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RHS CLASS
OF 1973 50TH
REUNION SET

The Revere High School Class of 1973, is having their 50th class reunion this year, on September 16 at the Marriot 4 Point in Wakefield.

The committee is still looking for 25 classmates from 1973, who cannot be located. If you have any information in knowing their whereabouts please contact Paul Greene at rgreenroc@aol.com or 978-758-7739. (Address, phone #, e-mail city-state).

Here are the 25 classmates:

Susan Fleury, Linda Butze, Joseph McCarthy, Judith Graceffa, Marie Carbone/Gibson, J oyce Grieco, Joyce Picardo, William Dawley, Janet Ryder, Laura DeMasi, Deborah DePietro, Rhonda Herman, Karen Diaz, Katherine Nutile, Faith Clapp, Stephanie O’Neil, Deborah Patetta, Patricia Pineau, Susanne Pineau, Donna Saltman, Mary Silva, Jane Toomey, Berardino DeSisto, David DeVincentis, Elaine Holmes.



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ON HIS TERMS Mayor Arrigo going out on top

By Cary Shuman

In an announcement that stunned the political community and became the instant frontrunner for “story of the year” in this city, Revere Mayor Brian

Arrigo announced Tuesday that he will not be a candidate for re-election in 2023.

With his numerous accomplishments in office and exceptional leadership during the pandemic,

Arrigo loomed as a virtual shoo-in for re-election. Some observers had suggested that his impressive record as mayor had set a strong foundation to a run for statewide office last fall.

A two-term city councilor at the time, Arrigo boldly threw his hat into the mayor’s race in 2015, and the then 35-year-old official defeated incum-

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Mayor Brian Arrigo

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Clash of Powers Mayor Arrigo outraged by RHS City Council vote

Special to the Journal

Mayor Brian Arrigo, outraged by the outcome of the City Council vote has issued the following statement.

"The City of Revere witnessed a grave failure in the City Council Chambers on Monday night, when six elected leaders of our city - including a former teacher and a former mayor - voted no

against moving forward the schematic design of the proposed new Revere High School. This week they proved that the City Council neither values education nor prioritizes the future of our city. I expect residents both with and without children in our public school system to be outraged by this decision.

See OUTRAGED Page 2

By Adam Swift

The City Council struck a major blow to plans for a new Revere High School on Monday night.

The council voted 6-4-1 against approving the Revere High School project’s schematic design submission to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). The submission included the presented scope, schedule,

and budget in order to keep the project in line for MSBA grant funding.

School Committee members stated that passing on the opportunity for funding at this point could mean an end to funding opportunities for a new high school from the MSBA.

The proposed submission to the

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'80 FOR BRADY' VIEWING FOR SENIORS



Kathleen Brennan, Karen Knapp, Denise Rampelberg, Barbara Stoddard, Mary Vigliotta, and Sandi Lozier shown during the pizza lunch offered following the "80 for Brady" showing for members of the Rossetti-Cowan Sernior Center. See more photos on Page 4.

BoH upholds penalties for tobacco sales; told of conditions at pet store

By Journal Staff

The Revere Board of Health (BoH) held its regular monthly meeting last Thursday in the City Council Chambers. Chairperson Dr. Drew Bunker and fellow members Dr. Craig Costanza and Nezha Louaddi were on hand for the meeting, as well as Lauren Buck,

the city's Director of Public Health; Michael Wells, the Revere Health Agent/Director of Inspectional Services; and Paula Sepulveda, the Board of Health Clerk.

Bonny Carroll, the Director of the 6-City Tobacco Initiative, presented the board with a report of the violations of the tobacco sales product laws to mi-

nors under the age of 21 by four local businesses. The board assessed fines and suspensions for the illegal tobacco sales as follows:

-- A \$2,000 fine and a seven-day suspension of tobacco sales to Gasco Oil for a second offense. It also was noted that

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JKA Martial Arts Center offers happy place for local autistic teen

By Melissa Moore-Randall

About a year ago, Jaydee DeAngelo’s mom, Dawn, contacted JKA Martial Arts Center looking for classes for him. Jaydee is a 14-year-old who was diagnosed with Autism when he was a year old.

Dawn has been longing and searching for a place he would feel comfortable. After many years

of trying different things, nothing seemed to stick for Jaydee, and he would quickly lose interest.

However, one day Dawn noticed JKA Re-

vere Martial Arts Center on Squire Road in Revere. Dawn decided to pop in hopeful to find her son an extracurricular activity he

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Councillors, neighbors question Dover Amendment

By Adam Swift

Councillors and residents are taking steps to make sure city neighborhoods do not have to face the type of development recently proposed for Arcadia Street.

At Monday night’s meeting, Councilor-at-Large Dan Rizzo introduced a motion asking the mayor to request the city’s state legislators bring into question the Dover Amendment. That legislation has been on the books since 1950, and was used by developers to try to build a 24-bed homeless resource facility at 84 Arcadia St. under the definition of an educational facility.

Under the Dover Amendment, the developers would not have needed special City Council or zoning approval to build

the facility. But the Oak Island neighborhood banded together to protest the development and worked with the developers and their attorney to return to a five-unit townhouse proposal for the property.

“This motion was put in in response to a project that was proposed down on Arcadia Street,” said Rizzo. “The neighborhood pulled together like nothing I have ever seen and made their voices heard in virtually every single corner that they could possibly have access to, and ultimately worked out an agreement with the owner of the property ... to look at alternative plans, which, God willing, the City Council will be supporting in the not-too-distant future.”

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COURTESY PHOTO

Stephen Fiore, Ned Almeida, and Anthony Parziale during an Oak Island Neighborhood Association meeting last Saturday.

SEE PAGE 9 FOR A STROLL THROUGH TIME

Dine Out Revere returns!

Dates, participating restaurants announced

By Journal Staff

In coordination with the City of Revere and the Revere Chamber of Commerce, Next Stop Revere is excited to announce Dine Out Revere will run through Sunday, March 12th.

After hosting this campaign for the first-time last fall, Dine Out Revere will once again provide locals and visitors an opportunity to sample participating local restaurants featuring special menu items. The delicious deals offer a chance to explore Revere's culinary scene, from favorite classics to brand new hot spots.

Participating restaurants include:

- Antonia's at the Beach
- Cut 21
- Dryft
- Fine Line
- Istanbul Diner Café
- Mission Beach House
- Murray's Tavern
- Rincon Limeno
- UNO Pizzeria & Grill
- Valsos Table & Bar
- Valsos Café & Bar
- Volare Restaurant & Bar



We have partnered with two charities to receive a portion of proceeds from items ordered from the Dine Out Revere menus, The Greg Hill Foundation's Restaurant Strong Fund & Revere Chamber of Commerce.

The Greg Hill Foundation's Restaurant Strong Fund was established in March of 2020 in partnership with Samuel Adams to help aid the hospitality industry during unprecedented times. Since then, their partnership has grown to include GrubHub and has expanded to offer various grant opportunities available to restaurant employees and owners. Through the years, the Restaurant Strong Fund has distributed 9,494 grants totaling over \$20 million.

Promoting economic progress and quality of life in the City of Revere, the Revere Chamber of Commerce is committed to providing members with valuable resources, membership programs, networking events, and promotional and educational opportunities to help our business community thrive.

For more information about the participating restaurants and their special menus, visit our website here: www.dineoutrevere.com

OFFICERS ZINGALI AND BAGNERA PROMOTED



Shown in the photo, Revere City Councillor of Ward 3 Anthony Cogliandro, Mayor Brian Arrigo, Sergeants Christina Bagnera and Douglas Zingali, Capt. Maria Lavita from the Criminal Investigation Division, Executive Officer Sean Randall and Revere Police Chief David Callahan.

Outraged // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

While the wounds are still relatively fresh, I am sad that many high school parents and grandparents - including some in leadership positions in our city - will continue to choose to send their children and grandchildren

out of district because our high school doesn't meet their standards. Yet when it comes to doing the work to make a new high school a reality for future generations - they are too timid and distracted by hypothetical uncertainties and political implications.

I am sad that we failed the 7,168 children under the age of ten currently living in our city who do not have a voice and will not have the opportunity to grow up looking forward to attending a new state of the art high school. Because of the City Coun-

cil's vote on Monday, our high school will become unaccredited and an entire generation of our students have been pushed aside. Going forward, we all need to demand more from our city leaders."

BoH // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

the company had received a 30-day suspension of tobacco sales from the state;

-- A \$1000 fine and a three-day suspension of tobacco sales to A.L. Prime, 655 Revere Beach Parkway, for a first violation;

-- A \$1000 fine and a three-day suspension of tobacco sales to Parkway Liquors, 190 Revere Beach Parkway, for a first violation. The manager of the store apologized to the board for the violation. "There is no excuse. It should not have happened," he said. "We have all of the proper signage in place. It was one of our most cautious employees, but it never should have happened. We have re-trained the employee online";

-- A \$1000 fine and a three-day suspension of tobacco sales to Richdale Foods, 191 Shirley Ave., for a first offense. The manager apologized for the incident. "I'm sorry for that, my employee did not understand," she said.

The board also was told of the extent of the rodent infestation at the PETCO in the Northgate Shopping Center at 339 Squire Rd., which has forced the store to shut down until it remedies the situation to the satisfaction of state and local inspectors.

Wells said this has been an ongoing issue at the store. Wells explained that the department had received complaints about a strong odor and rodent droppings in the store dating back to last summer.

"We met with management," said Wells. "Pest control services were increased and flashing was added over the walls to eliminate holes and trapings were taking place, but there was little improvement in rodent control."

He said the store was closed on September 8, 2022, and now again on February 15.

Wells said his department has had communication with the landlord, the owner of the shopping center, who reported that the exterior of the plaza has been baited on schedule, for which service reports were provided, but that each tenant must maintain its own space.

"Northgate has been an issue in the past, but the exterior has improved significantly in the past two years," said Wells, who added that the plaza complies with all of the city's trash-related regulations.

"However," Wells continued, "there still was a strong odor and lots of rodent droppings at PETCO and the state will not renew PETCO's license until the infestation has been mitigated. They are trying hard to mitigate the problem and doing a lot with their pest control company and have done some more flashing on the walls.

"Hopefully, we'll see some results and get the store back open," he added. He also said the state has given assurances that the pets in the store are being well taken care of.

A representative from PETCO, Amy Ebersole-Martinez, told the board of the action it has been taking to deal with the problem.

She explained that all of the shelving has been removed from the walls and has been sanitized, and all of the products have been taken off the wall. A contractor reflashed along the base and all contaminated insulation was pulled out, reducing the odor. The flashing has been extended up the wall to 18 inches and the walls have been re-sheetrocked.

She further said there

was a mass trapping and an outside firm has been on-site to address the problem. She also noted that the employees at the store have been working additional hours to continue to do deep cleaning.

In addition, future shipments of products have been halted for the next two weeks and pallets will be inspected and will be blown with leaf-blowers outside of the premises to make sure that rodents do not enter the store.

A representative from Eco-Lab, the firm hired by PETCO, told the board of the extent of the problem.

"There was total infestation in the insulation and 100 baby rodents were found," she said.

She also noted that rodents travel throughout the plaza through the connected ceilings. Wells noted that his department also has looked at other businesses in the plaza.

"When you reopen, what steps will be taken to prevent this from happening again?" Bunker asked Ebersole-Martinez. "What's the plan going forward?"

Ebersole-Martinez replied that the company will be installing more permanent equipment inside the store to prevent nesting, plugging the ceiling, and retaining Eco-Lab for enhanced services up to three days per week.

"This has been the biggest deep-clean and take-apart of any of our stores," she said.

In the board's other business, Buck presented the Public Health Communicable Disease monthly report. She said that in February there

were only 16 reported cases of influenza in the city, a significant decline from January that mirrors state and national trends. As for COVID-19, she reported that there have been 26,512 confirmed cases in the city and 203 deaths to date.

