Revere Elder Affairs Office for many years, where she organized social gatherings and day trips enhancing the lives of Revere's seniors. Maureen was also a member of the Red Hat Society.

The devoted daughter of the late Harding and Albertina (Paglierani) Montesanti, the beloved wife of the late Augustine "Gus", loving mother of Bonnie Fillippi and her husband, Christopher of N. Andover and Jason Souza and his wife, Nicolle of Merrimack, NH; cherished grandmother of Ella Maureen Fillippi, Paige Souza, and Lilly Souza and is also survived by many loving cousins.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere. In lieu



of flowers, donations may be made to the Reid Sacco AYA Cancer Alliance, 175 Andover St, Suite 101 Danvers, Ma 01923. Checks payable to ECCF Reid R. Sacco AYA Cancer Fund or visit [reidsride@reidsaccfoundation.org](mailto:reidsride@reidsaccfoundation.org) Please share a memory or leave a message by visiting [WWW.Buonfiglio.com](http://WWW.Buonfiglio.com).

### Happy Heavenly Birthday Arthur Duffy Jr. "Daddy Duff"

Jan. 19, 1938 - June 7, 2021



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

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# OBITUARIES

## Susan L. Coppola

October 23, 1960 – January 13, 2022



Susan was the beloved wife of the late Joseph C. Coppola until his unexpected death in 2006, devoted mother of Jonathan Coppola of Revere, Michael Coppola, Casey Coppola and her fiancé, Terrance Ellis and cherished grandmother of Joseph Ellis, all of Denver, Colorado and dear sister of Dennis Fournier and his wife, Donna of Manchester, NH. Susan leaves behind many loving nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, cousins and dear friends.

Continuing with her giving ways, Susan donated her body to scientific research to further medical education. A Memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 28 at Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish, 670 Washington Avenue, Revere, MA 02151. All are welcome to attend.

Susan's family is immensely thankful for the expressions of sympathy, support, and comfort provided.

### 10 years ago Jan. 25, 2012

Although the city's new trash ordinance has experienced quite a few growing pains this month, Health Agent Nick Catinazzo said he thinks that with time the kinks will get worked out. "We've written a tremendous amount of fines," Catinazzo said. "The rodent-free bags are not marked well enough. We talked with the manufacturer and they have indicated that they will start adding better markings and a green drawstring on their next run." The measure was passed by the City Council last summer and went into effect on Jan. 1.

The Moose Club has found itself in a mess this week, as Moose officials forgot to renew their liquor license last year and are scurrying to find a way to hold their popular Super Bowl party at the Broadway hall. For a while, it appeared as if the License Commission would bend over backwards for the group and call a special meeting for the day before the Super Bowl, Saturday, Feb. 4, to grant the Moose a one-day liquor license. However, on Tuesday, that accommodation was thwarted when the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) vetoed the plan on a technicality.

The Revere Firefighters Union and the Revere Teachers Association (RTA) met within the last week with Mayor Dan Rizzo and members of his administration and with the School Committee (which he is now chair of) to get an overview of contract discussions. The firefighters have been out of a contract for more than a year and will lead the way for the rest of the city's public safety unions this time – including the police and Department of Public Works.

Chronicle, The Grey, and The Woman in Black are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 20 years ago Jan. 23, 2002

Revere police made a drug bust in an apartment at 4 Hawes Street in which they seized 140 grams of cocaine and 24 grams of heroin and arrested four men.

Judge Robert Ronquillo was sworn in as a judge of the Chelsea District Court last week by Gov. Jane Swift at the State House. Ronquillo was initially sworn in by a member of Swift's staff last May when the Governor was giving birth to her twin daughters.

The hierarchy of the Boston Archdiocese has come under fire in recent weeks with revelations about the cover-ups by the church of the sexual abuse scandal. A three-page letter of apology by Cardinal Bernard Law that was read at Sunday's Masses in local churches drew a mixed reaction from parishioners.

I Am Sam, Snow Dogs, and The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Rings are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

## REVERE THROUGH THE YEARS



Shown in 1994 Kiwanis welcoming a new member. Shown left to right, President Tony Grecco, Kiwanian Paul Buonfiglio Jr., new member, Paul Buonfiglio III and past President Vin Cantone.

### 30 years ago Jan. 29, 1992

State Rep. William Reinstein has been named the Assistant House Majority Leader by House Speaker Charles Flaherty.

The City Council is urging that Suffolk Downs be considered as a site for a new domed athletic stadium.

Mayor Robert Haas has named Capt. Harold Fulton as the new Police Chief. Although Fulton was not one of the top three names on the Civil Service list, he moved into the top three when Acting Chief James Russo withdrew his name from consideration. The other two candidates were Lieut. Edward Ryan and Capt. Roy Colannino.

Mayor Haas has named Joseph Ferruzzi as the city's new Building Inspector. He will succeed Stanley Ferragamo, 74, who had held the post for 20 years.

Fried Green Tomatoes, The Hand That Rocks the Cradle, and Shining Through are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 40 years ago Jan. 27, 1982

School Supt. William J. Hill told the School Committee that the next round of 15 percent budget cuts being mandated by Prop. 2 and 1/2 may force the closing of some schools next year.

A large group of Ward 2 residents pleaded with the City Council to authorize a \$150,000 bond for the city to finish the Curtis Park rehabilitation project. The total cost of the \$325,000 project was supposed to have been paid with federal funds, but cutbacks by Pres. Ronald Reagan has left the project \$150,000 short.

With the Atlantic Bank/Boston Five being in imminent default on the bank's deadline for development plans for Revere Beach, Mayor George V. Colella has asked Gov. Edward J. King for the state to intervene to ensure that the project continues to move forward.

Chelsea District Court Judge Robert Stanziani has dismissed a number of the drunk-driving arrests made by Revere police two weeks ago after Chief John DeLeire had ordered roadblocks stopping all drivers on No. Shore Rd. Stanziani ruled that police did not have probable cause to stop all motorists. DeLeire said he now will use speed traps to find drunk drivers.

Testimony began this week in the third trial of former mayor William

G. Reinstein, who is accused of taking \$16,000 in kickbacks in connection with the construction of the new Revere High School in the mid 1970s. In addition to the extortion charges, Reinstein also is accused of perjury before a grand jury. The 42 year old Reinstein's first two trials ended in mistrials.

Richard Dreyfuss stars in *Whose Life Is It Anyway?* at the Sack Theatres in Somerville.

### 50 years ago Jan. 27, 1972

Mayor William G. Reinstein's decision last week to award a contract for construction of a new Revere High School caught many local political observers by surprise. Reinstein, who had campaigned for mayor against the construction of a new high school, said he carefully had weighed all of the factors and now has determined that it is in the city's best interests to have a new high school facility.

The School Committee has voted 5-2 to adopt a record-high budget of \$7,528,000, an increase of \$1,170,000 over last year, which will raise the tax rate by an estimated \$13.50.

The City Council and Mayor William G. Reinstein are at an impasse over the issue of Reinstein's appointments to the Licensing Commission, which also had been a hotbed of contention in the previous administration of Mayor George V. Colella.

### 60 years ago Jan. 25, 1962

The Revere Redevelopment Authority has rejected a proposal from the MDC to purchase for \$320,000 the vacant land on Ocean Ave., which the MDC wants to convert into a parking lot for patrons of Revere Beach. Clarence Borden, the chairman of the redevelopment authority, termed the offer ridiculous in light of the city's asking price of \$510,000. The land area was the city's first urban renewal project and resulted in the clearing of many crumbling homes in that section of the city.

Mayor Frank G. Fiore Jr. announced at this week's School Committee meeting the creation of four separate sub-committees to study various school facilities and athletic issues.

Mrs. Anna Carra, 51, of Conant St., was killed when she was struck by a car while crossing No. Shore Rd. after leaving a beauty parlor.

Frank Perrotta was installed as the new Presi-

dent of the Colonial Acres Civic Association at the group's third annual banquet held at Caruso's Diplomat.

Tony Curtis and Debbie Reynolds star in *The Errand Boy* at the Revere Theatre. Kirk Douglas stars in *Town Without Pity* at the Revere Drive In.

### 70 years ago Jan. 24, 1952

Councilor Edward White finally withdrew his name from consideration on the 41st ballot, allowing Frederick H. Reinstein to be elected mayor by a majority of the seven-member City Council. The duo had received three votes each for most of the previous 40 ballots.

The great March of Women, featuring nearly 1000 local volunteers, is set for a door-to-door campaign next Thursday to raise funds for the March of Dimes campaign for polio research.

The 20th annual Revere Journal Cooking School in conjunction with the Suburban Gas and Electric Co. will get underway next Tuesday. Hundreds of baskets of groceries will be distributed each night and there will be a grand prize of a new gas range.

Seven local men left from Draft Board 36 Monday for induction into the armed services.

Vandals have caused extensive damage to Revere High School in recent weeks.

Fred MacMurray, Howard Keel, and Dorothy McGuire star in *Callaway Went Thataway* at the Revere Theatre.

### 80 years ago January 29, 1942

The Revere Chamber of Commerce is seeking to have the General Electric Company locate its proposed \$33 million plant in Revere instead of locating it as an addition to the present GE plant in Lynn.

Revere's city officials were commended for making Revere the first city in the Boston area to go "over the top" in reaching, and then exceeding, its quota in the United War Fund campaign.

The new Paul Buonfiglio Funeral Home at 128 Revere St. opened this week after relocating from 5 Revere St. The building has been completely renovated and remodeled into a modern funeral establishment.

Edward G. Robinson and Laraine Day star in *Unholy Partners* at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

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## MBTA proposes fare changes for riders

Staff Report

MBTA staff presented several fare change proposals that aim to improve equity by closing gaps in existing fare structures for Reduced Fare Riders, minimize pandemic-related revenue implications and budget uncertainties while increasing ridership where possible, and simplify fare tariff rules as the MBTA's Fare Transformation Program (AFC 2.0) moves forward. If approved by the full MBTA Board in March, these fare changes would go into effect on July 1, 2022. The MBTA welcomes public comment on these proposals.