On a separate note, Buck reported that almost 60% of teen girls reported feeling sad in a recent survey, an all-time high, and 1-in-3 reported suicidal feelings, also an all-time high. She said that there is a new, 24/7, suicide crisis hotline -- 988 -- that will connect the caller to a trained crisis counselor.

Wells presented the Inspectional Services monthly report in which he outlined the department's usual inspections for certificates of occupancy, pool and spa inspections, routine food inspections, and responses to complaints.

He also noted the violations issued by inspectors during the past month: 47 for accumulations of litter, trash, and debris; 23 for improper bulky items; 233 for improper placement of garbage and trash; 10 for improper storage of garbage and trash; 10 for junk heaps and automobile graveyards; and three for multiple unregistered vehicles.

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SPOTLIGHT

The Game of the Week series of the regular winter season is on hiatus as the RHS Basketball Teams played their final regular season games last week. Both the Boys and Girls teams took on Hamilton-Wenham last Tuesday afternoon. Unfortunately the Girls team lost with a final score of 45-28, and the Boys won with a final score of 57-34. RTV will potentially be covering the Boys Team in the playoffs, depending on the schedule. RevereTV is grateful for the volunteer announcers that pushed the live coverage along all season, Patrick Keefe, Donny Boudreau, and Jason Smith.

RevereTV's live coverage of Revere High School sports and many other community events would not be possible without the help of our camera operators. Ashton Deruosi has been with RevereTV for years now and started as a Revere Recreation summer intern. He has since become one of the studio's most trusted camera operators and video editors. Live productions are a team effort and Ashton can always be counted on in these high pressure situations. He has been extremely flexible with his time and willing to attend many community events on his own that result in video packages featured on the Community Channel and social media pages. RevereTV congratulates Ashton who will now be taking his production talents to WHDH-Boston. Although the studio is sad to lose some of Ashton's time, the staff is proud of him and knows he will continue to be a part of the RTV family. Congratulations, Ashton!

There have been a few public hot topic government meetings over the past few weeks that will be continuing into next month. The Traffic Commission has been studying the neighborhood between Malden St. and Squire Road and hearing public comment about possible changes to improve traffic conditions on those streets. The latest Traffic Commission Meeting is currently airing on RTV GOV every day over the next few weeks. You can also rewatch all of these meetings on YouTube at any time to see how these issues and resolutions have progressed.

The Ways and Means Subcommittee and Revere City Council have been long debating and working on potential plans for a new Revere High School at Wonderland. Since a public high school is one of the most important institutions in a city, this of course is a major topic of discussion. You can watch the latest Ways and Means and Revere City Council Meetings on RTV GOV every day at various times or on RTV's YouTube page at your convenience. Check the city calendar on revere.org for the schedule of all local government meetings. RevereTV covers meetings as they are scheduled by the city on that calendar.

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CITY OF REVERE

Brian M. Arrigo
Mayor

Dear Residents,

After months of consideration with loved ones, I have decided to make 2023 my last year as Mayor of this great City of Revere. This is a bittersweet decision, as I am sad to be leaving a position that has been so rewarding, but now it is time to support the next generation with the energy and ideas to lead our great city. Supported by my incredible family, friends, and staff, the last eight years I've served as your mayor has been the honor of my life.

Revere is my hometown, where the fabric of our community raised me as they did many of you. As I grew up I watched my parents, both in their own way, serve the residents of Revere with passion and integrity - knowing they were doing it to build a better city for me and my sister. I deeply love our growing, close-knit North Shore coastal community. Revere is and always will be home to me.

In 2012 when I became a Revere City Councillor, there was so much on the horizon for our city. I began surrounding myself with incredibly bright minds, folks who loved this city as much as I did and knew what steps were necessary to move our city forward.

Together, that work allowed us to take those ideas to the Mayor's Office in 2016 - eager to implement our plans but learning quickly there are no instructions for how to run a city. My staff and I walked into our then-empty office at 281 Broadway with a blank slate and a vision. I have been proud to lead the fastest growing city in the Commonwealth, despite the challenges we have overcome. In unifying a divided city, focusing on bridging the gap between historically overlooked neighborhoods and City Hall, bringing government closer to people with 311 and promoting more transparency into how our city operates and serves its people - slowly we built our team, we built trust, and our city thrived.

In this time as your Mayor, nothing has been more important to me than building on the trust you have put in me to lead our city. Trust is the key ingredient necessary to accomplish big things - in our personal lives, in business or in government. The integrity of the office is paramount and I am proud to know we have built a system of transparency, a culture of consistent communication and the trust among each other to lead this city forward.

I look around my office today, filled with shovels from groundbreakings, letters from Revere students, photos from ribbon cuttings and flag raisings and I am proud of the journey we've been on together.

As I end my time as Mayor of the greatest city in our Commonwealth, I intend to spend more time with my family, and continue to pursue public service outside of elected office in some capacity. Although I don't specifically know what my next chapter will be, I will forever be grateful to those who put their trust in me. It has been my greatest honor serving as your mayor and I only hope you will continue to challenge the status quo as we build on the greatest strength of our city - the diversity and pride of our people.

Regards,

Mayor Brian M. Arrigo

ROSSETTI-COWAN SENIOR CENTER GETS SPECIAL 80 FOR BRADY VIEWING

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

Members of the Rosetti-Cowan Senior Center attended a viewing of “80 for Brady,” sponsored by Renee Merchant of LYV Reality, at the AMC Theatre in Assembly Row on February 22. Eighty seniors -- like 77-year-old Sandi Lozier -- enjoyed popcorn and soda as they watched the movie about four best friends attending Super Bowl LI to cheer for their hero, Tom Brady.

“I love the Super Bowl, no matter who is playing. I really got to like Tom Brady,” smiled former paraprofessional for 33 years, Lozier, who fondly

remembers crocheting and asking her late husband and Patriot’s fan, Paul, football questions while he watched the game on television. “The movie was funny. I enjoyed it very much.”

Project Coordinator Anna Piccardi, a Eucharistic minister at Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, also distributed ashes to those honoring Ash Wednesday following a pizza lunch.



Project Coordinator Anna Piccardi with her parents, Rita and Andrew Paci.



Dan Maguire dressed as Pat the Patriot, with Jim and Donna DePaulo, Bill and Carol Anastos, and John and Lorraine Orlandella.



Peggy Vitale, Connie Lapilato, Stephanie Savini, Sharon Martin, Betty DeSimone, and Betty Catanese.



Elena Fournier, Maureen Willett, Rita Krassnoff, Francine Cataldo, Liz Haley, Maria Cefalo, Joyce Carney, Kathy Smith, and Ann Marie Doukis.



Rosetti-Cowan Senior Center staff: Steve Moscato, Tarek Abou Hadiba, Joy Granata, Deb Peczkka, Anna Piccardi, Bob Haas, and Dan Maguire.



Tricia Divaio, Cheryl Kelley, Ty Smith, Nina DeFreitas, and Lucille McCarthy.

Karate // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

could happily be part of. Dawn was greeted by the owner Walid Karaf. After explaining Jaydee to Walid, he was beyond welcoming and determined to get Jaydee started right away on a trial basis to see if it's something he likes.

“It turns out that Jaydee has now found his happy place being welcomed with open arms by the owner, the martial art teachers, and the fellow children enrolled in the program. I never expected it to go so well for Jaydee. He has now found something he enjoys doing and being part of. I am so grateful for Walid and his amazingly patient staff. I felt I needed to shine some light on JKA Revere Martial Arts Center and what a great program it is. It welcomes all abilities while realizing there



Revere Teen Jaydee DeAngelo with his instructor Jeffrey Garcia at JKA Martial Arts Center.

were determined to make Jaydee part of their team and part of the JKA Revere Martial Arts Center.

According to Karaf, “Our doors have always been open to anyone who wants to learn and grow. So I was excited to have Jaydee visit the dojo. When he came for a trial, I found a program that was appropriate for him and that would fit his needs. He immediately started to engage with students and respond positively to the instructions. The students adore him, and he soon discovered that he was safe and accepted and that he could be himself. When he does not come to class, or misses a class, the students ask for him. You can sense that his energy is missing from the place. It is a joy to be around him.”

Located at 318 Squire



Students and Instructors at JKA Martial Arts Center.

Road in Revere, JKA Martial Arts Center has been operating for the past 7 years and offers a variety of classes. They specialize in traditional Shotokan karate, as well as Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Aikido and MuThai classes. In addition, they are members of the Japanese Karate Association. The BJJ program is affiliated with the Brazilian Top Team. The classes are open to children ages 5 and up as well as adults, both men and women. All instructors have credentials from their respective organizations.

Owner, Walid Karaf, is a native of Syria. “I left Syria in 1986 for Athens, Greece, where I continued my training in traditional Shotokan Karate. I also owned and operated a dojo until 1994, when I decided to migrate to the USA. I have been in the Greater Boston area since then, and in Revere for over 15 years. My love of karate began when he was a young boy in 1975 with the first generation of Shotokan karate masters in Syria. Karate has always been a part of my

The main principles of Traditional Karate:

1. Seek perfection of character; this means being a courteous person, having respect for yourself, and showing respect to others.
 2. Be faithful. For us, this means seeking peace and defending justice with honor and integrity.
 3. Endeavor. Put the maximum effort into everything you do, and with great effort, cultivate and maintain the mind, body, and spirit.
 4. Respect others. This means that you listen respectfully, help one another, take care of each other, and respect the dojo.
 5. Refrain from violent behavior.
- The emphasis is to stay away from all things that could create harm and violence. The way of the martial artist is to go beyond pettiness by embracing compassion and kindness. Traditional karate, as you can see, is more than just kicking and punching or technical practice. It is a way of life where the students, if they are willing, can learn how to improve and become resilient to changes and outside pressures.
- “Martial Arts is a philosophy about how to live with the highest principles: respect, discipline, compassion, and service. It is about being gracious when interacting with friends, family, and loved ones. Over the course of my 45-year teaching career, I have had many successful students, and I have kept in touch with them and their families.”
- In addition to the Revere studio, there is also a second location at 14 Mount Vernon Street in Lynn. You can also visit them online on Facebook @ Revere Martial Arts Center or by email at JKA.Revere@gmail.com.
- life. I participated in regional and national championships in Syria and Europe.”

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"By meeting with your primary care provider early in the year, you can highlight the things that are important to you, and work together to develop a plan for your care for the year ahead," Sobel said. "This will ensure you live each day with vitality, happiness and improved health."

Many providers will reach out to schedule an annual wellness exam. If your provider doesn't contact you, make sure to call them.

A number of annual check-ups are available at no extra cost to those with Medicare. They include a "Welcome to Medicare"

visit for customers who have just reached Medicare eligibility and an "Annual Wellness Exam" for existing customers. Many Medicare Advantage (MA) plans offer more extensive annual visits at no extra cost. Some even offer incentives for completing a visit. Talk with your provider and Medicare insurer about your benefits.

Each annual exam may be a little different. Regardless of the type, Sobel offers the following tips to ensure you get the most from your visit.

Prepare. Before you go, write down any-



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thing you'd like to discuss with your health care provider, including changes to your health over the past year. Bring your prescription and over-the-counter medications with you. Ask plenty of questions and take notes. You might even want to take along a family member, trusted friend or caregiver to ensure you understand everything your provider has shared.

Be open and honest. It's tempting to make things look rosier than they are when talking to your health care provider, but minimizing what you are feeling can lead to an incorrect diagnosis or prescription. Speak openly about unhealthy habits, like smoking or lack of exercise. Your provider won't judge you. Being honest is the only way your health care provider can help you reach your goals.

Mind mental health. Your emotional health impacts your physical health. Many people think depression is a natural part of aging, but it doesn't have to be. Talk to your doctor if you are feeling sad, anxious or hopeless. Treatments, such as talk therapy, medication or both, may be covered by Medicare.

Monitor medications. Adults age 65 and older tend to take more medications than other age groups, increasing the risk for

adverse reactions, such as cognitive impairment and falls. It's a good idea to take your medications to your annual wellness exam and discuss any potential problems or side effects you're experiencing. Don't forget about over-the-counter drugs, vitamins or nutritional supplements you take.

Schedule screenings and get vaccines. There are a number of important health screenings and vaccines that you may need depending on your age and gender, such as colon cancer screening, bone density test, mammogram, flu shot or COVID-19 immunization. Ask your provider about the screenings and vaccines you've had already and schedule any you need as soon as possible. You may even be able to do that before you leave the office. Also, don't forget to visit your eye doctor and dentist. These visits are covered by many MA plans as well. Find out more at www.cignamedicare.com.

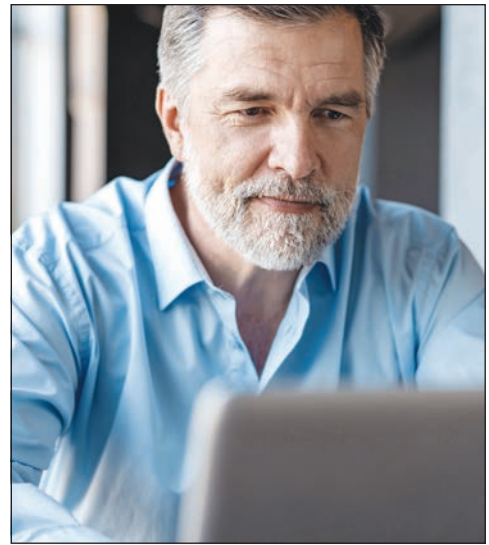
"You wouldn't drive your vehicle without proper preventive maintenance, so please don't ignore preventive maintenance for your most prized possession - your health," Sobel said. "An annual wellness exam is a great place to start!"

3 Ways to Protect Your Finances and Your Family

(StatePoint) To protect your finances and family in the long term, it's important to not only reevaluate your saving and spending, but also commit to creating a more holistic financial plan.

Consumers are seeking stability and preparedness in today's uncertain economic environment, according to a recent Consumer Sentiment Tracker study by Lincoln Financial Group. With ongoing inflation and market volatility, 56% of respondents cited protection from risk as being most important to them. When it comes to thinking about their finances, people said they have the greatest interest in protecting their family (39%) followed by their income (26%).

"Our research reinforced the importance of financial solutions that can help consumers navigate through market cycles and protect their loved ones," said David Berkowitz, president, Lincoln Financial Network, Lincoln Financial's wealth management business. "People are not only concerned about having enough to pay their bills, but also saving for retirement and preparing for the unexpected."



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ed. It's important to have a well-rounded financial plan that can address those risks, protect assets and create positive outcomes for today's families."

To achieve a stronger financial future, don't neglect your finances - instead, add a little TLC (Talk, Learn, Commit). Create a robust financial plan using these three tips from Lincoln Financial:

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– Martha Beck

Councillor McKenna questions Endicott Avenue building plans

By Adam Swift

Ward 1 City Councillor Joanne McKenna and at least one neighbor have concerns about plans to build a six-unit condominium building on Endicott Avenue at Monday night’s council meeting.

The proposal by Michael Casoli and MAC Realty Trust would replace a six-unit building at 141-143 Endicott Ave. that

was among the structures that burned down during a fire in May of 2021.

“Due to the age of that structure, which was constructed around 1920, the request to reconstruct the building must come before the City Council,” said Nancy O’Neil, the attorney representing Casoli. “The proposed reconstruction building ... is substantially similar to the 1920 building. The build-

ing formerly contained six units, the proposed building will also contain six units.”

The proposed building will be slightly longer and more narrow than the previous building, and will also be slightly taller to allow for ground floor parking with six spaces. The units would be condominiums, allowing for home ownership opportunities in the city, O’Neil

said.

“Overall, the reconstruction represents a significant improvement over the current condition of the old lot, will lessen congestion in the neighborhood by allowing parking, and will allow for additional home ownership opportunities,” she said.

Laura Ross, whose house next to the proposed building on Endicott Avenue was also lost in the

2021 fire, said she has serious reservations about the proposal.

“This is very emotional for me to be here, because this was a very traumatic event,” said Ross. Ross noted how the house had been in her family for decades before it burned down, adding that she is now working to have it rebuilt.

“I was the neighbor to Michael Casoli, his trust,

his building, and it was a long 20 years,” Ross said. “I don’t feel like he was a good neighbor.”

Ross said she believed there were people in his building that were making it unsafe for her and her children to reside in their home, and added that she believed Casoli never properly took care of issues when she raised them

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Rizzo said it was a situation where the council wants to help people who need it, but that the city has to be more strategic about where it places facilities like the one that was proposed for Arcadia Street.

He also noted that the Dover Amendment, which stipulates that educational and religious facilities be given more favorable treatment than other uses, was enacted during different times.

“I just think that the legislature, I don’t have any specific suggestions to the legislature unfortunately, but I know that it needs to be tweaked,” said Rizzo. “Right now, I think we are in a situation where if developers know that if they can implement the Dover Amendment in virtually any neighborhood that they want to build in, they can use this as leverage to get what they want to go forward with plans that might otherwise be declined by a local city council.”

Rizzo said the amend-

ment needs to be looked at so that other neighbors and residents don’t find themselves in the situation the Arcadia Street neighborhood found itself in.

Ward 5 Councillor John Powers said he supported Rizzo’s motion, and also suggested that there be a way to better notify residents when a project under the jurisdiction of the Dover Amendment or similar act is proposed.

Councillor-at-Large Steven Morabito noted that there should be some more detail about proposed changes to the amendment when it is sent to the legislature. He also said that cities should have more control when development is proposed for a residential dead-end street.

“I think getting in front of our state delegation is an absolute must,” said Council President Patrick Keefe. “We get threatened all the time, people come up and say we are going to do a 40B (affordable housing development). Up until a month ago,

I didn’t know what the Dover Amendment really was, I don’t think half the council really knew what it was.”

After Keefe and other councillors read up on the amendment, Keefe said it was definitely something that needs to be adjusted for current times.

“We hate being threatened by ‘this is going to happen and you have no say,’” said Keefe. “Every community, every direct abutter, when they buy a home ... when they buy a business, should have a direct say in what happens next door to them, because it’s not right.”

Keefe and several other councillors said they were glad the Arcadia Street neighbors were able to have their voices heard and worked together with the city and the developer to stop the project.

While the homeless facility looks to be off the books for Arcadia Street, many of those neighbors said they will continue to work together and are forming a new Oak Island



Arcadia Street residents who attended an Oak Island Neighborhood Association meeting last Saturday.

Neighborhood Association to address issues in the neighborhood.

“From the beginning of this, my feelings have always been that we should take care of our most vulnerable and put them in a location where they can succeed,” said Arcadia Street resident Stephen Fiore. “Arcadia Street is a thickly settled neighborhood full of kids and seniors with no grocery store, drug store, or hospitals nearby to access for those men and women. We are so excited that the developer and the city chose to go a different direction with this facility.”

Fiore said it was a neighborhood-wide effort to help make the change,

with hundreds of emails, phone calls, text messages and a social media campaign that the entire neighborhood took part in. He also thanked all the elected officials who worked behind the scenes and negotiated for the neighbors during the process.

“I am still a little disappointed in how this process was handled regarding the lack of transparency and community input,” stated Fiore. “We are the residents, the taxpayers, and this is our neighborhood. At bare minimum we should be notified of what could potentially be going on in our neighborhood. The next time any project is in the pipeline, we can only hope that the residents of Oak Island are

included in the process.”

One of the positives of the effort was that everyone came together as a neighborhood, planting the seeds for the Oak Island Neighborhood Association, which held an initial meeting last Saturday.

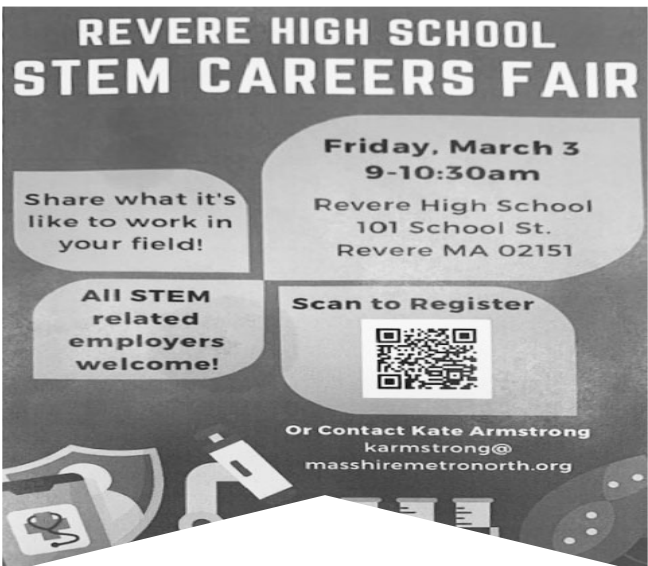
“This is in hopes that something like this can never ever happen again without the neighbors having input,” said Fiore. “The neighbors hope they can potentially have a seat at the table with the city and their elected officials every few months. Again, this is a true team effort. There is not one person that can take credit for this, and we’re just so grateful our elected officials gave us the opportunity to be heard.”

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MassHire Metro North to host Job Fair at RHS Friday

By Melissa Moore-Randall

Revere High School will be the site of a STEM Careers Fair this Friday from 9:00-10:30. The STEM Careers Fair at Revere High School is one of MassHire Metro North Workforce Board's first STEM Careers Fair (the first was held in December at CityLab, featured 6 employers, and was attended by over 50 students) and is planned in partnership with Revere High School.

The idea behind STEM Careers Fairs is to bring the opportunities of a general college and careers fair to a smaller subset of students in grades 9-12 who are interested in STEM-specific fields. Career fairs in general are focused on exposing students to potential career paths rather than recruiting or hiring them which differentiates their careers fairs from their job fairs.

According to Kate Armstrong, STEM Programs Manager at MassHire Metro North Workforce Board, "With a smaller and more focused event like the STEM Careers Fair, Revere High School students who participate are able to spend more time speaking with employers in the industries that they are actually interested in. We also tend not to make the STEM Careers Fairs mandatory for the entire student body, so that the students participating truly are interested in learning about these different career paths and having meaningful conversations with employers--it's sort of a "quality over quantity" idea in comparison to more general college and careers fairs."

Armstrong added that "Employers and professionals who take part in STEM Careers Fairs are volunteering their time to help students learn about the wide variety of options across STEM fields. They engage students in conversation about what working in their field is really like, share their own personal career journey, and share information with students about the sort of education and training needed to enter that field. We ask the employers to bring some sort of interactive component to the fair if possible. Folks from AE-COM brought a 12' model bridge to our last fair and engaged students with a bridge engineering challenge, BrainCo brought a robotic hand, and we had Cataldo Ambulance bring a CPR dummy as well--in addition to smaller things like 3-D printed objects and different manufactured materials. It's so engaging for students to have some form of visual or tactile experience, and those experiences really do stick with them!"

For the Revere High School STEM Careers Fair, they currently have 12 professionals joining them from AECOM (engineering),

Pega (tech), Advanced Foundational Fabrics of America (technology/engineering/manufacturing), Gloucester Biotechnology Academy (biotechnology and STEM education), Cambridge Health Alliance (healthcare), Mystic River Watershed Association (environmental science and STEM education), M&T Bank Revere (math), Weston & Sampson Engineers (engineering), MyDental (healthcare), Inter-Fluve (environmental science and engineering), Bond Brothers (engineering), and The Loop Lab (technology)--with new employers continuing to sign up! Interactive components for this fair will include digital film cameras and filming lights, specimens of wildlife found at Belle Isle Marsh, advanced fabric prototypes, a 12ftx12ft model bridge, and a bridge engineering/building challenge to name a few.

"Another great aspect of the STEM Careers Fair is that through meeting and speaking with students, STEM employers can get an idea of what sorts of internships and opportunities students are interested in. We have a large number of students--both at Revere High and at our other partner schools--who are actively seeking local STEM internships. Many students are eligible to participate in internships during school hours or directly after school but getting to Boston or Cambridge, where most STEM internship opportunities are, isn't feasible in that timeframe.