"We're excited about our upcoming fare proposals that prepare for technology updates to come as part of AFC 2.0, increasing equity through improvements to LinkPasses, especially for our Reduced Fare Riders, and making the popular mTicket 5-Day FlexPass permanent for Commuter Rail riders," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "If approved by the MBTA's Board in March, these proposals will allow the T to continue to best meet the needs of riders through incremental fare improvements that reflect how they travel now and in the future, while minimizing revenue implications in this time of continued uncertainty."

### Making Permanent 5-Day FlexPass on mTicket for Commuter Rail:

First introduced as a pandemic fare pilot in June 2020, the 5-Day FlexPass available on mTicket for the Commuter Rail is a bundled fare valid for any five days of travel within a 30-day period. Good for unlimited travel within a 24-hour period, these five passes are available for 10% off the cost of 10 one-way trips. An attractive option for riders whose travel patterns have changed due to hybrid work schedules and the availability of remote-work options, the 5-Day FlexPass on mTicket is proposed to be made permanent. If approved, the permanent 5-Day FlexPass would go into effect on July 1, 2022, or sooner.

### Reducing Price of the 1-Day LinkPass:

In an effort to increase ridership by encouraging more riders to buy passes and increase equity for low-income and minority

riders who often purchase this fare product, MBTA staff have proposed to lower the cost of the 1-Day LinkPass from \$12.75 to \$11. An \$11 LinkPass pays for itself with five subway rides taken in 24 hours. If approved, the \$11 1-Day LinkPass would go into effect on July 1, 2022.

### Expanding Second Transfers on Buses, Express Bus Routes, and/or Subway:

Currently, the MBTA only allows one transfer between Bus and/or Subway with one recent addition – CharlieCard riders may transfer from Bus to Subway to Bus. To simplify complexities in the T's transfer policy, MBTA staff have proposed standardizing the transfer process to allow all combinations of second transfers involving Buses, Express Bus Routes, and/or Subway, including Bus-Bus-Subway, Subway-Bus-Bus, and Express Bus-Express Bus. If approved, the second transfers on Subway and Buses and transfers between Express Routes would go into effect on July 1, 2022.

### Proposed Changes for Reduced Fare Riders:

Some riders are eligible for reduced fares, including people with disabilities and Medicare cardholders, people 65 and older, some middle and high school students, and people 18 – 25 with low income. MBTA staff have proposed three fare change proposals that aim to improve equity by closing gaps in existing fare structures for Reduced Fare Riders:

- Introducing the 7-Day LinkPass for Reduced Fare Riders:

Aiming to increase equity by increasing the benefits of purchasing fares in bulk for Reduced Fare Riders, MBTA staff have proposed the introduction of a 7-Day LinkPass for Reduced Fare Riders, which is not currently available. This 7-Day LinkPass for Reduced Fare Riders is proposed to be available for \$10, which breaks even after nine subway rides. This product is designed to meet the needs of individuals who might not have enough cash on-hand to afford a monthly pass, but who qualify for Reduced Fare programs. Reduced Single Ride fares for Reduced Fare Riders are \$1.10 for the subway and \$0.85 for the bus with a Reduced Monthly LinkPass available for \$30. The

Full Fare 7-Day LinkPass is available for \$22.50. If approved, the expansion of Reduced Fare 7-Day LinkPass would go into effect on July 1, 2022.

- Introducing Monthly Passes for Reduced Fare Riders on Commuter Rail, Ferry, and Express Bus:

In order to increase equity by closing gaps in the T's offering of products for Reduced Fare Riders, MBTA staff have proposed introducing monthly passes on Commuter Rail, Ferry, and Express Bus for Reduced Fare Riders. This proposal would offer a full set of monthly passes for Reduced Fare Riders at approximately 50% of the full fare pass prices. Currently, Reduced Fare Riders have to purchase Single Ride tickets to benefit from the Reduced Fare pricing. If approved, the expansion of Monthly Passes for Reduced Fare Riders would go into effect on July 1, 2022.

- Expanding Availability of the LinkPass for Reduced Fare Riders on Commuter Rail Zone 1A and Inner Harbor Ferry:

Currently, a LinkPass for Reduced Fare Riders is only available on CharlieCard fare media instead of a printed "flash pass" CharlieTicket that Commuter Rail conductors and ferry staff can see to visually validate a fare. As more updates take place as part of AFC 2.0, customers will be able to use tappable tickets as well as CharlieCards to travel on the Commuter Rail and Ferries. As such, and to increase access and equitable pricing on Reduced Fare passes, MBTA staff have proposed making the LinkPass for Reduced Fare Riders valid for Commuter Rail travel in Zone 1A and on the Charlestown Ferry. If approved, this expansion of the LinkPass for Reduced Fare Riders would go into effect on July 1, 2022.

The public is invited to comment on these proposed changes at a virtual public meeting to be held on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 6 PM well as the official public hearing to be held virtually on Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 6 PM. The public is also welcome to submit comments online through Thursday, March 3, 2022, at [mbta.com/2022FareChanges](https://mbta.com/2022FareChanges) or by email to [publicengagement@mbta.com](mailto:publicengagement@mbta.com). The Title VI analysis will be shared with the MBTA's Board and posted to [mbta.com](https://mbta.com) prior to the scheduled March 24, 2022, Board meeting.

## THE CITY OF REVERE WELCOMES RINCON LIMENO TO BROADWAY

On Monday afternoon Mayor Brian Arrigo, State Representative Jeff Turco and members of the Revere City Council and the Revere Chamber of Commerce cut the ribbon with owners, Alfonso Giraldo, Andres Giraldo and Juan David Jatamillo to officially open the newest business to the City of Revere.



Guitarist Eolwin Munera set the mood inside the restaurant with cultural music.



A warm atmosphere welcomes the guests for the grand opening of Rincon Limeno.



Owners of Rincon Limeno, Alfonso Giraldo, Andres Giraldo and Juan David Jaramillo are shown outside the new Broadway Peruvian Restaurant with Councillor of Ward 4 Patrick Keefe, Mayor Brian Arrigo and Jamie Russo.

Shown to the right, State Representative Jeffery Rosario Turco (right) talks with owner Juan David Jaramillo outside Rincon Limeno.



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### RHS SPORTS Roundup

#### RHS BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYS AT THE TD GARDEN SUNDAY

The Revere High boys basketball team will have the thrill of a lifetime when they will get the chance to play on the fabled parquet floor of the Boston Celtics at the TD Boston Garden this Sunday, January 30, against Hamilton-Wenham High School.

The Revere v. Hamilton-Wenham contest is the concluding game of an all-day schedule of boys and girls basketball games starting at 7:15 a.m. to support the Andrew James Lawson Foundation, a not-for-profit organization established in Andrew's memory by his family to advance and improve the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by funding, developing and promoting programs, projects or individual scholarships that encourage and support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and help foster inclusion in their community.

"The team is very excited to be playing in the Garden," said RHS head coach Dave Leary. "We were actually invited to play in the Andrew Lawson Invitational at TD Garden last season, but because of COVID, it got pushed to this season."

Spectators are welcome at the game. However, all guests 12 years and older will be required to show proof of vaccination to be allowed entry to TD Garden. Proof of negative COVID-19 tests will no longer be accepted for entry.

In addition, the City of Boston Mask Mandate will continue to be in effect -- regardless of vaccination status -- requiring all guests two years-old and over to wear a mask while indoors, unless actively eating or drinking.

#### RHS BOYS PLAY WELL IN BATTLE WITH EVERETT

The Revere High boys basketball team gave league-leading Everett all it could handle for three quarters.

But in the end, the Crimson Tide had too many weapons and pulled away for a 59-47 victory over the Patriots last Wednesday.

Revere entered the contest with a three-game winning streak and trailed Everett, which is undefeated in the Greater Boston League, by just one game in the GBL standings.

Although the Patriots had come up short in their first meeting with the Tide, coach David Leary and his crew overcame a slow start in the rematch -- the Patriots trailed 10-0 after the first four minutes -- and soon showed that they were going to give Everett a tough battle.

After the initial shock of the 10-0 Everett run, Revere adjusted to Ever-

ett's man-to-man pressure and soon began to climb out of that early hole. Senior captain Jack D'Ambrosio (six points, seven rebounds) finally got the Patriots on the board with a tough, contested layup.

The Patriots relied on their defense as well, keeping Everett close and frustrating the Tide with a zone defense. Revere soon got another nice driving basket from junior guard Alejandro Hincapie (five points, four rebounds). When RHS junior swingman Domenic Boudreau (12 points) swished a sweet, mid-range jump shot, the Patriots had sliced the Everett lead to six, 12-6, at the first buzzer.

Revere opened the second quarter with some great contributions off the bench. Senior forward Ramadan Barry sank a three-pointer at the top of the key and junior sharp-shooter Sal DeAngelis also drilled a trey to cut into the Everett advantage.

Revere senior center Hamza Ghoul (six points, six rebounds) made two nice post-up baskets in the paint and then Hincapie made a tough lefty runner in the lane and got fouled. Alejandro sank the free throw to give the Patriots their first lead of the night, 24-23, with just under two minutes remaining in the half.

Everett closed out the half with a 5-0 run to take a 28-24 lead into the locker room.

"We battled back, which was encouraging, but we lost our focus for a minute to end the first half and Everett took advantage and stole the momentum," said Leary.

Still, the Patriots came out on fire after the intermission, and appeared to regain the momentum. Boudreau connected from three-point land and DeAngelis (11 points) made a nice move to the basket to tie the game at 31-31 with 4:03 remaining in the third quarter.

However, Everett responded with a few baskets, thanks mainly to offensive rebounds, as the Tide's size advantage was evident on the court. Revere would struggle to score for the rest of the period and Everett picked up their defensive pressure to close out the third quarter with a 42-34 lead.