Revere High students completing STEM internships are even able to be paid through a Massachusetts Department of Education grant received by MassHire Metro North Workforce Board, which takes the pressure to provide payment off of employers. It's really just a matter of finding local STEM-related businesses who are willing to give back to the community and help build the next generation of STEM professionals. Many students have to choose between exploring a career interest through an unpaid internship or working to support themselves or their families, so this grant will allow those students to explore their career interests while earning \$15/hour so that they don't have to make that choice, as long as we have the employers to mentor them. Bringing these professionals in to really connect with the students has helped employers realize that working with a high school intern can be one of the most meaningful ways to invest in the community and the next generation."

For more information or to register for the Career Fair, contact Kate Armstrong at karmstrong@masshiremetronorth.org.

Councillor Powers concerned with rundown North Shore Road property

By Adam Swift

Ward 5 Councillor John Powers wants the city to do something about the rundown property at 585 North Shore Road, but there is little the city can do currently because of ongoing legal action.

Yourelo, Your Full Service Relocation Corporation of Boston has been the listed owner of the warehouse-style building since 2016.

"Approximately three years ago, I met with outside legal counsel and the owner of the property ... and I made suggestions about this property," said Powers. "It's a dangerous property, we had an oil spill down there several years ago, people broke in there. I myself had trouble getting over the planks that were inside the building because many were missing."

Powers asked the municipal services department where the building currently stands with the city.

"I want to see it torn down," said Powers. "It's

a danger to the people down there and it's also not a pretty building to look at for people coming through our city."

Powers said he also wanted to know what the owners of the building owe the city in fines and back taxes.

"I want to respectfully remind the council that this matter is currently in active litigation; that means I'm very limited to what I can inform you as well as what I can answer," said assistant city solicitor Cheryl McCormick on behalf of the department of municipal inspections. "We know that in February of 2018, the city filed a land court action for foreclosure on a tax title lien. That action is currently open and pending and is on hold."

In October of 2019, the owner of the property filed a Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, a federal court with a federal judge, according to McCormick. In November of 2019, the property owner filed an adversary procedure against the city in the bankruptcy

court, and McCormick said that matter is closed.

"Why the long delays?" McCormick asked. "I hear you loud and clear Councillor Powers. I can tell you that this has been in active litigation for five years."

The length of time is due to the complexity of the matters and the effect that Covid has had on the court system, which caused significant delays, she added.

"Although there are currently two pending actions in court, the action in land court is on hold, and the bankruptcy action in federal court is the primary action," said McCormick. "There is a bankruptcy stay."

When someone files for bankruptcy, an automatic stay goes into effect, which temporarily stops creditors and other collection agencies from making collection efforts. McCormick said that is why the city cannot force any other action at this time.

"It should be noted that the city has and continues to actively and aggressively protect its legal interest in all legal proceedings and continues to do so til

today," McCormick said. "However, it is out of the city's hands at this time. I understand that this can be challenging for all of you given the ongoing conditions of the property, but ultimately, we must respect, be patient, and understand the court's authority and wait for further directives from the court while we remain fierce advocates with the ultimate goal of having the property brought back into full compliance."

Powers asked if there was anything the city could currently do about the troubling and dangerous condition of the building.

"With regards to the condition, no one wants to see the condition of the property remain, but I can tell you our hands are tied with further action pending the outcome of the bankruptcy action," said McCormick. "The whole purpose of a Chapter 11 bankruptcy is that the petitioner, the debtor, would come up with an approved plan to pay its debt. It's premature to proceed any further until we get further directive from the court."

High School //

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MSBA came with a \$470 million budget for building a new high school at the Wonderland site. The city's portion of the cost was estimated at just under \$290 million, with an MSBA grant covering the remaining cost of the project.

Councillors Anthony Cogliandro, Joanne McKenna, Dan Rizzo, Richard Serino, Gerry Visconti, and Anthony Zambuto voted against moving forward with the project. Councillors Steben Morabito, John Powers, Marc Silvestri, and Patrick Keefe voted in favor of moving forward with the project and the MSBA submission. Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky voted present.

For those councillors who opposed moving forward with the high school project, it was a combination of a ballooning budget and uncertainty about how the city will afford the project, as well as questions about the Wonderland site, that sealed the deal.

Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, as a former teacher and as an elected official, spoke of her difficulty in making the vote at the ways and means subcommittee meeting prior to the vote of the full council on Monday night.

"Wearing these two hats has made it very difficult for me at times to make the decision that I believe would be the right one," said McKenna. "This decision that I make tonight is probably one of the most difficult decisions I have made on this council. I have given it much thought, spoken to many people, and have agonized over this at times."

McKenna said she did not make her decision lightly.

"I believe, moving forward, there are too many unanswered questions," said McKenna. "I feel the hat I wear tonight is for the people of Revere, my constituents, and I would not want to burden them with the cost of this whole project. My passion for teaching, my students, and my colleagues I don't hold lightly, but with inflation, a so-called recession may be coming, the uncertainty of the legal cost caused by eminent domain, the interest rates increasing ... I believe that Revere cannot afford putting this high school at the Wonderland site."

With the four councillors who voted in favor of

moving the high school building project sitting on the ways and means subcommittee, the motion had a favorable 4-2 recommendation coming out of committee to the full council.

During the subcommittee meeting, Morabito voiced some of his thoughts on the nearly three-year process so far to get a new high school built, and the potential funding of the project. Morabito noted that there was a long selection process to choose the Wonderland site, as well as numerous School Building Commission meetings over the past two years.

"In those meetings, people were invited to discuss various locations, and they narrowed it down to three locations," said Morabito. "It was the Coolidge Street where public housing is, the existing high school site, and Wonderland. The school building board voted for Wonderland, the School Committee voted for Wonderland, and this honorable body voted for Wonderland."

"So the location is out of question."

Morabito said some of the other topics discussed in the council's ways and means committee meetings over the past several months included the many benefits of building a new high school, including the technology and science advantages and the labs that will be built. Smaller classrooms and accreditation for the high school would also be a benefit of the new building.

"The benefits outweigh so many other things that we have voted on in the past," said Morabito. "It's the benefits that the children of Revere are going to see through providing them this school."

Early in Monday's subcommittee meeting, several residents and School Committee members spoke in favor of building the new high school at Wonderland.

"We all agree we need a new high school," said School Committee member Susan Gravellese. "We are all homeowners and taxpayers and have the same concerns about potential tax increases. Mayor Arrigo and (city finance chief Richard) Viscay have informed us that there will not be a debt exclusion or a Proposition 21/2 override."

Gravellese said there has been discussion about switching gears and using the existing site as the new location of the high school.

"Not only will this be a greater expense, it will also require eminent domain of single family homes along East Mountain Ave., displacing families who have called Revere their home for years," said Gravellese.

Later in the meeting, high school project manager Brian Dakin said potential eminent domain takings at the current high school site would depend upon a state ruling about replacing Erricola Park, where the city would have to build on the current school site.

"Without an accredited high school, our property values will plummet and our families will leave," said Gravellese. "This project has been several years in the making. The process of applying for funding from the MSBA started in 2016 with approval in 2019."

Gravellese said the school building committee started meeting in January of 2020 with uninterrupted progress, holding biweekly meetings in multiple public forums in a transparent process.

"If we pass on this opportunity for funding from the MSBA, we may never get invited back into the core program, which will eliminate our chances for a new Revere High School, resulting in losing our accreditation," said Gravellese. "If we lose our accreditation, we will also lose out on state and federal funding, our students will be denied admissions to colleges and universities, and the result of this will be our students having limited opportunities for success in the future."

Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto was one of the original opponents of building on the Wonderland site, noting that the city would lose hundreds of millions of potential property tax income over the next half century through potential private development of the 33-acre site.

Monday night, Zambuto reiterated that he was also skeptical that the city could make the debt payments for the high school project loan over the next several years with the plan laid out by the city administration.

Visconti, who chairs the ways and means subcommittee and sits on the school building committee, closed out the ways and means meeting elaborating why he could no longer support the project as presented. Last year, Visconti

was among the councillors who voted in favor of a \$29.5 million bond to take the Wonderland site by eminent domain.

"Being on the building committee for the last three years, it's given me a time to reflect on the process, and there have been a lot of meetings, a lot of hours put in by a lot of people in this room, and a lot of people outside this building," said Visconti. "That's what's tough, because we've gotten to this point, and now that we are at a point where we have to make some decisions. My frustration, and my hesitation comes with making decisions that these past few months came with numbers that were not really correct."

Visconti said the council and building committee were given numbers throughout the process, and noted that he was also on the committee that selected Consigli as the construction manager for the project to help look at the numbers.

"They saw the budget, and then we go in, and the budget continues to move, but it continues to move drastically after we made a decision on eminent domain," said Visconti. "That's a problem I have, and it is something that I have a difficult time getting over."

Visconti said if the council was provided the current budget numbers prior to the eminent domain vote, the Wonderland site would not have been the site chosen for the project.

"I know that, because I was the deciding vote," said Visconti. "I voted for Wonderland based on numbers that were incorrect and I can't get over that, unfortunately."

Based on the construction costs, Visconti said the Wonderland site would assist in paying for a new high school if and when it is developed.

"Not to get into the eminent domain price, but I act on the side of caution all the time," said Visconti. "This is not my money, but I am acting like it is, because if it was my money, I couldn't take that chance, and that's how I feel."

Being fiscally responsible, Visconti said he could not vote to move forward with the schematic design at the Wonderland site.

"I just feel that the risks at the Wonderland site outweigh the positives, and that's just my opinion," said Visconti.



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THE PLANET IS SO MESSED UP

Our warm winter -- December was unseasonably warm and January was the warmest on record, while February had only a very, very brief cold snap, but also had many days of record-high warmth — is a classic good news/bad news situation.

The good news is that our heating bills, with oil prices near record-high levels because of the war in Ukraine, are much lower than they would have been. Europe similarly has had a record-warm winter, which has reduced its usage of natural gas, averting what could have been an economic disaster..

The mild winter also has been a boon for the budgets of cities and towns. The dearth of snow and ice has meant that relatively small amounts have been expended for snow removal (at least so far).

But the long-term effects of our mild winters are not good. The warm winter of 2023, coming on the heels of warm winters for the past few years, means that climate change has firmly taken root in New England. According to a recent analysis by the federal Environmental Protection Agency, winters in Massachusetts have warmed by 4.5 degrees since 1896, a rate that is faster than the national average.

Part of the explanation for this may lie in another study recently released by scientists. According to their report, ocean heat content reached a new record high for the fourth year in a row, based on measurements of ocean heat accumulating down to a depth of more than a mile.

But here's the really depressing part: According to the scientists' findings, published in the journal *Advances in Atmospheric Science*, the warmth keeps working its way deeper into the ocean because greenhouse gases have trapped so much heat that the oceans' deeper waters will continue to warm for centuries even after humans stop using fossil energy.

So while it may be true that governments and industry are turning "greener," the bottom line is that it may not make any difference, and that's especially true because even under the best-case scenarios, the world will not be carbon-neutral for decades.

The effects of our warming planet have been visible for years with the onslaught of droughts, wildfires, devastating floods, and Category 5 storms that have left no part of Earth untouched, with implications that only now we are beginning to understand.

We don't mean to be the bearer of bad news, but the reality is this: As bad as things are today for the environment, they're only going to get worse before they get better.

THE ECONOMISTS ARE STILL JUST GUESSING

If you're like us, then no doubt you've been frustrated with the lack of consensus by economists and other so-called experts about the future of our economy. In the morning, we'll hear a prediction of a full recession in the coming months; in the afternoon, someone else will predict a mild recession with a "soft landing": and in the evening, another talking head will say that everything is fine for the indefinite future.

The combination of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ensuing supply-chain issues, and a land war in Europe for the first time since WWII has skewed everything for which there is no direct precedent in the modern era. Today's economy is an amalgam of every economic era since WWII. We can draw some parallels to previous situations, but there are no direct analogies.