The theme in the final quarter remained the same. Revere would score a basket or two to get close, but then Everett would make a big shot to extend the lead and keep the Patriots at bay. Domenic Boudreau made a three-pointer, D'Ambrosio sank two free throws, and Ghoul made a nice sweeping hook shot underneath to make it a five point differential with over three minutes remaining, but that would prove to be the apogee of the Patriots' comeback effort.

Revere could not mus-

### MEET YOUR VARSITY RHS CHEERLEADERS



Shown above, the RHS Patriot Varsity Cheerleaders for 2022

Left to right, back row: Jaelynn Smith, Madison Sawyer, Ashley Chandler, Carlos Moran Hernandez, Samira Cammarano, Janaya Ruperto, Amelia Murray, Mikayla Hayes and Ava Mello; Middle row: Juliana Benitez, Brianna Rodriguez, Rachel Sanchez, Janaisa Mendoza, Jessica Villalobos, Emanuelle Menezes, Natalie Rodriguez, Jayla Foster and Brooklynne Hilton; Front row: Allen De La Rosa Polanco, Niccole Gonzalez, Isabella Correia, Zoey Legrand.

Shown right, the RHS Patriot Cheerleading Seniors, Allen De La Rosa Polanco, Niccole Gonzalez, Isabella Correia and Zoey Legrand.



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four. At 7-years-old he was playing for his city's Little League in Santiago, Dominican Republic. At nine, he moved to the United States and settled in Revere with his mom and stepfather where he attended the Susan B. Anthony Middle School.

"With the help of my stepfather, we looked for baseball leagues in the City of Revere. That is where I met Patrick Keefe who gave me the opportunity to belong to his team since the registrations had passed. That year, I played with the AAA Revere Brewers with the nine and 10 year olds. The following year I played for the Red Sox who were already one of Revere's great teams. I had a great season, and I played with the Revere All Star team. We were a good team, and we went far that season but we got eliminated. The next season was another great year. I won the MVP and also participated in the Revere All Stars again. My favorite memory of playing in Revere was in 2018 playing for the Revere All-Star team. My home run to win the game against Arlington after we had played extra innings."

In 2019, Rodriguez returned to the Dominican Republic primarily to play baseball. "I understood that the climate was favorable for my professional development and the position I play and because I wanted to sign with a professional team when I was 16 years old."

However, the road to signing with the Brewers was not easy. "Since returning to the Dominican, it has been difficult. It has been hard because when I arrived in my country the other young people were more advanced than me. I had to work twice as hard to get to their level or higher. I found people who told me that I was not going to make it and for a moment I thought that they were right. But thanks to my God, who always protects me and my life that belongs to him, I trusted him with my plans and here I am."

Donis hopes that this is just the beginning of his major league career. "My thoughts are to give all of myself to play well and put up enough numbers to reach the Major League which is my dream." He also credits his mom as always supporting him and helping continue his dream.

Donis's former RYBS (Revere Youth Baseball and Softball) coaches are excited about his move to the big leagues and had fond memories of him as a player and a young man.

Pat Keefe met Donis when his name came across an online registration form for RYBS (Revere Youth Baseball and Softball).

"After the official league draft, he was ineligible to play in majors so was placed in the AAA division for the season. I was coaching the Brewers (AAA team), and we needed an extra player so we added Donis. We had no idea when he showed up to the park at Gibson Field if he even knew how to hold a glove. Well clearly he was a pleasant surprise! He stayed on AAA, and the following year I was able to draft Donis with the league's first pick. He has been a family friend since he was 10. Donis would spend lots of time at my house with my son, Patrick, and the other



Donis Rodriguez and his stepfather, Ramon, at his recent signing with the Milwaukee Brewers.

league boys playing video games and of course going to the many practices we had. Donis always wanted to go out, hit balls and practice."

Keefe continued, "Donis was pretty much on the baseball journey with us moving forward including playing with me in travel ball East Cobb Expos (under Dickie Gilbride and Derek January), Boston NEAA leagues and pretty much any other baseball we could find from March-October. Donis could play anywhere but he mostly played shortstop, catcher and pitcher. He could hit the ball very far and he had extremely smooth fielding skills, and was lightning fast. For such a small frame, Donis hit many home runs not just at St. Marys but in our all star tournaments vs. elite talent. Arlington for many years was a dominant team in our Cal Ripken Division. They quickly became accustomed to facing the Revere team with plays from Donis and of course his ability to hit the ball out of the park."

Keefe reflected on his early thoughts of Donis making a major league team. "At such a young age you can never tell because, but we knew he was certainly special. The 12-13 year old transition from little league to the larger field is a true game changer. Donis didn't seem to have any problems with the transition. He hit from both sides with power and of course was lightning fast so he could advance bases easily."

Keefe was a proud coach when he received a call from Donis saying he signed with the Brewers. "He was so happy to let us know the news and it was extremely fitting since his first Revere team was the Brewers. Donis comes back occasionally and spends some time with us over Christmas, and he's no different than when he was 3-4 years ago. Great kid, hard working and humble. Hung out in the back room and played video games just like before."

Keefe believes it is important to create good experiences with youth sports so kids like Donis have a chance to love the game. "It's not about making the pros or being an elite player. Donis signed up late, didn't know anyone, barely spoke English. He could have slipped through the cracks. I remember his speech teacher Mrs Goodwin(SBA) calling me saying what an impact Revere and Revere baseball had on this kid who really didn't have much else in the area. We collectively took the extra time not because he

was good, but because he wanted it. His mom Yaseli, and his stepdad Ramon are also wonderful people who trusted us. I am so grateful we all became friends. I can't wait to see what the future holds for Donis and his family. I will be breaking out my old Brewers hat and shirt soon enough".

Paul Nowicki was Donis's All-Star and AAU Coach. "I have known Donis since he was 10. Donis played shortstop, pitcher, and catcher. At a young age we try to teach kids all the positions as a way to understand the game better and at that young age you just do not know which position you will be best at. Donis has a passion/love for the game. He had terrific speed as a runner and was very athletic allowing him to play many positions. He was always smiling, even when he struggled. He always wanted to play."

When asked if he thought Donis would eventually make a professional team, Nowicki replied, "You can never anticipate any kid making a professional team at any age in any sport. However the advantages that Donis had was his passion for the game, his athletic ability and the fact he headed back to his native country (DR) which provided opportunities that put him in a good position to succeed."

"I spoke with him a few months back and he seemed very happy about where he was, what he was doing and his decision to return to DR and to pursue his dreams and that is what matters, the team does not. My only hope is he is treated fairly, equally and given an opportunity that he clearly has earned. I can tell you Donis is a terrific young man. He and my son, PJ, are good friends and when my father passed away in 2018, he and his mom showed up to the services. He was dressed in a suit and tie and he sat with my son for the entirety of the service (4 hours). That is a special kid."

According to the MLB, the Brewers signed 15 players from the Dominican Republic, 15 from Venezuela, and three players from Nicaragua. Sixteen are pitchers, 8 are infielders, 5 are catchers, and 4 are outfielders. Donis, who signed a four year, \$142,000 contract, is the youngest player on the list. He will turn 17 on August 30th.

Donis is the son and stepson of Yaseli and Ramon Dominguez of Revere and son of Domingo Rodriguez of the Dominican Republic.

## RHS SPORTS Through the Years

10 years ago  
Jan. 27, 2012

The Revere High boys indoor track team swept the shotput and the 50 yard dash and took six of nine individual events en route to claiming a 47-39 win over Gloucester last week. Omar Morales led the sweep in the shot

with a toss of 43 feet and .75 inches. Teammate Vito Licata was next with a throw of 42-9.75 and Patriot Abdul Hamedeh was third with a heave of 38-10.75, far better than the top Gloucester thrower's effort of 37-2. Speedy Joe Ritchie outsprinted the field in the 50 yard dash in

5.8 seconds. He was followed across the line by teammates Younes Hartout (6.0) and Christian Ortez (6.3), who just edged a Gloucester rival. Other first place finishers for the Patriots were: Karim Sahila in the 50 yard hurdles in 7.1; Robert Rose in the

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ter much offense after that final surge and the Crimson Tide shooters were money from the charity stripe down the stretch to hold off the Patriots, with the final score of 59-47 ending the Revere winning streak.

"We had our opportunities, but in order to beat a good team like Everett, you have to be locked-in and focused on every possession," said Leary. "But we just had too many breakdowns throughout the game."

"They were not going to just give it to us, so we needed to go and take it, but unfortunately that was not the case," Leary added. "We just need to keep grinding."

Leary and his crew, who now stand at 3-2 in the GBL and 4-3 overall, have a busy week ahead. The Patriots were scheduled to travel to Lynn Classical yesterday (Tuesday) and to Lynn English tomorrow (Thursday). They will meet non-league rival Hamiton-Wehham Sunday evening at Boston Garden at 8:30 and return home to host Medford on Monday at 7:00.

### BETTERO HITS FOR 23 AS RHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

edges Everett, 45-44

The Revere High girls basketball team maintained its hold on second place in the Greater Boston League with a pair of victories over GBL rivals Everett and Somerville this past week.

Last Tuesday, the Lady Patriots knocked off defending GBL champ Everett for the second time this season with an exciting 45-44 triumph on the Lady Crimson Tide's home floor.

Carolina Bettero was immense for Revere, pouring in 23 points, including a trio of three-pointers, and making three steals.

Teammate Elaysia Lung also knocked down three treys to finish with 10 points and two steals.

"This was a close battle against a much-improved Everett team from our first meeting when we won 62-39," said RHS head coach Chris Porrazzo.

With five seconds left, Everett's Kaylee Rossi dribbled up the court and narrowly missed sinking a game-winning three-point field goal while covered by Bettero and Lung.

"We executed as a team down the stretch to pull off the win," noted the coach.

Two nights later, Porrazzo and his crew trekked to Somerville and brought home a 32-14 victory in which spectators were not allowed at the game.

Leading the way for Revere was Skylar DeSimone with a superb all-around performance that included nine points, six assists, six steals, and four rebounds.

"Skyla works so hard as our point guard and the six assists were a season-high," said Porrazzo. "She is constantly looking to set up her teammates

for easy shots and that was on full display against Somerville.

Bettero once again reached double figures with 12 points and freshman Belma Velic had a solid outing with six points, five rebounds, and one blocked shot in limited minutes.

Porrazzo's squad now stands at 6-4 overall and 5-1 in the GBL. They were set to take on undefeated, first-place Lynn Classical last night (Tuesday).

"This by far will be our biggest test of the season," said Porrazzo. "We left a lot on the table the last time we played them (a 52-23 loss in December) and we are hoping for a different outcome this time around."

Revere will host Lynn English tomorrow (Thursday) and will travel to Medford next Tuesday.

### TWO MORE WINS FOR RHS GIRLS TRACK

The Revere High indoor girls track and field team enjoyed a successful week with a pair of victories over Greater Boston League rivals Chelsea, 40-38, and Lynn English, 42-31.

Liv Yuong was the top scorer for the Lady Patriots in both meets, placing first in both the 50 yard hurdles and the high jump.

Liv recorded two personal records (PR) in the Chelsea meet with a time of 8.76 in the hurdles and a leap of 4'-4" in the high jump.

Other first-place finishers against Chelsea included captain Jerelys Canales in the 50 yard dash with a PR sprint of 6.84; Jessie Jones in the 300 meter dash with a clocking of 49.5; Yasmin Riazi in the 600 meter dash with a time of 2:06.3; and Rocio Gonzalez in the 1000 meter run in 3:57.4.

Second place finishers included Yara Belguendouz in the 50 yard hurdles in 9.7 and Natalia Lopez in the shot put.

Contributing crucial third-place points for Revere in the closely-fought contest were Canales in the high jump with a leap of 4'-2"; Lynberlee Leng in the hurdles with a time of 9.8; Raquel Class in the 50 yard dash with a time of 8.1; and Tiffany Esteves in the 300 meter dash with a time of 53.4.

In the meet versus Lynn English, the RHS girls achieved many first-place finishes and PRs.

Jessie Jones grabbed top spot in the 300 meter with a PR time of 49.2. Other first-place finishers included Rocio Gonzalez in the mile with a PR of 6:44; Yasmin Riazi in the 600 meters with a time of 2:05.2; and captain Alanah Burke in the 1000 meter event with a clocking of 3:40.4.

Second-place performers included Belguendouz with a 9.7 in the hurdles, captain Canales in the 50 yard dash in 7.0, and captain Fatima Hartout in the

one-mile with a PR run of 6:50.2.

Third-place points were contributed by Natalia Lopez in the shot-put, Lynberlee Leng in the 50 yard hurdles, and Kyra Delaney in the 300 meter dash.

Coach Racquel MacDonald and her crew will entertain GBL foe Malden this evening (Wednesday) at the Merullo Fieldhouse.

They will face GBL rivals Lynn Classical and Somerville in a tri-meet next Wednesday.

### TWIN WINS FOR RHS BOYS TRACK

The Revere High boys indoor track and field team defeated a pair of Greater Boston League opponents, Chelsea and Lynn English last week.

In a 52-33 win over the Chelsea Red Devils, the Patriot trio of Tom Desir, JV Cunha, and Javan Close got Revere off to a running start with a sweep of the high jump, led by Desir's leap of 5'-6". Cunha and Close both achieved the height of 5'-2".

Cunha was among a host of Patriots who took first place in their individual events: JV won the 600 dash in a time of 1:37.2; Ricardo Goncalves took the 50 yard hurdles in 6.93; Mark Marchese sprinted to victory in the 50 yard dash in 5.89; Victor Pelatere won the 1000 in 3:19.4; Kenan Batic captured the mile in 5:30; and Keny Guerrero won the 300 dash in 41.9.

Scoring three points for the Revere cause were: Elmahdi Eikamazebi in the shot-put with a toss of 34'-10"; Close in the 50 hurdles in 8.8; Allen Hou in the 50 dash in 6.17; and Mohamed Ouakani in the two-mile in 12:23.8.

Desir added a point with a third-place effort in the 300 dash in 44.6.

Coach Sam Ros and his crew had an easier time in their contest vs. English with a 64-13 victory.

First-place points were won by Desir in the high jump (5'-4"); Goncalves in the 50 yard hurdles (6.9); Guerrero in the 600 (1:46.7); Ouakani in the 1000 (3:24.7); Pelatere in the mile (6:11); Batic in the two-mile (12:37.6); Hou in the 50 dash (6.0); and Marchese in the 300 (43.6).

Adding three points to the Revere total with second-place finishes were Desir in the 300, Jonathan Samuel in the two-mile; Besmir Collaku in the mile; Close in the hurdles and high jump; Kenneth Le in the 1000; and Mudathir Hussein in the shot-put.

Scoring single points with their third-place efforts were: Felipe Maia in the 50 dash; Adrian Grunion in the 300 dash; and Matthew Pereira in the 600.

Ros and his squad are scheduled to host GBL rival Malden this evening (Wednesday) and will take on GBL foes Somerville and Lynn Classical next Wednesday.

# Revere Public School Committee eyes hiring a Health and Wellness Director

By John Lynds

Revere Public School has not had a Health and Wellness Director since 2004 but Revere School Committee member Stacey Rizzo hopes to change that in February

Back in November the Revere Public School Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly pitched the idea of using some American Re-

covery Act funds to create three positions within the schools.

The three positions discussed were a director of fine arts, technology or health and wellness.

Although there is enough money coming in from the federal government through the American Recovery Act for all three positions the one that all committee mem-

bers agreed should be prioritized was the position of Health and Wellness Director.

At last week's School Committee of the Whole meeting Rizzo made a motion to have Dr. Kelly draft a job description for the position so it can be voted on and filled in February. "The one thing I think we're all in agreement on right now

with what's going on with COVID and with families is that it is time that we hire the director of health and wellness," said Rizzo. "We haven't had one since 2004 and she was vital to our community. The job summary would basically be developing and implementing the strategic and safeguards protocol, promoting managing the

health and safety of the students and the staff as well as the health concerns that interfere with learning. The staff needs support, school psychologists need support, and social workers need support. I just think this is the time that we really need to start looking at this position."

Rizzo hopes a vote on filling the position will

happen in February.

Rizzo's motion was seconded by Committee member Susan Gravelle and supported by the rest of the members.

"Of the three positions we discussed, that (director of health and wellness) was the one we were all in agreement on," said Gravelle.

## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### ON FALL 2021 DEAN'S LIST AT CURRY COLLEGE

Curry College congratulates roughly 1,000 students who were named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List.

Adrien Martinez of Revere was named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List at Curry College.

Angie Pepe of Revere was named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List at Curry College.

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al students and nearly 800 continuing education and graduate students. The College offers a wide array of co-curricular activities ranging from 16 NCAA Division III athletic teams to an outstanding theatre and fine arts program. Visit us on the web at [www.curry.edu](http://www.curry.edu)

### WOODS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Julia Woods from Revere has been named to St. Lawrence University's Dean's List for achieving academic excellence during the Fall 2021 semester.

Woods is a member of the Class of 2024. Woods attended The Newman School.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have completed at least four courses and have an academic average of 3.6 based on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

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### STUDENTS ON PRINCIPALS LIST AT BISHOP FENWICK

The following students from Revere were named to the Honor Roll for the first Trimester at Bishop Fenwick High School.

Anthony Sasso (sophomore)

Jake Tiburcio (junior)

Gerardo Visconti (junior)

## Sports years // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12

300 in 39.1; Mike Fitzpatrick in the 600 in 1:27.8; and Rawlings Togliani in the 1000 in 3:06.4.

Sophomore Mike Dreeszen came around a screen by Mike Ciambelli, took a pass from Alex Urena beyond the arc, and swished a three-pointer with nine seconds to go to propel the Revere High boys basketball team to a thrilling 65-64 victory at Chelsea last Thursday. The contest was typical of the closely-fought battles the two teams have waged in the past few years since reinstating their ancient rivalry which dates back almost 100 years when both schools were in the Greater Boston League. Chris Palladino led the Patriots with 15 points, followed by Urena with 14, Dom Boyce with 10, Geo Gomez with nine, Dreeszen with six on a pair of treys, Tom Sor with five, Mike Ciambelli with four, and Jason Siegal with two.

The Revere High hockey team battled from behind to score two goals in the third period, erasing a 4-3 deficit, to edge the Northeast Regional Vocational School 5-4 last Thursday in Malden. Drew Lauria, Chris Whalen, Shayne Cambria, Peter Marino, and R.J. Tiorano scored the goals for the Patriots.

The Revere High girls basketball team turned in a tenacious effort on defense to earn a hard fought 40-38 win over former Greater Boston League rival Medford last week. The Lady Patriots suffered a crippling blow at the outset of the contest when their all-star point guard, Gena Restiano, was forced to leave the game with a knee injury early in the first quarter. However, the Revere girls pulled together and upped their defensive intensity against the Lady Mustangs, who came into the encounter ranked 17th in the state. The game went down to the final minute, with Revere nursing a two-point advantage. Medford got two cracks at notching the equalizer, but the Revere defense held firm, limiting the Lady Mustangs to two bad shots in the final 53 seconds. Caitlin Carmello, who had a monster game in the rebounding department with 15 boards, also led Revere in the scoring column with nine points. Venous Hamza and Jen Fajardo added eight apiece. Amy Rotger hit for five, Michaela Maguire popped in four, and Alex Ambrosino, Jacquie Noel, and Restiano chipped in with two points each.

A large contingent of members of the Revere High boys track team competed in the Division 1 State Coaches Relay Meet Saturday at the Reggie Lewis Center. Sharing honors for the top Patriot finishes were the sprint medley quartet of Mike Fitzpatrick, Robert Rose, Joe Ritchie, and John



**BLAST FROM THE PAST:** Shown above, Revere's Tim Kuntz shown during his time on the Bridgewater State Football team.

Lopes and the shotput trio of Omar Morales, Vito Licata, and Abdul Hamedeh, both of whom finished in seventh place in the field.