In addition, two factors are having a huge effect on the labor force, which in turn are affecting the overall economy.

The first is the retreat from the workforce of Baby Boomers, a trend that was accelerated by the pandemic. The Baby Boomer cohort has had an out-size effect on the economy and American life since they were born and they continue to do so today. In addition, Boomers are staying in their homes longer (which diminishes the supply of housing for Millennials) and, now that they have more leisure time, are traveling more (instead of buying stuff), and thus inflating the demand for service sector workers.

The other big factor accounting for the labor shortage is the trend of many younger workers both for remote work and to work fewer than 40 hours per week. These new realities are having ripple effects throughout the economy, particularly for the office real estate market and the small businesses in our major cities that depend on foot traffic from office workers.

The only thing that is clear to us is that none of the so-called experts have any idea what is going on with the economy and have even less of a clue about the future. To paraphrase Plato (quoting Socrates), the only thing they know is that they know nothing.

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By Dr. Glenn Mollette

America was involved in Vietnam for 20 years. Our presence started small but by 1965 had significantly escalated. 3.1 million troops saw combat and at least 58,300 were killed. We spent over \$120 billion from 1965 to 1973 which led to an oil crisis and rampant inflation. Are you better off today because America fought in Vietnam? Are you safer?

America spent over \$2 trillion fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. Then, we hurried and pulled out of Afghanistan leaving hundreds of millions of dollars in vehicles, buildings, bases, and weapons to be used by the Taliban. The country is now in shambles. Girls are not allowed to go to school beyond the sixth grade. Women are treated horribly by the Taliban. What did we do to help Afghanistan? Are they better off now? Are we better off for our 13 years in that country?

We invaded Iraq. We

lost over 15,000 active service members and contractors in Iraq and Afghanistan. Take a look at Iraq and Afghanistan today. What did we accomplish?

We approved \$113 billion in aid to Ukraine in 2022 alone. Most Americans do not want Russia to succeed in conquering Ukraine. Efforts to help Ukraine have been supported by most Americans. How far do we go? How much can we afford? How long are we able to keep this up? Does this become another Afghanistan? American troops are not there, yet. When will this happen?

When do we start fighting in Taiwan? China wants to control Taiwan. Taiwan is rich in resources and technology. Like Russia wanting Ukraine because of its proximity and resources, China figures it just makes sense for them to control neighboring Taiwan.

China is reportedly on the verge, if not already sending military arms to

Russia. As America depletes our own defense stockpile of missiles, tanks and more, China knows we will have less to send to Taiwan. We have recently sent 200 soldiers to Taiwan and more will be going. It is scary to ponder how many more will be going in the next year or two.

In the middle of all this, who is really profiting from America's forever wars? The Military Industrial Complex will continue to make hundreds of millions of dollars with no end in sight. Manufacturers of mass weapons used in war have no end to their financial gains. Politicians who own stock in these massive companies only stand to get richer and richer. How many thousands of shares of stock in these companies do our long-term Senators and Representatives own? Stopping or slowing our military aggressions around the globe would mean their stock would go down and their massive financial fortunes would be

diminished.

Politicians should not be allowed to buy stock while in office. Before running for a political office they should be required to cash their stock out so they are not financially persuaded to promote the success of certain industries.

We don't want Ukraine to fall to Russia or Taiwan to China. However, what will our country have left to fight with after we have spent billions of dollars defending them? If your livelihood comes from investments in the massive military weapon sales industries, then you are probably spending most of your time counting your money.

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REVERE Through the Years

Showcase Cinemas.

**20 years ago
March 5, 2003**

Two female Revere police officers, Terri Pechner-James and Sonia Fernandez, have filed a \$4.26 million sexual harassment lawsuit against the city and the Police Dept.

Police are investigating a cluster of at least 10 housebreaks in the area of Malden Street and Squire Road that have occurred in the past 10 days.

Local residents have been taken aback by the news that Gov. Romney will be eliminating the MDC and wondering who will maintain the roads and beaches presently under the MDC's jurisdiction. State Environmental Affairs Sec. Ellen Roy-Herzfelder said the change is in name only however, and that a new state agency will be assuming those duties.

Residents are finding that business at City Hall has been slowed down in the wake of the recent budget cutbacks by the state which have reduced local aid and forced the painful layoffs of many city workers.

Cataldo Ambulance and Mayor Thomas Ambrosino have worked out a plan to place an ambulance at the Beachmont fire station, even though the station was closed recently because of the state budget cutbacks.

Old School, Gangs of New York, and Chicago are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**30 years ago
March 3, 1993**

City Councillors John Jordan and Patsy Tata said they want the city to become more aggressive toward those who are not paying their water bills by publishing their names in the newspaper.

An East Boston man, 41 year old Anthony J.

Malerba, was found shot to death on Ward Street. Malerba had spent most of his life behind bars at the state prison in Walpole for his role in a double homicide in East Boston in 1974.

Three persons were stabbed in an altercation following a dance at the Wonderland Ballroom.

New Suffolk County D.A. Ralph Martin met with Mayor Robert Haas and other city officials to take a tour of the city.

Amos and Andrew, Mad Dog and Glory, and The Crying Game are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**40 years ago
March 2, 1983**

Mayor George V. Colella and Police Chief Jake DeLeire were present at the oral argument before the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., concerning the case of whether the city should be liable for the medical

bills of a burglary suspect who was shot by police and accumulated medical bills totaling \$7984 at Mass. General Hospital. The Mass. Supreme Judicial Court found the city liable for the bills, but the city has appealed the decision to the nation's highest court.

The City Council has approved by a vote of 10-0 a 400-page package of changes to the city's zoning ordinances, the first such changes to the zoning ordinances in more than 30 years.

The Revere Lodge of Elks honored Police Chief Jake DeLeire as its Citizen of the Year before a crowd of 200 persons Saturday night.

Lords of Discipline, One Dark Night, and 48 Hours are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

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Lives of Sixtee People Saved by a Little Dog

Family Roused as Home Burns

Just a common ordinary black and white dog saved the lives of 16 people early yesterday morning when fire broke out in the Di Rocco block at the corner of Broadway and Malden st.

John Mallio, living on the third floor, was trying to sleep but his dog "Teddy" insisted on barking and keeping his master awake. Mallio stood the noise as long as he could when he threw a shoe in Teddy's direction, thinking that Teddy would quiet down and let him sleep.

Teddy was not in the least bothered by the shoe coming his way. He knew that there was smoke in the house, that something must be wrong and that it was his job to tell his master about it.

Finally Mallio noticed smoke in his room, investigated and found more smoke in the hall. He then jumped into his clothes and roused his family.

At just about the same time that Mallio realized that there was a fire in the building, Gustavo Siciliano, living on the second floor found smoke in his quarters and turned in an alarm.

Mrs. Antonette Mastellone, 80, the other-in-law of Siciliano, a blind woman was assisted from the building. All the other tenants left in scanty attire but returned to their homes after the fire was out.

The fire started in the dry goods store of Lena Garber on the ground floor. There was considerable smoke and water damage and the rescue squad of the fire department was kept busy for some time nailing up windows and doing other necessary work. The total damage caused by the fire was estimated at about \$3000. The cause of the fire was unknown.

DENNIS SCHOOL PRESENTS EVENING OF DRAMATICS

The pupils of the Dennis School entertained their parents and many guests last evening at the high school auditorium with their annual program of one-act plays and song and dance numbers.

Among those who appeared on the program were Virginia Cuthbertson, Thelma Bentham who presented a charming song and dance number which was well received.

Miss Lillian Simpson and Miss Virginia Turiello, directors of the school are in charge of the program.

Miss Alice Meyers of 100 State rd., a city, a member of the Junior class at the Vesper George School in Boston, was given a mention in her poster for the Annual Costume Ball.

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Rabbi Langh, Kiwanis Speaker

Rabbi Philip A. Langh, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth El of Chelsea, delivered an interesting address on inter-racial unity at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Kiwanis club in the Legion Memorial building Wednesday. It was one of the most inspiring talks ever given before the local service organization and was highly appreciated by the members and their guests.

He said in part, "Revere is distinctive in many ways. In the first place, it has the finest beach I have ever seen. I have visited the watering places of this country and Europe and never in all my travels have I encountered a natural bathing beach more beautiful than the one you have here. I enjoy during nine months of the year taking a walk along your seashore every afternoon.

"Revere is distinctive in other ways. It holds a position in company with not more than a half dozen other communities in the entire country from three points of view. In the first place it is a small compact community. Secondly, it comprises in fairly equal numbers all the various racial, national and religious groups which go to make up the melting pot of America; and thirdly, there is here in Revere an almost equal division among the three religious groups, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish. There are no more than half a dozen communities in the entire country that possess all these three conditions simultaneously.

"Thus you have here a human laboratory, a sociological experiment with almost ideal setting. Here in Revere a test can be made whether, under these challenging conditions, the sacred principles of justice and equality amongst these various groups may be maintained, and whether, under these trying conditions, our faith in human ideals may be vindicated.

He concluded by saying, "To me, Revere has the unique opportunity of developing an ideal city of justice where no single group dominates the other, where religious discrimination is a crime, and racial prejudices a sin; where group adds lustre, each race adds of its light; and all of them together teaches to America the sublime lesson that, different though they be, all of them are human beings, contributing their own ideals and that all of them can live together in mutual fellowship and as members of one happy family.

He was introduced by Dr. Paul R. Donovan, chairman of the program committee, and at the conclusion of his talk was given a rising vote of thanks. Rev. E. Ambrose Jenkins, pastor of the First Congregational Church, offered prayer at the start of the meeting and stated at the conclusion that he was completing arrangements with Rabbi Langh for an exchange of pulpits at a date to be arranged.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors of the club Tuesday at the First National Bank.

Busy Session of School Board

At the School Committee meeting Tuesday evening, Miss Julia Grady was transferred from an adjustment class at the Paul Revere school to a traveling assistant. Miss Mary Tobey was transferred from an adjustment class at the Julia Ward Howe school to grade five at the McKinley school.

The Superintendent of Schools was authorized to requisition from the Civil Service department a permanent part-time physician at a salary of \$400 per year.

Martin Davey, as assistant janitor in the Senior High school was appointed to the position of head janitor in the James A. Garfield school. Ernest Dean was made permanent head janitor in the Paul Revere school.

Mr. Loring Adams and Mr. Horace Burdick appeared before the School Committee with reference to the introduction in Revere public schools of the Franklin Drawing System. The matter was taken under advisement.

A communication from Dr. Payson Smith, head of the State Department of Education, saying that his department does not under any circumstances approve of special systems of teaching drawing or other subjects in the schools, was received and placed on file.

The committee received an opinion from City Solicitor Murray to the effect that James Hartley who agreed to repair and maintain for a year all electric clock and bell systems in Revere schools, is not entitled to receive \$600 claimed by him for his work.

2 Accidents-3 Fires-2 Minutes

Three fires and two serious automobile accidents, all happening within the same two minutes, kept firemen, police and newspapermen on the jump Thursday afternoon.

At the corner of Broadway and Davis st., a heavy truck was overturned and three persons were injured, one received a possible fracture of the skull.

Seven were injured when two cars collided at the intersection of Revere st. and North Shore rd.

In the Broadway accident, Earl J. Foster of Lynn who was going north on Broadway in his sedan, said that he turned to the left to avoid a car in front of him and the truck which was going in the opposite direction struck him.

The truck was owned by Maruson and Son of Salem and was operated by Harnedis J. Dionne, also of Salem.

When the police arrived on the scene they found the truck lying on its side, across the southbound street car tracks. The sedan was found across both tracks heading towards Davis st.

A heavy chain was attached to the truck and to a street car in order to right the truck. The street car backed up, dragging the truck on its side for about 20 feet before its wheels caught and righted it.

Glass in the cab windows and windshield of the truck was broken. Springs were broken and considerable damage was done to the running gear.