The Revere High girls indoor track team competed against Gloucester last week. Although the Lady Patriots came out on the short end of a 59-26 decision, a number of the Revere girls turned in fine individual performances. Lindsay Gurska defeated the field in the 50 yard hurdles, capturing first place in a time of 8.8 seconds. Teammate Nolle MacDonald was next in second place in 9.1.

### 20 years ago Jan. 23, 2002

Jessica DaSilva scored 15 points and Jackie Gibson added 13, but the RHS girls basketball team dropped a 51-40 decision to Medford.

Senior tri-captain Justin Hearn ran a personal record of 5.5 seconds in the 50-yard dash, tied for the fastest time in the GBL this season, to lead the RHS boys indoor track team to a 70-16 romp over Malden. Brandon Cohane scored 12 points for the RHS boys basketball team in a 45-42 loss to Medford.

Local sports fans are gearing up for Super Bowl Sunday when the underdog Patriots will face the heavily-favored St. Louis Rams.

The Revere Police hockey team took on the Boston Bruins Oldtimers, including Bruin legends Terry O'Reilly and John Bucyk, in a charity game last week.

### 30 years ago Jan. 29, 1992

Sal DeAngelis scored 18 points and Len Guida hit for 14 for the RHS basketball team in a 58-44 loss to Medford. David Blasi led Revere with 14 points in a 75-57 loss to Peabody.

Kristen Fletcher scored 16 points for the RHS girls basketball team in a 59-36 loss to Peabody. In a 47-18 loss to Medford, Amy Chamberlin scored 12 points for Revere.

### 50 years ago Jan. 27, 1972

RHS track and field star Kerry Leppo remains undefeated in two events, the high jump and hurdles, after wins over opponents from Norwood and Malden Catholic this past week. The RHS boys are 3-0 in the Division III Metropolitan League. Other Revere tracksters who are undefeated in dual meets thus far this season are Lou Duguie in the 50 yard dash, John Letizia in the two mile, and Vin Gennari in the shotput.

George Hureau scored 17 points and Billy MacDonald added 15 for the Immaculate Conception High basketball team in an 80-54 loss to Pope John XXIII.

Bob Winnerman and Tom Marchionni scored two goals each to pace the RHS hockey team to a 7-2 win over No. Quincy. Revere is solidly in first place in the GBL.

### 60 years ago Jan. 25, 1962

Jack Mercer scored 15 points, followed by teammates Bruce Dobson with 13, Tom Messina with 12, and Bob Hayes with 11 to lead the Immaculate Conception High basketball team to a 56-51 win over Our Lady of Newton.

Charlie Doherty scored 18 points, but the RHS basketball team dropped an 81-56 decision to Medford. The RHS boys remained win less with an 87-22 loss to Chelsea.

Jim Palumbo scored two goals and Bill King, Paul Cronin, and Ted Prizio scored a goal apiece to lead the RHS hockey team to a 5-2 win over Don Bosco in Metropolitan League play at the Boston Arena.

### 80 years ago Jan. 29, 1942

The Revere High basketball team won its fourth straight game, defeating Everett, 33-23. Frankie Watts was the high scorer with 11 points and Joe Mannone followed with eight.

## Goldberg and Citizens launch Worth & Wealth Seminars

Staff Report

State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg's Office of Economic Empowerment and Citizens have launched registration for their new Worth and Wealth Seminars. These free virtual trainings will equip Massachusetts women with financial skills and knowledge to build confidence in their economic futures. Participants can choose to enroll in one of the two English-speaking sessions taking place in February and March, or in the Spanish-speaking session scheduled in April.

During each session, participants will attend a kick-off event and four subsequent weekly webinars where they will learn about salary negotiation skills, employment rights, investing strategies, and many other topics that will benefit them in their career and personal life. Registration is open now and all Massachusetts women are encouraged to sign up. The first cohort kicks off on January 26th and will meet on Wednesdays at

6pm for the following four weeks.

"By providing women access to quality financial education resources and tools, we help level the economic playing field all across Massachusetts," said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. "These seminars will empower participants with the skills to overcome barriers and to attain the jobs they desire and the pay they deserve."

The Worth and Wealth Seminars are funded by a generous grant from Citizens to the Economic Empowerment Trust Fund. Citizens staff also volunteer their time to support the program through one-on-one financial wellness checkups for interested program attendees, and lead regional breakout groups to help encourage deeper learning of the topics addressed in the sessions. The Office of Economic Empowerment also created a "Partners Circle" for Worth & Wealth presenters, non-profit organizations, and state agencies to get involved

in the events, and spread the word to their constituencies.

"We must remain steadfast in our efforts to ensure that women, who we know have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, are not left behind as the Commonwealth builds back," said Lisa Murray, President, Citizens Massachusetts. "Financial knowledge is a key lever for economic mobility, and we're proud to continue our work with the Office of Economic Empowerment helping women build the skills to take control of their financial futures."

Treasurer Goldberg created the Office of Economic Empowerment, led by a deputy treasurer, with the deliberate goal of implementing a range of economic empowerment initiatives that include closing the race and gender wage gap, addressing racial equity, increasing access to financial education, improving college affordability, and investing in STEM careers and education.

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# Memorial plaque for Susan Coppola proposed for Louis Pasteur Park

By Cary Shuman

The City Council approved a proposal by Councillors Steven Morabito and Joanne McKenna to install a memorial plaque at Louis Pasteur Park for Susan Coppola,

who was a beloved person in the Beachmont community. “Two weeks ago, we lost a long-time Beachmont girl,” said McKenna. “She happened to live next to the Louis Pasteur School. When the Louis

Pasteur School was torn down, the Louis Pasteur Park was created. Her father would go every night for years and lock the gates of Louis Paster Park at dusk. “When the father passed away and we rede-

signed Louis Pasteur Park, Susan Colorusso Coppola and her children maintained the park and locked it every night at dusk until she moved.” McKenna said a plaque would be much-deserved recognition for Mrs. Cop-

pola and her family’s service to the city. Morabito said, “I couldn’t think of a better way to memorialize Susan, because she was so beloved by the community. Everyone who had interacted with her had such

a positive experience. And she’s just so connected with so many people in the Beachmont area and throughout the city. “This is a great way to remember her and think of all the memories that people shared with her.”

# Council votes to grant Special Employee Status for Athletic Department positions

Special To The Journal

The City Council unanimously voted to approve a request from Mayor Brian Arrigo to grant Special Municipal Employee Status for Revere Public

School Athletic Department positions. Ward 4 Councillor Patrick Keefe said he was the author of the original request to make the payment process “less arduous” for employees.

“To clarify what this does is, if you work at the DPW or in another city department and you go to coach or assistant coach the jayvee basketball team or the high school baseball team, or you referee in the

Parks League, in order to get paid, you have to come in front of the City Council for the Special Municipal Status,” explained Keefe. “There have been some coaches that have waited

almost two years to get paid. “They’ve done the job of course. Having to draft a letter and get Special Status, it’s a bit of a pain. We figured this would make it easier on the

school athletics department to just grant these into that category, so they don’t have to come in front of the City Council to get that stipend,” concluded Keefe.

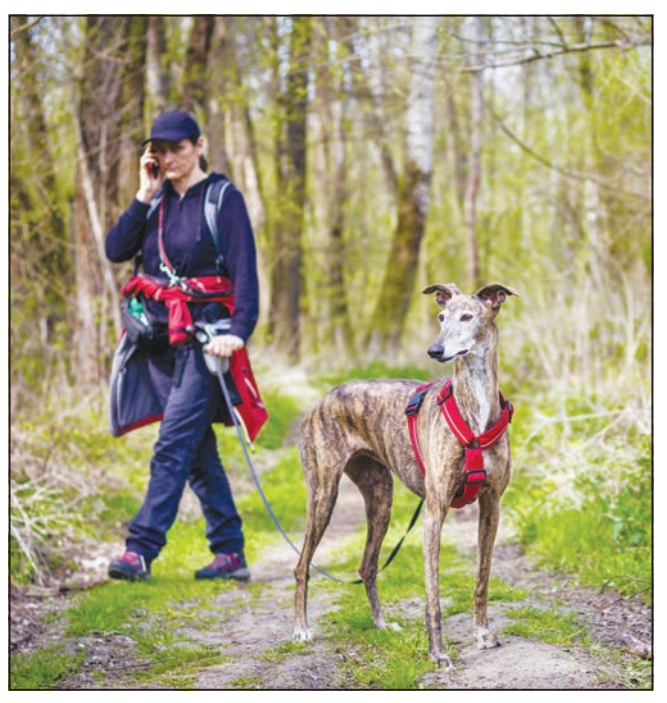
## CITY PAWS

# Mindfulness for Your Dog

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

The next time you’re walking without your dog, try to notice how connected and aware dogs and their guardians are to one another. Occasionally you’ll see a dog that keeps looking up, checking to see what the person on the other end of the leash is doing. That can be a sign that some good training has taken place. The dog and person have learned that the first step for any change in behavior is for both to pay attention.

true for some portion of the time they give to their dogs. We call them companion animals. We talk about the bond between a human and a canine. But, we don’t always give these pack-oriented animals enough of our full and focused attention. As you make your walking observations, notice the people with a phone in one hand and a leash in the other. Or, even worse, the person on the phone while their illegally off-leash dog wanders down the sidewalk or interacts with other dogs in a legal off-leash recreation area.



(PHOTO: ISTOCKPHOTO.COM)

Yes, you might need your phone on a dog walk. However, keeping it in your pocket can ensure a more mindful time with your canine companion.

Of course, we all have times when we feel the need to multi-task and phone addiction is a real thing. There are also some dog walks that are quick trips outside to get the job done and get back to work.

how much time you spent really focused on your dog in an enjoyable and relaxed way. Consider tucking your phone and earbuds away for a dog walk. If it’s something your dog enjoys, consider a mutual time-out, just sitting

with your dog and simply stroking or massaging her in an attentive way. Are there other experiences your dog seems to

enjoy that might be made better for both of you if you focused on just that for a time? For example, one part of being outside that our Poppy loves is sitting on benches and watching what’s happening. We both enjoy doing this with her when the weather permits. For many dogs, exploring the scents of the world is the best part of any dog walk. While a bit of aerobic exercise is important for both of you, try to allow time for your dog to enjoy sniffing and exploring. While he is doing his thing, you can put on your “protective person hat” and watch for any dangers that a busy nose might encounter from dropped food to nasty critters. Most of the time, all you’ll see is your dog enjoying himself but this task will give you a reason to stay engaged.

**Make Dog Time a Calm Time**  
Finally, try to make your mindful, bonding time with your dog a calm time for both of you. We can all use some relaxation and calm in our lives. We all have to spend a part of our time with our dogs doing chores we don’t love, protecting them from dangers, and correcting unwanted behaviors. It’s good to remember why we have a dog in our lives and consciously make some calm time for the relationship. Take a few deep breaths, relax and enjoy a half-hour of quality time focused on your best friend.  
*Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.*

**What Is Mindfulness?**  
The website Mindful.org has defined mindfulness as, “... the basic human ability to be fully present, aware of where we are and what we’re doing, and not overly reactive or overwhelmed by what’s going on around us.”  
Dogs may not understand the concept of mindfulness but people can and should. This is especially

**Just How Focused Are You?**  
Now, think back over the past week and estimate

# Unemployment in the Commonwealth down

Special to the Journal

The state’s December total unemployment rate dropped by 1.3 percentage points at 3.9 percent from the revised November estimate of 5.2 percent, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development announced Friday.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics’ preliminary job estimates indicate Massachusetts gained 20,100 jobs in December. This follows last month’s revised gain of 14,200 jobs. The largest over the month private sector job gains were in Leisure and Hospitality, Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, and Educational and Health Services. Since the employment trough in April 2020, Massachusetts has gained 537,000 jobs.

From December 2020 to December 2021, BLS estimates Massachusetts gained 222,200 jobs. The largest over the year gains occurred in Leisure and Hospitality; Professional, Scientific, and Business Services; and Education and Health Services. The December unemployment rate of 3.9 percent was the same as the national rate reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The labor force decreased by 41,700 from 3,732,000 in November, as 7,900 more residents were employed, and 49,600 fewer residents were unemployed over the month.

Over the year, the state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was down by 4.5 percentage points.

The state’s labor force participation rate – the total number of residents

16 or older who worked or were unemployed and actively sought work in the last four weeks – was down seven-tenths of a percentage point at 65.4 percent. Compared to December 2020, the labor force participation rate is down 1.1 percentage points.

### December 2021 Employment Overview

- Leisure and Hospitality gained 4,400 (+1.4%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 65,200 (+25.6%) jobs were added.
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities gained 3,600 (+0.6%) over the month. Over the year, 19,700 (+3.6%) jobs were added.
- Education and Health Services gained 3,300 (+0.4%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 36,400 (+4.9%) jobs were added.
- Professional and Business Services gained 2,900 (+0.5%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 40,600 (+7.0%) jobs were added.
- Construction gained 2,000 (+1.2%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 10,000 (+6.2%) jobs were added.
- Government gained 1,300 (+0.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 23,200 (+5.5%) jobs were added.
- Manufacturing gained 1,100 (+0.5%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 9,900 (+4.3%) jobs were added.
- Other Services gained 800 (+0.7%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 7,900 (+7.0%) jobs were added.
- Information gained 700 (+0.7%) jobs over the month. Over the year,

7,900 (+9.2%) jobs were added.  
• Financial Activities had no change in jobs over the month. Over the year, 1,300 (+0.6%) jobs were added.

### Labor Force Overview

The December estimates show 3,545,200 Massachusetts residents were employed and 145,100 were unemployed, for a total labor force of 3,690,300. The unemployment rate was down 1.3 percentage points at 3.9 percent. Over the month, the December labor force was down by 41,700 from 3,732,000 in November, with 7,900 more residents employed and 49,600 fewer residents unemployed. The labor force participation rate, the share of working age population employed and unemployed, was down by 0.7 percentage point at 65.4 percent. The labor force was down 62,800 from the December 2020 estimate of 3,753,100, as 106,600 more residents were employed and 169,400 fewer residents were unemployed. The unemployment rate is based on a monthly sample of households. The job estimates are derived from a monthly sample survey of employers. As a result, the two statistics may exhibit different monthly trends. The labor force is the sum of the numbers of employed residents and those unemployed, that is residents not working but actively seeking work in the last four weeks. Estimates may not add up to the total labor force due to rounding.

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### RHS PATRIOTS BASKETBALL FALL TO EVERETT'S CRIMSON TIDE

Photos by Bob Marra  
A feisty Revere team hung tough for most of the night but the Everett Crimson Tide showed its

prowess late in the fourth quarter and pulled away to a 59-47 win at Revere High School on Wednesday, January 19.



GO FOR IT: Left to right, Revere's Ramadan Barry (0), Everett's Jaysaun Coggins (22) and Revere's Hamsa Ghoul (3) try to keep a loose ball in play.



QUICK STOP: Revere's Sal DeAngelis (23) puts on the brakes as he encounters Everett's Kevin Ruiz (3).



STEP FOR STEP: Everett's John Monexant keeps a close guard on Revere's Alejandro Hincapie.



BUST A MOVE: Revere's James Clauto puts a move on Everett's James Monexant.



IN THE HUNT: Revere's James Clauto (1) pursues Everett's Steven Cordero as the latter dribbles up the sideline.



CLOSE QUARTERS: Everett's David Sanchez tightly guards Revere's Dom Boudreau (22).



BALL HAWK: Hamza Ghoul chases a loose ball as Everett's David Sanchez (15) looks on.



NOW YOU SEE IT: Alejandro Hincapie (4) controls the ball and keeps it away from Everett's Kevin Ruiz.



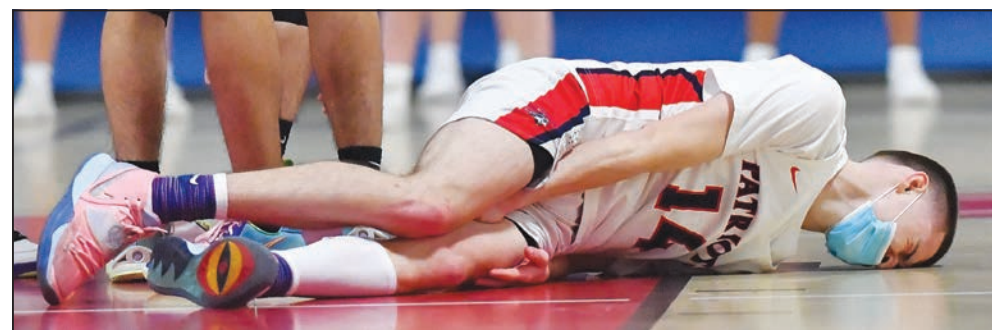
NOT MUCH ROOM: Revere's Jack D'Ambrosio tries to find some room around Everett's John Monexant during a Greater Boston League basketball action at Revere High on Wednesday January 19. League-leader Everett took a 59-47 victory.



REBOUND TUSSLE: A pair of 22s, Everett's Jaysaun Coggins and Revere's Dom Boudreau, fight for a rebound.



WHAT ABOUT THE BALL: Revere's Ramadan Barry was reaching for a rebound but ended up holding the head of Everett's John Monexant



WORRISOME MOMENT: Revere's Jack D'Ambrosio grimaces after taking a shot on his knee. Fortunately D'Ambrosio was not injured and returned to action during Revere's 47-59 loss to Everett Wednesday, January 19.

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## WEEKLY CRIME Report

The following incident reports are among the calls to which the Revere Police Department responded on the listed dates. The log is a public record and available for review. All persons who are arrested or charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 8

0031: Parking complaint at Suffolk Ave. and Homer St. The motor vehicle (MV) was moved.  
0118: Disturbance at Pratt Place. The officer provided assistance.  
0134: An officer provided assistance to another agency at Amelia Place.  
0411: Noise disturbance on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer restored the peace.  
0749: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Revere St.  
0950: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St.  
0956: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St.  
0957: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St.  
1003: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St.  
1058: Hit-and-run motor vehicle accident (MVA) with property damage on Graves Rd. The officer filed a report.  
1145: Blocked driveway on Pearl Ave. The MV was moved.  
1147: Larceny on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer filed a report.  
1213: Lost/found property on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer filed a report.  
1238: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Broadway. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.  
1258: Disturbance on Reservoir Ave. The officer restored the peace.  
1407: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Ward St. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.  
1407: Hit-and-run motor vehicle accident (MVA) with property damage on Broadway. The officer provided assistance.  
1430: Disturbance on Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.  
1500: Larceny on Park Ave. The officer filed a re-

port.

1710: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Broadway. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.  
1852: The trespass tow of a motor vehicle (MV) was reported on Overlook Ridge Drive.  
2244: Blocked driveway on Fenley St. The officer provided assistance.  
2328: Disabled motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St. The officer provided assistance.

### SUNDAY, JAN. 9

0114: The trespass tow of a motor vehicle (MV) was reported on Overlook Ridge Drive.  
0207: Disturbance at Mahoney Circle. The officer filed a report.  
0312: Noise disturbance on Barrett St. The officer restored the peace.  
1107: The trespass tow of a motor vehicle (MV) was reported on Overlook Ridge Drive.  
1126: Noise disturbance on Ward St. The officer provided assistance.  
1136: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Burnett Rd. The officer will file a report.  
1235: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Broadway. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.  
1302: Disturbance on Broadway. The officer restored the peace.  
1308: Suspicious activity on Charger St. The officer spoke to the party.  
1316: Parking complaint on Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.  
1417: Disabled motor vehicle (MV) at Charger and Sigourney Sts. The MV was towed.  
1440: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle (MV) on Squire Rd.  
1712: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Squire Rd. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.  
1717: Hit-and-run MVA with property damage on Sherman St. The officer provided assistance.  
2004: The trespass tow of a motor vehicle (MV) was reported on Overlook Ridge Drive.  
2010: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Arcadia St. The officer will file a report.  
2038: The trespass tow of a motor vehicle (MV) was reported on Overlook Ridge Drive.  
2239: A repossession company reported the

repo of a motor vehicle (MV) on McKinley St.