Alfred LaPlante of Salem, a passenger on the truck was treated by Dr. Harry Silverman and taken to Massachusetts General Hospital with a possible fracture of the skull. Raymond Claveau, also of Salem, received five lacerations of the fingers of his right hand also a possible fracture of his right arm. Dionne, the driver, received lacerations of the face and body.

In the North Shore rd. accident, police say that a sedan operated by Israel Sklar of Chelsea was going south on North Shore rd and in making a left turn into Revere st. side-swept a sedan operated by David W. Alves of Somerville crushing in the side of the car. The Somerville car was going north on North Shore rd. The headlights, bumpers and fenders of the Chelsea car were damaged.

Three women and a girl in the Somerville car received cuts and bruises. The driver was uninjured.

In the Chelsea car, Mrs. Sklar and her three children were taken to the Chelsea Memorial Hospital for multiple contusions and abrasions.

Mass Meeting of Church

The Protestant Church of Revere will sponsor a Union Patriot and Meeting Sunday afternoon, March 1st at the First Baptist Church at 10:30.

Hon. Clinton N. Howard, chairman of the National United Committee, Law Enforcement will be the speaker and he will speak on "Lincoln: Abolition - The Bible and the Constitution."

As chairman of the Woburn Commission, Mr. Howard will advocate a world peace, regular postal national arbitration and less armaments as a substitute for war.

As chairman of the National Committee, he has conducted a crusade in 38 states in the last existence what spoken 100 congressional postal routes. Philadelphia, was a colonial post office. York City. Dr. A. Z. Cohn, a part of New England, chips, straw, or old Street Congregational (and quite likely says of him: "I over again) as the platform, which technically the platform, fully transported epistles admiration." After of the law.

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Cuts In Budget May Reduce Tax Rate \$5

REV. R. K. MORTON RESIGNS TO GO TO ROCKLAND CHURCH

Rev. Richard K. Morton, pastor of the Community Church of Christ, Point of Pines, for more than two years, resigned last Sunday to accept a call to the Rockland (Mass.) Congregational Church (The Brown Church). The Pines Church is a daughter organization of the First Church of this city, and is partially supported by missionary funds from the Massachusetts Congregational Conference. The resignation takes effect immediately.

In his letter of resignation, Mr. Morton expressed appreciation for the support and loyalty of the people. "In many ways," he said, "you have all helped to make my work more helpful and effective and pleasant, and I shall never forget my experiences among you. You have strengthened and encouraged me, and I shall always be glad that my first parish was at the Pines, and that I was ordained in the First Church." This ordination was on Nov. 21, 1930.

Mr. Morton was born in Oak Park, Ill., in 1904, and is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Howard A. Morton of Boston. A sister, Eleanor, is a senior in the School of Education, Boston University.

Mr. Morton is a graduate of the New Britain, Conn., Public High School. He graduated from the B. U. College of Liberal Arts in 1905, and received his S. T. B. degree from Harvard Theological School in 1930, taking the S. T. M. degree from B. U. School of Theology in 1931. He also studied languages at Harvard, religious education at Newton Theological Institution, and is completing studies for the doctorate in theology at Gordon College.

He served three years on the editorial staff of The Congregationalist, denominational organ published in Boston, and contributes to many religious and educational publications, besides doing book reviewing for them. For two years he was president of Shaw Christian Endeavor Union, and has long been identified with young people's work. For two years he represented the Boston Evening Transcript at the General Conference at Northfield, and contributes to that paper's religious and book sections. He has also frequently spoken over the radio from leading New England stations.

Council Saves Chauffeurs' Jobs

The City Council completed their work on the city budget for 1932 at their meeting Tuesday evening and placed it in the hands of the Committee on Finance.

The budget was cut \$23,346.49 \$1,825,851.89 to \$1,802,505.40, making a possible reduction of \$5 in the tax rate.

The item covering the two "civilian chauffeurs" in the police department was restored to the budget on motion of Councilman Gallagher who said that he had not fully understood the situation last week and that he was against taking away the job of any man in these times. Those voting against restoration of this item were Councilmen Kelley, Robertson, and White.

President White called Councilman Robertson to the chair and then suggested abolishing City Engineer Lockhart and letting an assistant and a rodman run the entire engineering department. Later in the evening Councilman Gallagher in a substitute motion asked that the whole engineering department be abolished. His motion was lost on a roll call, three in the affirmative and six in the negative; the affirmative, namely, Gallagher, Robertson and White.

Councilman Bodner supported the engineering department by making motions for the restoration of the last four items in that department to the budget.

The various items cut from the budget by the Council are as follows:

Salaries	\$ 5,011.49
Transportation	285.00
Public Works Dept.	
Material	1,000.00
City Solicitor's Dept.	
Investigator	500.00
Unclassified, Insurance	10,000.00
Dept. Reserve and Executive Account	4,000.00
Fourth of July Celebration	500.00
Telephones, home	1,600.00
Council salary	450.00
Total	\$23,346.49

When it came time to vote on the acceptance of the above cuts in the budget they were passed with Bodner, Gilfix, Morelli and Sweeney voting against them.

Albert J. Corin of 51 Walnut ave. was granted a license for a wagon stand at the junction of North Shore road and Winthrop ave.

Grocer Assaulted and Robbed of \$400

Early Sunday morning at two o'clock, I. Silverman, manager of the grocery store, located at 73 Shirley avenue, was brutally assaulted by four unknown thugs, and robbed of \$400 in cash and checks.

He was attacked in the front entrance of his own home which is situated next to the store. Hearing closed up the shop, and with the money on his person, he entered the doorway of his home where he was terrorized by the four men.

Upon refusal to their demands for cash and checks, a gun was poked into his side. They beat him over the head, and ransacked his pockets. They made good their escape, and vessel Silverman bleeding and unly haggard.

Although quite a number of suspects were lined up at the police station, the four criminals were not identified among them.

Carroll Speaker at Elks' Washington Day Exercises

Representative Thomas F. Carroll was the principal speaker at the annual Washington Day observances held at the Revere Lodge of Elks Home, Shirley avenue Sunday evening.

Representative Carroll discussed the life of Washington as a leader in the affairs of this country.

RUMMAGE SALE FOR CHARITY

A rummage sale, the proceeds of which will be used for a worthy cause will be held at 491 Broadway, March 5, from 10 o'clock in the morning until 5 p. m.

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Mayor Arrigo // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

bent Mayor Dan Rizzo by 108 votes following a recount. Arrigo held off the strong challenge of Rizzo in 2019 to get re-elected as mayor.

Arrigo talked about his decision to not seek re-election during an interview Tuesday.

“It was a very bitter-sweet decision to make, but ultimately I want to make sure what I’m doing is best for my family and me,” said Arrigo. “I think the best thing at this point is to start to think about the next chapter in my life and in my journey. It was a difficult decision to make, but one I’ve been contemplating for months, and I’ve talked to my family and very close friends. As the election season begins, I thought it would be appropriate and the right thing to do to announce that I wouldn’t be seeking re-election.”

Arrigo said he will remain in office through the end of his current term.

“I do plan on staying here. I don’t have any jobs lined up, or anything like that,” said Arrigo. “I want to make sure that we have a very smooth transition, and the voters will have a decision to make this fall about whom will continue to lead the city.”

Arrigo said when he first took office as mayor in January, 2016, he wanted “to make sure that I handed off the city in better shape what I received.”

“I wanted to make sure that the City of Revere was set up for success for generations, and I think we accomplished that,” said Arrigo.

Arrigo said he takes great pride in hearing younger residents say how proud they are to be from Revere.

“There are lot of reasons for that. The progress we’ve made as a city has really proven to people that they deserve better, – and they can be proud to say they’re from Revere and they can back it up.”

Arrigo deflected his incredible day-to-day leadership during the pandemic, calling it “our work.”

“There’s no way I can take all the credit for that work,” said Arrigo. “There were incredibly hard-working people who went above and beyond on behalf of the residents. I certainly didn’t know how to lead a city through a pandemic. There was no playbook. We got through it because of our emergency response team, our public safety people, our city employees who stepped up during the worst time we could imagine. Just the idea we were viewed throughout that dark time in our history as a city that was being innovative and doing things like contract tracing - we were the first community that started contract tracing and try to figure out where the virus was being contracted. I’m immensely proud of all the work that we did together.”

Arrigo is credited with developing a positive vision of growth for the city and making Revere a wel-

coming community for all.

“We saw the opportunity for our city to thrive and grow and make things happen. We wanted to create a culture of the city that was welcoming to everyone, despite their backgrounds or the language they spoke. Our city has always been open-door for everyone. The generations of immigrants and their stories of laying roots in our city and raising their families – we wanted to continue on that. That’s who we are as a community, and I take pride in the growth and development that’s we’ve seen in the city, on Revere Beach, in early like Shirley Avenue.

“We’re going to continue to welcome people to the community that we love so much. We’re going to drive businesses to plant roots in our city. We’re going to continue to make sure people discover our city for what it truly is – which is a beautiful, coastal community that has some of the most wonderful people and impressive landscapes that you really can’t find anywhere.”

Arrigo said the city has changed a lot since his days as a child growing up and attending schools here.

“I’m incredibly proud of the changes that have been made to our city, the growth that we’ve seen, and what that means for the future generations of our city,” said Arrigo.

City officials, state legislators, and members of the Mayor’s Cabinet praised Mayor Brian Arrigo for his outstanding record of public service during his two terms in office.

Following are their comments:

Rep. Jessica Giannino

Since we were elected together (as city councillors-at-large) in 2012, Mayor Arrigo and I have worked together on many issues. I am thankful for his service to the City of Revere, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Rep. Jeff Turco

Congratulations to Mayor Arrigo on his decision not to seek re-election this Fall. I thank him for his partnership during our time working together for the people of Revere. He has left a lasting imprint on the Commonwealth’s fastest growing community. I wish him and his family all my best as he decides a new career direction.

Sen. Lydia Edwards

I want to thank Mayor Arrigo for his years of service. He undoubtedly will serve out his term with grace and distinction.

Chief of Health and Human Services Lauren Buck

When you work with Mayor Arrigo day in and day out, you get to see how much he cares for the people who live and work in Revere. It’s not just a job for him, it’s a passion. It has been such an honor to work for him and his absence from City Hall will be acutely felt.

City Council President Patrick Keefe

Mayor Arrigo has done a terrific job as a public servant. Serving two terms in the corner office, with a global pandemic sprinkled in, can takes its toll on any elected official, never mind one with a young, growing family, and someone who gets his hand in the mix daily.

I’m certain Mayor Arrigo thought long and hard about his work and his accomplishments, and I’m sure it was not an easy choice, but I’m certain he is leaving the city in great shape for the next leader to step up and keep Revere moving forward.

I am grateful for his leadership and looking forward to him finishing his job as strongly as it began.”

Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti

Mayor Arrigo has been a catalyst for the growth in our city and it has been a pleasure to work with him over the years, whether it was during my time on the school committee or at the city council level. His dedication to the City of Revere is unquestionable and so is the impact he has made to our community as mayor. I wish him, his wife and his wonderful family all the best in their next endeavor.

Ward 5 Councillor John Powers

Mayor Arrigo has done so many positive things for the City of Revere. We have had a lot of growth in the City, and growth means revenues coming into the City. I supported Mayor Arrigo when he first ran for office, and he’s done an excellent job. Getting a new DPW facility, a new Point of Pines fire station – there have been major improvements citywide. Mayor Arrigo, in coordination with Donnie Ciaramella, has led the way for repaving streets and making improvements in our water works, particularly in the Ward 5 area which had been plagued by drainage problems for years. The Mayor was always there for Ward 5 residents and always willing to help. The City is losing a young, talented mayor, who has always put Revere first.

Councillor-at-Large Steven Morabito

Mayor Arrigo and I have had a good working relationship over the years, while we served on the Council together, and during his tenure as Mayor.

The Mayor and his administration have improved our city brand. Good branding make cities desirable, just as bad branding can assist in making a city undesirable.

I am appreciative to have worked with the Mayor and his team to help make progress in our city over the years.

I send my best wishes to Mayor Arrigo and family in their future endeavors.

Thank you for your public service to our community, and its people.

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with him.

“He is grandfathered in to build on his current footprint, he should have to build on his current footprint,” said Ross. “He should not be given any variances, variances should not go to someone who is not a good neighbor.”

Ross said she would at least want an assurance that Casoli would not convert the condominiums to rental units in the future due to financial concerns. She said she was also concerned about a rooftop deck proposed for the project that would overlook her property, and where people could possibly grill outside.

“There was a fire before the final fire, it was started by a cigarette, it was in the front of his old building,” said Ross. “It was the same family that flung a cigarette out the back of his building and set the whole neighborhood on fire.”

McKenna said she agreed with many of the points made by Ross.

“People were grilling on a 100-year-old wooden structure, they were smoking, he had raccoons in the roof that were going in and out – he was asked to stop this and he didn’t,”

she said. “What I’m afraid of going forward is he’s asking for a roof deck and I think as a council, we should put some stipulations on this.”

Council President Patrick Keefe said the proposal will be discussed during the council’s March 6 zoning subcommittee meeting.

“I hope, attorney O’Neil, you will take into consideration some of the questions one of the direct abutters had, and certainly the questions and comments that Councillor McKenna had,” said Keefe.

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50 years ago March 1, 1973

The City Council clashed with Harold Turiello, the architect of the new Revere High School, over various items, with the council threatening to withhold \$24,000 in payments to him.

The Revere School Committee and members of the citizens group spearheading the establishment of a kindergarten program in the Revere public schools met in executive session to discuss the locations of the kindergarten classes.

The City Council has voted 8-3 to hold all of its budget meetings with city department heads in open sessions. Such meetings previously always have been held behind closed doors in executive sessions.

Larry Musto, owner of the China Roma restaurant, has donated \$15,000 to the Boys Club of Revere building fund in memory of his late father, John Musto, for whom a room at the club will be named.

Young vandals fire-bombed the car of a Constitution Avenue resident last week. Vandals also went on a tire slashing spree across the city.

Fear is the Key is playing at the Winthrop Cinema.

60 years ago Feb. 28, 1963

Although the City Council made some cuts to the budget that was submitted by City Manager Edward P. O’Toole, the final budget figure of \$7,762,834 approved by the Council is an increase of \$379,589 over last year’s budget and will represent an increase of \$5.80 on the tax rate.

More than 500 persons thronged the City Hall auditorium to listen to a panel discussion on the proposal for a \$200 million urban renewal plan for Revere Beach put forward by Boston developer Jerome Rappaport. Rappaport was opposed on the panel by local resident and school teacher Joseph J.C. DiCarlo and Boston State Rep. Julius Ansel. Ansel said he does not oppose urban renewal, but that he does oppose removing citizens from their homes and leaving their futures in chaos. Ansel noted that Rappaport was the developer of the West End urban renewal project in Boston that resulted in the displacement of 10,000 residents of that area. DiCarlo said that urban renewal is supposed to help the needy, but all that it really does is help the rich get richer.

Natalie Wood, Rosalind Russell, and Karl Malden star in Gypsy at the Revere Drive In. Kirk Douglas, Tony Curtis, and Laurence Olivier star in Spartacus at the Revere Theatre.

70 years ago Feb. 26, 1953

City Manager Edward P. O’Toole said that although the budget for 1953 of \$4,327,619 that he has submitted to the council is \$158,260 more than last year’s budget, he has taken strict economy measures to keep the budget as low as possible.

Capacity crowds at-

tended the annual Revere Journal Cooking School held last week at the City Hall auditorium. A&P supplied the food and the Suburban Gas and Electric Company supplied the appliances used in the cooking demonstrations.

City Solicitor Archie Cohen told the City Council that the city presently has no authority to create a rent control board once the national rent control program expires in April.

Robert Taylor and Eleanor Parker star in Above and Beyond at the Revere Theatre.

80 years ago March 4, 1943

Fire Chief Thomas McCarrick’s annual report states that losses from fire in 1942 were at a 22 year low in the city. Fires caused damages totaling \$47,442 for the year.

Red Cross workers will canvass the city this week seeking to reach the goal of \$3400 that has been set for this year.

Cary Grant and Ginger Rogers star in Once Upon a Honeymoon at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.



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SCENES FROM REVERE HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL VS. PLYMOUTH SOUTH

Photos by Bob Marra

Revere’s basketball magic carpet ride continued Monday night in Plymouth as the Patriots roared back from a six-point deficit in the final three minutes to top the Plymouth South Panthers and advance to the Round of 32 in the MIAA Division 2 State Basketball championship tournament. Revere (11-10) will travel to Nashoba Regional High School to face the 6th seeded Wolves (18-2) Thursday night at 7 p.m.

The Patriots clawed their way into post-season play with a 57-34 win over Hamilton-Wenham in the season finale that evened Revere’s regular season record at 10-10,

just enough to earn a spot in the tournament preliminary round. Starting February with a 5-9 record, the Pats won six-of-seven that has them playing into March.

Monday’s game was a fast-paced thriller. Revere opened up a five-point lead five minutes into the first period and led 13-11 after one quarter, bolstered by sophomore Ethan Day’s seven points. Plymouth South turned up the defensive pressure, though, and squeezed into a 21-20 lead with 4:15 left in the first half. That lead was short-lived, as Dom Boudreau answered with two of his eight second quarter points (on his way to a team-high 16). Revere stretched their lead to 28-

25 with 1:45 to go in the half on a Vincent Nichols three-pointer and the Pats edged out to a 33-28 lead at the half.

Revere cooled off in the third period, though, and Plymouth South, with junior Justin LaChance warming up for seven of his ten points on the night, snuck out to a 43-41 lead at the end of three. The Panthers looked like they were getting away when a Revere 24-second violation set up a Jesse Hayes jumper that gave Plymouth South the largest lead of the night, 50-44 with 3:01 left.

Now Revere cranked up the defense, stifling Plymouth South, and crawled back. Day tied it at 50 with a layup, was fouled, and hit the free throw to give Revere a 51-50 lead with 54 seconds left. Plymouth South’s ensuing possession was key, as a ferocious Revere defense forced Plymouth to run off valuable time before losing the ball. After a scoreless change of possession a Vincent Nichols steal on the baseline gave Revere possession with 9 second left. On the ensuing inbounds pass from Boudreau, Alejandro Hincapie was fouled in the back court and he calmly sank a pair of free throws to make it 53-50. Hincapie then stole the Plymouth South inbounds pass, was fouled again, and hit two more in the final seconds to give Revere the 55-50 win.



PLAYING BIG: Revere’s Joshua Mercado gets the most of his 5’7” as he defends Plymouth South’s Liam Davis.



CLEAN GETAWAY: Dom Boudreau leaves Plymouth South’s Shea Jacobson in his wake as he starts a Revere offensive.



POWER MOVE: Ethan Day drives on Plymouth South’s Aidan Morrow.



GRACEFUL EXTENSION: Vincent Nichols reaches over a Plymouth South defender.



TIGHT FIT: Revere’s Vinny Vu is pinned between Plymouth South’s Jaime Andrews (left) and Shea Jacobson (5) but Vu got the shot off s as he collides with a Plymouth South forward while fighting for a rebound.

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cured the rebound, passing to Hincapie, who was fouled with 21 seconds to. The senior captain, who has been given the nickname “Thefty Lefty” by his teammates in recognition of his ball-hawking prowess, sank both free throws despite being heckled by the Panthers’ crowd, to make it 53-50.

The Patriots kept the pressure on for one last possession and again it was Hincapie with the steal. Alejandro was fouled with 0:07 showing on the clock and hit two more from the charity stripe, completing an 11-0 Revere run and seal the 55-50 victory.

“We showed, as we have shown all year, that we have gritty kids with a ton of heart,” said Leary afterwards. “We just kept grinding and switching defenses to try to give us a spark and it finally happened in the last three minutes. We just did not want the season to end tonight!”

RHS BOYS HOOP FINISHES RUN TO PLAYOFFS WITH WIN OVER H-W IN FINAL GAME

The Revere boys basketball team barrelled into the MIAA post-season tournament with a

57-34 triumph over Hamilton-Wenham in the final game of the regular season last Tuesday at the Merullo Fieldhouse.

The victory capped a remarkable run by coach David Leary’s Patriots, who won five of their final six games to attain the .500 record that they needed to punch their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney.

The skein included victories over Greater Boston League rivals Malden and Everett, both of whom had defeated the Patriots in their first meetings this season and, in the case of Everett, marked the first triumph over a Crimson Tide boys hoop team in 20 years.

The Patriots began slowly to start the contest with the visiting Generals. Revere fell behind 10-3 through the first five minutes, with only a free throw by senior captain Alejandro Hincapie and a layup by senior captain Vinny Vu accounting for the Revere offense.

“I think we were playing a little tight with the tournament bid in mind,” said Leary.

However, the Patriots soon snapped to life. Sophomore guard Ethan Day hit a nice floater in the lane and then senior captain Domenic Boudreau (23 points, 13 rebounds)



FULL SPEED AHEAD: Sal DeAngelis is in high gear as he drives past Plymouth South’s Jaime Andrews.

hit a sweet, pull-up jumper at the elbow and a corner three pointer to tie the score at 10-10 at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter was a struggle for both teams and there was very little offense to speak of until junior forwards Andrew Leone (6 points, 5 rebounds) and Luke Ellis both sank two free throws to give the Patriots their first lead, 16-15, with just three minutes remaining in the half.

Boudreau sank three of his free throws as well and Revere led 19-16 at half-time.

Revere emerged at the

intermission with a proverbial mission in mind. The Patriots extended their full-court pressure and got some easy shots off steals. Senior captain Vincent Nichols (11 points, 4 rebounds) made two from the line; sank a deep three-pointer to beat the shot clock; and finished a fast-break layup.

Boudreau got to the hoop a few times and nailed a corner three-pointer, while Leone and Hincapie each finished around the basket over the defense, propelling the Patriots to a 40-30 advantage heading into the final quarter.

Revere maintained its



HOW MANY FINGERS?: Ehtan Day gets a handful of defense from Plymouth South’s Dillon Volklinger—and a little more from Aidan Morrow (2).

momentum over the final eight minutes, with the Patriots pressuring Hamilton-Wenham’s guards. DeAngelis made a strong drive to the basket and Nichols, Day, Vu, and Leone all hit buckets.

When Ellis nailed a three from the top of the key, it was the proverbial dagger as the Revere lead ballooned to over 20 points with a few minutes left. Boudreau made two more free throws and a basket and Revere closed out the game with a 57-34

victory -- achieving a 10-10 record and a tournament bid.

“We are just so proud these guys stuck together through it all, the injuries, sickness and so forth, to reach their goal of making the tournament,” said Leary. “Our record was 5-9 and we were down 16 points in the third quarter at Malden three weeks ago and came back and have won 5-of-6 games. All the credit goes to the players and our five seniors -- what a ride!”

RHS SPORTS

Through the Years

10 years ago
February 27, 2013

The coaches in the Northeastern Conference have affirmed what everyone in this city has known for a long time: Gena Restiano is one of the best basketball players in Revere High School history. Restiano, a four-year varsity player and co-captain of the current team, has received the conference's Most Valuable Player award by a vote of the coaches. The NEC's top individual honor comes one year after Restiano sustained a serious knee injury that required surgery and months of rehabilitation. She has made a tremendous comeback this season to lead Revere to a berth in the State Tournament.

50 years ago
March 1, 1973

The RHS girls basketball team concluded its season with a 50-38 loss to No. Quincy to finish in third place in the GBL.

The RHS boys won their season finale, 59-50 over Malden, to finish with a 7-7 mark in the GBL.