2341: Unwanted person on Beach St. The officer spoke to the party.

2351: Blocked driveway on Walnut Place. The officer provided assistance.

### MONDAY, JAN. 10

0026: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle (MV) on Lechmere St.  
0912: The trespass tow of a motor vehicle (MV) was reported on Adams Ct.  
1005: Breaking and entering (B&E) into a building on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer filed a report.  
1057: Abandoned motor vehicle (MV) on Orvis Rd. The officer issued a parking ticket.  
1110: A motor vehicle that had been reported as stolen was recovered on the Revere Beach Parkway.  
1126: Parking complaint at Bay Rd. and Revere St. The officer issued a parking ticket.  
1225: Parking complaint on Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.  
1241: Larceny on Overlook Ridge Terr. The officer provided assistance.  
1302: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Copeland Circle for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.  
1338: Simple threats on Ward St. The officer filed a report.  
1510: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Reservoir Ave.  
1519: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle (MV) on Reservoir Ave.  
1519: Vandalism on No. Shore Rd. The officer filed a report.  
1551: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Pleasant St.  
1616: Suspicious activity on VFW Parkway. The officer issued a summons for a court hearing to a 42 year-old Braintree woman for the criminal offense of illegal possession of a Class B controlled narcotic substance.  
1636: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Squire Rd. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.  
1726: A motor vehicle that had been reported as stolen was recovered on Hichborn St.  
1958: Shoplifting on

Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.

2016: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Squire Rd.

2202: A B&E into an MV was reported on Cooledge St.

2205: Disturbance on Bradstreet Sve. The officer filed a report.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 11

0042: Disabled motor vehicle (MV) on Furlong Drive. The MV was towed.  
0413: Disturbance on Broadway. The officer spoke to the party.  
0900: Larceny on Revere Beach Blvd. The officer filed a report.  
0911: An officer served a warrant on American Legion Highway and arrested a 30 year-old Sausman man.  
0927: A motor vehicle accident (MVA) at Eliot Circle was referred to another agency.  
0929: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Cooledge St.  
1045: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) with property damage at Park and Washington Aves. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.  
1103: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on True St. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.  
1239: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Furlong Dr. for a civil moving violation and issued a citation to the operator.  
1249: Unwanted person on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer filed a report.  
1344: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Dehon St. and filed a report.  
1346: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Broadway.  
1401: Motor vehicle accident at Brown Circle. The officer provided assistance.  
1408: Threats on Dehon St. The officer spoke to the party.  
1453: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) at Graves Rd. and Davis St. The officer will file a report.  
1458: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) at Bay Rd. and Sears St. The officer will file a report.  
1637: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Proctor Ave.  
1731: Larceny on Fernwood Ave. The officer filed a report.  
1743: Animal complaint on Carleton St. The officer provided assistance.  
2122: Animal complaint on Grover St. The officer provided assistance.  
2129: Disturbance on Thornton St. The officer issued summonses for a court hearing to a 30 year-old Revere man for the criminal offense of making a threat to commit a crime and to a 31 year-old Revere man for the criminal offense of assault & battery.  
2136: Disturbance on Dolphin Ave. The officer restored the peace.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12

0820: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Mountain Ave. The officer will file a report.  
0823: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) with property damage on Franklin Ave. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.  
0845: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) at Sar-

gent St. and Washington Ave. The officer will file a report.

1030: Parking complaint on Shirley Ave. The officer provided assistance.

1052: The trespass tow of a motor vehicle (MV) was reported on Ward St.

1303: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Rose St.

1305: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Park Ave. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1313: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) with property damage on VFW Parkway. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1317: Hit-and-run MVA on Charger St. The officer spoke to the party.

1332: Parking complaint on Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.

1333: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on the Revere Beach Parkway.

1443: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on the Revere Beach Parkway.

1455: Blocked driveway on Waverly Ave. The officer issued a parking ticket.

1608: Hit-and-run MVA with property damage on Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.

1642: An officer provided assistance to a citizen at Harris and Beach Sts.

1706: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Harris St. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1711: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Harris St. and issued a citation to the operator, a 30 year-old Revere man, for the criminal offense of operating an MV with a suspended license (subsequent offense) and for the civil infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control signal.

1711: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on the Revere Beach Parkway.

1739: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Harris St. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1809: Shoplifting on Furlong Dr. The officer provided assistance.

1812: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Broadway for a civil moving violation and issued a citation to the operator.

1821: Unwanted person on Bennett St. The officer filed a report.

1840: Noise disturbance on Franklin Ave. The officer provided assistance.

1840: MVA at Brown Circle. The officer will file a report.

1858: Disabled motor vehicle (MV) on School St. The officer provided assistance.

1859: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on the Revere Beach Parkway and filed a report.

1930: Disabled motor vehicle (MV) on School St. The officer provided assistance.

2016: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Campbell Ave.

2025: Suspicious activity on Beachland Ave. The officer provided assistance.

2241: A B&E into an MV was reported on Tedford Ave.

2327: A tow company

reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle (MV) on Overlook Ridge Drive.

2338: Parking in a handicapped spot on Revere St. The officer issued a parking ticket.

### THURSDAY, JAN. 13

0225: Disturbance on Barrett St. The officer spoke to the party.

0511: Suspicious activity on Broadway. The officer spoke to the party.

0533: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Ocean Ave. and filed a report.

0722: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle (MV) on No. Shore Rd.

0923: Lost/found animal at Winthrop Ave. and Beach St. The officer provided assistance.

0939: Parking complaint at Revere and Sachem Sts. The officer provided assistance.

0955: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on No. Shore Rd. for a civil moving violation and issued a citation to the operator.

1240: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Broadway. The officer will file a report.

1247: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Reservoir Ave.

1304: Lost/found property on Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.

1332: Larceny on Proctor Ave. The officer restored the peace.

1340: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Beach St.

1402: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on the Revere Beach Parkway.

1422: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on the Revere Beach Parkway.

1452: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1457: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Park Ave.

1701: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Harris St. for a civil moving violation and issued a citation to the operator.

1723: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Dehon St. and filed a report.

1725: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Revere St. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1752: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Dehon St. and filed a report.

1845: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Walnut Ave. and issued a citation to the operator, a 20 year-old Revere man, for the criminal offense of operating an MV with a suspended license.

1903: Hit-and-run motor vehicle accident (MVA) with property damage on Broadway. The officer issued a citation to a 29 year-old Holyoke man for the criminal offenses of leaving the scene of an accident after causing property damage and negligent operation of an MV. He also was cited for the civil infraction of a lights violation.

1940: Robbery on Broadway. The officer arrested a 40 year-old Revere man on an outstanding warrant.

2103: Disturbance on Highland St. The officer restored the peace.

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On Saturday January 22, the Revere Girls Basketball program, Head Coach Chris Porazzo and his Staff joined the Revere Police Activities

League and members of the Revere Police Department for a trip to Endicott College. Members of the Revere Police Department included Sgt Alfaro,

Sgt Internacola, Officer Brenes, and Officer Colannino joined Revere PAL Director Kris Oldoni in hosting the Lady Patriots to a brunch and an NCAA

Women's Basketball game between Endicott College and Gordon College. Revere PAL and Revere Police also presented the Lady Pats with warm up jerseys for their games.

Oldoni stated the importance of exposing our student athletes to college athletics and the academic requirements that are part of the process.

his Staff are proud of the hard work that the Lady Pats have been putting in during practice and their games. He stated that this was a "special day" for his team and that the girls were very excited and thankful for experience and the support of the Revere Police Department and the Revere Police Activities League.

PAL Director Kris Oldoni stated that activities such as this continue to promote positive youth/police relationships with our school Resource Offi-

cers and other RPD Staff. It was great to see the girls bond with each other and interact with the adults during brunch and the game. Coach Porazzo and



# Meals on Wheels program essential during winter months

Staff Report

The winter months are notoriously harder on older adults, especially during this pandemic, which is why Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) stresses the importance of virtual and phone assessments, proper heating, physical checkups by your doctor, social interactions, even if we cannot do it face-to-face, transportation assistance and nutritious meals.

long way in helping older adults regulate their body temperature and stay warm. For those who may not want to or lack the ability to cook, the Meals on Wheels program provides regular nutritious food," says Mystic Valley Elder Services Registered Dietician Candace Quigley.

ity, and to help them continue to live independent and fulfilling lives. MVES has provided home-delivered meals for more than 45 years.

consumers, and the number of those needing meals delivered has increased."

ed: chilled-to-be-heated noontime meals, cold-pack breakfast and supper, clinical diet meals, kosher meals, and frozen week-end meals. In some cases, we can provide cultural or ethnically preferred meals in certain communities.

in their homes," explains Fitzgerald.

"Eating good, whole, nutritious foods in the winter months can go a

MVES' Meals on Wheels program is dedicated to providing seniors with the necessary nutritional support to protect them against food insecur-

"Meals on Wheels is for vulnerable older adults who require nutritional support to safely continue living in the community," says Angie Fitzgerald, Director of Nutrition at Mystic Valley Elder Services. "Despite the challenges COVID-19 has brought, we has continued to serve home-delivered meals to

Since the pandemic started nearly two years ago, the program is serving closer to 60,000 meals per month vs. 50,000 prior to the pandemic to home bound, frail older adults, many with significant health conditions or mental impairments, and not a serving day or meal has been missed.

"MVES' Meals on Wheels program ensures that a friendly face of the driver and healthy meal arrives during the cold months and all year round to those who need this essential service to remain healthy, well fed, and safe

When providing the meals to the individual, drivers also offer regular check-ins—at a safe distance—to make sure the older adult is doing well during the cold weather. This can be done by a warm smile and welcoming wave.

# Serino proposes complimentary snow-shoveling for seniors, but DeCicco cites his opposition

By Cary Shuman

Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino had the support of his colleagues for a free snow-shoveling program that would compensate veterans for their work in the program and help Revere seniors, other veterans, and first responders clear their front steps and sidewalks of snow after major snowstorms.

Serino said the snow-shoveling program would likely cost between \$20-30,000 and that the ARPA funding could potentially be used for that program.

Mayor Arrigo "and let his department heads determine the best way to manage it."

hours a day, seven days a week, when a storm hits," DeCicco told the Council. "It's going to be very hard to control [the program]."

DeCicco. "They're going on to people's properties."

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But Ralph DeCicco, chair of the Revere Commission of Disabilities, may cause Mayor Arrigo to reevaluate Serino's creative proposal, raising valid reasons to oppose the program.

DeCicco suggested that the City reach out to the City of Somerville, who has a similar snow-shoveling program.

"I'm not trying to put a damper on this, and I would not want to see seniors going around shoveling."

Meanwhile, the ever-diligent Ward 6 councillor is still seeking to change the configuration of the traffic light at the former Showcase Cinema site. Serino made the initial request in the fall of 2021, but he said MassDOT has not responded to his request.

"The only problem with this is, you're going to get phone calls, 24

"The other problem that you have if you want to pay people to do this, you're going to need liability insurance," said

While the proposal gained approval, DeCicco's opposition will likely result in further, in-depth study of Serino's plan and may postpone its implementation until next win-

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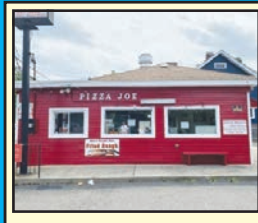
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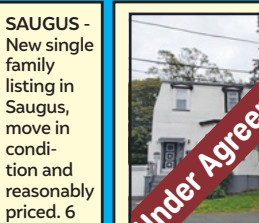
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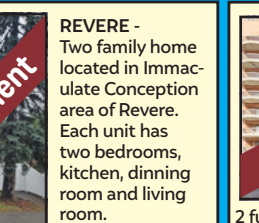
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# First woman takes command of USS Constitution

Staff Report

Cmdr. Billie Farrell relieved Cmdr. John Benda as commanding officer of USS Constitution during a change of command ceremony, Jan. 21.

Cmdr. Farrell became Old Ironsides' 77th commanding officer and the first woman to serve as the ship's commanding officer in the ship's 224 years of history, dating back to 1797.

"There is a picture floating around of me standing next to this remarkable

ship back in 1998," said Farrell. "I could never have imagined that 24 years later that I'd be here today taking command of Old Ironsides. USS Constitution serves as a living piece of history. She can be visited and experienced firsthand, connecting us to those who had a vision of what this country and government would be. She is also a somber reminder of those service members that gave the ultimate sacrifice on her decks to create the nation we know today."

Farrell previously



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**Commander Billie Farrell.**

served as the executive officer aboard the Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser USS Vicksburg

(CG 69).

She is a native of Paducah, Ky. and a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and the University of Arkansas.

As USS Constitution's crew welcomed Farrell's historic achievement, they said farewell to the ship's 76th commanding officer, and local Dedham, Massachusetts, native.

"I know the crew is in great hands with Commander Farrell," said Benda. "This historic barrier is long overdue to be broken. I cannot think of a better candidate to serve as USS Constitution's first female commanding officer. I look forward to watching what she and the crew accomplish in the next few years."

He served as USS Constitution's executive of-

ficer from 2017 to 2019 before taking command of Old Ironsides in 2019.

Benda's next command will be teaching at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

The first female commissioned officer to serve aboard USS Constitution was Lt. Cmdr. Claire V. Bloom, who served as executive officer and led the historic 1997 sail, the first time Old Ironsides sailed under her own power since 1881.

The first female crew member was Rosemarie Lanam, an enlisted Sailor, who joined USS Constitution's crew in 1986.

Today women comprise more than one third of the 80-person crew.

USS Constitution is the world's oldest commissioned warship afloat and

played a crucial role in the Barbary Wars and the War of 1812, actively defending sea lanes from 1797 to 1855.

The active-duty Sailors stationed aboard USS Constitution provide free tours and offer public visitation as they support the ship's mission of promoting the Navy's history and maritime heritage and raising awareness of the importance of a sustained naval presence.

USS Constitution was undefeated in battle and destroyed or captured 33 opponents.

The ship earned the nickname of Old Ironsides during the war of 1812 when British cannonballs were seen bouncing off the ship's wooden hull.

# National Grid US crosses milestone, connects 3 GW of clean distributed generation

Staff Report

National Grid has announced that the company has reached a milestone in connecting more than three gigawatts (GW) of renewable distributed generation across its network.

With 3 GW total of renewable distributed generation now connected to its network, enough to power approximately 600,000 homes, National Grid is the #2 utility in the nation for nonresidential solar installations and #7 for residential solar installations.

"This milestone reflects our company's commitment toward making a Net Zero future a reality," said Badar Khan, President of National Grid US. "We are striving to connect solar and distributed generation projects as quickly as possible and are proud to be making rapid progress. By connecting these projects to the grid, we're helping states meet their clean energy goals, and delivering more renewables to our customers. We are committed to finding a way to ensure fair, and equitable clean energy for our customers and connecting clean, affordable solar power is one way we're doing that."

The connection of renewable projects, primarily solar energy, broke previous records in 2021, as more than 525 megawatts (MW) of solar projects - enough to power more than 100,000 homes - were interconnected across New York, Massachusetts, and Rhode Is-

land. The previous high was in 2020, when the company connected 470 MW of solar projects to its network.

In Massachusetts, National Grid has connected a total of 1,644 MW of distributed generation. In 2021, 236 MW of distributed generation projects was connected, most of it from solar projects.

The success is expected to continue into 2022 as connection applications continue to increase and both New York and Massachusetts are implementing new cost allocation arrangements that will reduce the cost barrier where significant electric distribution modifications are needed.

The states where National Grid operates, New York, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, have ambitious clean energy goals. In New York, the state hopes to have 70 percent of 1,644 MW of projects connected in Massachusetts electricity from renewable sources by 2030. Rhode Island is striving for 100 percent renewable electricity by that year, and Massachusetts' goal is for 40 percent by 2030.

National Grid has worked closely with solar developers to conduct studies to find solutions to maximize the amount of distributed generation that is connected to the grid.

The states have ranked highest in overall solar integration, with Rhode Island ranking #1 in total solar installed per square

mile where National Grid serves most of that territory.

Massachusetts ranks #3 and New York at #11, where the majority of those solar installations are located in National Grid's service territory.

National Grid is also exploring the use of new technologies including distributed energy resource (DER) management systems and smart inverters through scalable demonstration projects that will help to enable DG interconnections throughout the Company's service territory.

"In the race to reach 100% clean energy, every electron counts. And when those electrons lead to gigawatts, that's when you're making serious progress. National Grid has reached a milestone worthy of recognition," said Northeast Clean Energy Council President Joe Curtatone. "Utilities are-- and must continue to be-- partners in the just transition to a clean energy economy. We look forward to many gigawatts to come."

National Grid aims to develop and construct nearly \$5 billion in necessary transmission and distribution upgrades to, in part, help meet the renewable targets in the states where it operates, including up to \$4 billion in New York for up to 5,000 MW of new renewable capacity and up to \$700 million in Massachusetts for up to 1,200 MW of new capacity.

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# Councillor McKenna requests less invasive rodent baiting program

By Cary Shuman

The City Council approved a request by Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna that city departments use a less invasive rodent poison when baiting the rodents.

McKenna said that a less invasive poison would help protect wildlife.

"Since construction is at its maximum in Revere and Orient Heights, baiting rats is at the highest demand," said McKenna. "In the abutting Belle Isle Marsh land, we have many different species such as owls, coyotes, hawks, and other animals and mam-

mals being affected.

"The rats, after eating the current poison, experience a horrible death," she continued. "They live three days suffering, searching for water and then bleed out. From there, they are picked off by the food chain of animals, which poisons the animal that digests the poisoned rodents. These animals then also die a horrible death."

McKenna said that the rodent-baiting poisons currently being used, "never break down."

"They have a 100-year shelf-life. This is affecting the ecosystem in a cata-

strophic way at the Belle Isle Marsh. What the site supervisors at Belle Isle Reservation and all across Massachusetts are seeing is a disturbing death rate among these animals and including dogs and cats.

"There are many less invasive ways to kill rats, without affecting the food chain," concluded McKenna, naming some other rodent-baiting measures.

The Council unanimously voted to support McKenna's measure that will now go to Mayor Brian Arrigo's desk for consideration of implementation.

# Two fired for Chelsea Street Bridge mishap

By John Lynds

A motorist got a ride of a lifetime on the Chelsea Street Bridge last Friday but it wasn't a ride she wanted or expected.

According to MassDOT Communications Director Kristen Pennucci, just after 4 pm Friday the Chelsea Street Bridge was raised with a car still on the bridge's span.

"The incident on the Chelsea Street Bridge occurred at approximately 4:15 p.m. on Friday, January 21 and involved one passenger vehicle," said Pennucci. "There were no injuries, negative impact to traffic, and the vehicle drove away from the scene."

The entire incident was captured on video by Randy Andrews who uploaded his video to Facebook Friday afternoon. The video has since been viewed hundreds of times on social media.

"I've never seen anything like this before. I pulled up expecting the bridge to go up as normal, then I saw the car just going up along with it," he told Boston 7NEWS after the incident.

"The bridge operation was contracted through a private vendor, Cora, and upon an internal review it was determined that policies and protocols were not followed.

"This led to Cora terminating two employees," said Pennucci.

The Chelsea Street

Bridge is a vertical-lift bridge that connects Eastie and Chelsea over the Chelsea Creek. It opened to traffic on May 12, 2012, after a \$125.3 million construction project replaced the previous bridge.

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