60 years ago
Feb. 28, 1963

The Revere High hockey team, which finished in first place for the first time ever in the Metropolitan League with a record of 11-0-2, came out on the short end of its first-ever appearance in the state hockey tournament with a 4-3 loss to Lynn English at the Boston Arena. Revere trailed 3-0 going into the final period, but two quick goals by Harvey Terban and John Mannone made for an exciting third period. Terban scored the third Revere tally. The Revere squad was the highest scoring team in the state with 76 goals and was led by the trio of Jim Palumbo (who was the top

scorer in the Metropolitan League), Terban, and Captain Mannone. who accounted for 30 of Revere's goals. Revere had some good hockey teams in the 1930s, but abandoned the sport in the late 1930s until it was resumed in 1947 under coach Allen Parker. Parker was succeeded three seasons ago by Jerry Moschella, who is the youngest coach in the league at 32 years of age. His assistant is Dick Champa, a 1954 RHS grad and former RHS star player who played at Brown University.

The Revere JCC captured the third annual Richard Fox Interfaith Basketball Tourney held recently at the JCC on Nahant Ave. Our Lady of Lourdes as the runner up. Other teams in the tourney were the Columbian Squires, St. Theresa's, St. Mary's, and the AZA.

70 years ago
Feb. 26, 1953

A large delegation of local basketball fans is expected to trek to Lawrence to root on the Immaculate Conception High basketball team in the 16-team Catholic League Basketball Tournament this weekend. The winners of the four divisions receive automatic bids to the tourney with the other 12 teams selected by invitation. The IC team finished in second place in Division III.

80 years ago
March 4, 1943

McCarthy scored 13 points, Conley scored nine, and Kippenberger added eight to lead the Immaculate Conception High basketball team to a 39-32 triumph over Cathedral.

The members of the triumphant 10-1 Revere High football team were honored at a banquet held at the General Edwards Inn by the Revere High School Athletic Association. The players were presented letter sweaters and certificates. The players themselves presented their coach, George Kenneally, with a gold trophy with a player in the act of kicking a football. The team's one loss this season was by one point, a controversial 13-12 defeat to Saugus.

The Revere High basketballers suffered their worst defeat of the season, 41-

25 to Somerville. Somerville finished the season at 10-2, with one of those losses coming at the hands of a Chelsea team which the Revere boys defeated handily earlier in the season. Revere's poor showing was attributed to the fact that many of the team members are now working after school and thus have not had time to practice. Hurley was the top Revere scorer with seven points.

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EBNHC appoints Dr. Ryan Boxill as Chief Operations Officer

Special to the Journal

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC), the largest community-focused health system in Massachusetts and among the largest in the country, is pleased to announce that Dr. Ryan Boxill, PhD MBA, has been appointed executive vice president and chief operations officer (COO). Bringing more than 20 years of experience in the healthcare industry, Dr. Boxill's clinical training, business expertise, and strategic vision will strengthen EBNHC's ability to provide accessible, compassionate, high-quality care across their health system.

"As we grow to meet the needs of our community, we are thrilled to have a COO with a proven track record of expanding access to care and advancing clinical quality in a community setting. Dr. Boxill's unique combination of behavioral health training and operational leadership will add valuable expertise to our organization's diverse executive team, helping us to meet the complex demands of community health post pandemic," said Greg Wilmot, president and chief executive officer of EBNHC. "We believe in care that goes beyond the clinic to address wellness where it starts: in the deeply interconnected lives of the people we serve. Dr. Boxill is the leader we need to advance this mission."

Prior to joining EBNHC, Dr. Boxill served as the chief behavioral health officer for Boston Medical Center (BMC) Health System where he was responsible for leading behavioral health strategy and operations

across the health system, including BMC Hospital, BMC's WellSense Health Plan, and BMC's Boston Accountable Care Organization (BACO). Notably, Dr. Boxill led the strategic planning, design, and implementation of BMC's recently launched Brockton-area Behavioral Health Center, regarded as one the most innovative, state-of-the art, and patient-centered behavioral health facilities in the country. His previous work as system vice president at Steward Health-Care drastically improved the overall performance of acute inpatient psychiatric and detox beds in his service line.

Dr. Boxill is a licensed clinical psychologist in New York and Massachusetts and holds a PhD in Cross Cultural Clinical Psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology in Fresno, CA. He completed his pre-doctoral training at the Hudson River Regional Psychology Internship Program at the New York State Office of Mental Health and his Harvard Medical School Postdoctoral Fellowship training at the MGH-OCD Institute at McLean Hospital. Dr. Boxill has an MBA from the University of Massachusetts with a specialization in Finance, and is a certified trainer in Diversity and Intercultural Sensitivity.

"Healthcare is a basic human right and East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is taking actionable steps towards improving patient care, committing to the wellbeing of its patients and workforce, and providing equitable healthcare opportunities to those who need it," said Dr. Ryan Boxill, executive vice president and chief operations officer of EBNHC. "I am thrilled to join an institution with the compassion and drive to make impactful changes in fostering a healthier community in East Boston and beyond."

Dr. Ryan Boxill.

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) is one of the nation's largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the largest community health center in Massachusetts, serving over 100,000 patients and recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a Health Center Quality Leader. For more than 50 years, EBNHC has offered access to comprehensive care for the underserved populations of Chelsea, East Boston, Revere, Winthrop, Everett and Boston's South End. EBNHC is dedicated to promoting and sustaining healthy communities, families, and individuals by providing accessible, person-centered, compassionate, and high-quality health care services to all who live and work in our service area. For more information, please visit www.ebnhc.org.

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OBITUARIES

Albert “Al” Morelli

Director of Revere Elder Affairs for 35 Years

Funeral services and interment were held privately for Albert J. “Al” Morelli Jr. who died on Monday, February 20 at the Kaplan Family Hospice in Danvers with his family by his side, following a long battle with Cancer. He was 79 years old.

Al was born in Everett to the late Albert J. Morelli, Sr. and Anna (Hacker) Morelli. He was one of two children, raised and educated in Revere. Al was a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1962 where he was a standout athlete in baseball, basketball and football. His size and athleticism led him to get a full scholarship to Clemson University.

Al married the love of his life, Kathleen (Connolly) on November 23, 1968, and they had two children. Al and his wife remained in Revere where they raised their family.

Al worked for the City of Revere for over 35 years as the Director of Elder Affairs. His family was his pride and joy. He enjoyed smoking a good cigar and was an avid bowler and runner. He especially loved being on the beach and taking in the sun. He enjoyed dining out with his wife and family. Family was everything to him, his most cherished time was with his grandchildren, he was truly a



family man.

The beloved husband of 42 years of the late Kathleen (Connolly) Morelli, he was the loving and proud father of Marisa A. Murphy and her husband, John of Saugus and Toby J. Morelli and his wife, Denise of Danvers, the cherished grandfather of Liam J. Murphy and Hailley E. Murphy, both of 42 years of the late Kathleen (Connolly) Morelli, Evan M. Morelli and Sophia K. Morelli, all of Danvers; the dear brother of the late Joan F. Frammartino and her husband, Domenic. He is also lovingly survived by several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Remembrances may be made to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St., Danvers, MA 01923.

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Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals.

Robert Aloisi

Of Florida

Robert D. Aloisi of The Villages, Florida, formerly of North Reading, passed away at the age of 67 surrounded by his loved ones on February 23.

Robert was a loving husband to the late Donna (Paulino) Aloisi, father of Nicholas Aloisi of Tampa, Florida, Matthew Aloisi and his wife, Christie Aloisi of Grand Junction, Colorado; devoted son of the late Giusto Aloisi and Domenica (Ferraro) Aloisi; brother to Dominic Aloisi and his wife, Linda of Uxbridge and Anthony Aloisi and his wife, Doreen of Revere. Robert and Donna were married for 34 years before Donna's passing in July of 2021. Robert is also survived by



many loving nieces, nephews, aunts, cousins and extended family.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend services at St. Mary of The Assumption Parish, 670 Washington Ave, Revere on March 14 at 10 a.m. Please meet directly at church. Interment is private.

John Langone

Retired Revere Firefighter

Family and friends attended visiting hours on Monday, February 27 in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Retired Revere Firefighter John M. Langone, who died unexpectedly at the Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital in Woburn. He was 78 years old. His funeral was conducted from the funeral home on Tuesday, February 28 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

John was a Revere native, born in Boston to the late Michael and Josephine (Moscaritolo) Langone. He was raised and educated in Revere, along with his sister. John was a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1962.

He married his sweetheart, Angela (DePalma) on May 29, 1965 and the couple remained in Revere where they raised their four children.

John became a Revere Firefighter and proudly served his community for over 30 years. John, being a true dedicated family man, also worked a second job at Patriot Packing, delivering produce in the Boston and North Shore areas. He was also a very active parent with his children, especially coaching them in Revere Little League.

John treasured being surrounded by his family and in his spare time, he was an avid golfer and a member of the Winthrop Golf Club. He loved his family and especially adored his grandchildren.

He was the beloved husband of 57 years to Angela (DePalma) Langone of No. Reading, formerly of Revere; the loving father of Lisa M. Mathews and



her husband, Ed of Wakefield, David M. Langone of Peabody, John V. Langone and his wife, Jodi of Winthrop and Jeffrey P. Langone and his wife, Serra. He was the proud and adored papa of 10 grandchildren; dear brother of Karen A. Palladino and her husband, Paul of Lynnfield. He is also lovingly survived by several nieces, nephews, friends and fellow firefighters.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertucciosmithvazza.com

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Gale Mary Malatesta

More than anything else, she treasured her family and loved them unconditionally

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend visiting hours on Monday, March 6 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach Street, Revere for Gale Mary (Neikirk) Malatesta who died on Sunday, February 26, 2023 in the loving presence of her family at her residence, following a most courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. She was 74 years old. A funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Tuesday, March 7 beginning at 9 a.m. followed by a funeral mass at the Blessed Mother of the Morning Star Parish, 670 Washington Ave., Revere. Interment will immediately follow in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Gale was born in Boston on March 18, 1948 to her late parents, Ret. Boston Firefighter Ross W. “Red” Neikirk and Teresa (Fiore) Neikirk. She was raised and educated in East Boston and moved to Revere with her family in the early 1960's. She was a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1965. It was at Revere High school where she met her future husband, Paul Malatesta. After graduating, Gale went to work as a legal secretary in Boston. She was awaiting her future husband's return from his military duty. The couple married on November 9, 1969. They remained in Revere and began their family together.

Gale was a proud homemaker and housewife. She cared for her family with an abundance of love and joy showered throughout her home. When her children were older, Gale trained and became certified as a Pharmaceutical Technician and worked at CVS at Northgate. She very much enjoyed her job and seeing people, as well as helping them. However,



she left her job, to a much better job, being a grandmother. Gale was over the moon to have been her grandchildren's day care and helped raise them. Nothing meant more to her.

Gale loved being at the beach and taking quiet walks along the sand soaking in the sun. She enjoyed visiting the historical North Shore towns and the history surrounding them. Gale was a “Disney Fanatic” along with the rest of her family. More than anything else, she treasured her family, and loved them unconditionally.

The beloved wife of Paul Malatesta of Revere for 53 years, she was the loving mother of Lynn M. Romboli and her husband, Scott and Laura A. Connolly and her husband, Thomas; the cherished grandmother of Ryan R. Connolly, Hannah L. Connolly and Christopher M. Romboli and the dear sister of Karen Russo and her husband, Philip of Salem, NH.

At the family's request, PLEASE OMIT flowers. Donations in Gale's memory may be made to The MGH Fund Mass General Development Office, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540 Boston, MA 02114-1101. For online guest book and condolences, please visit www.vertucciosmithvazza.com

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Victoria M. Coppola

Of Medford, formerly of North End

Victoria M. “Vicki” (Naimo) Coppola, of Medford, formerly of Boston's North End, passed away on Monday, February 27th. She was 85. Born in Boston, she was the cherished daughter of the late Domenic and Nora (Viglione) Naimo.

Vicki loved everyone, and was loved in return. She would help anyone in need and there was not one she would turn away. Vicki was the definition of generosity and unconditional love. She was dedicated to her family and taking care of them was her passion. Making them all happy was her main goal in life, she succeeded on every level.

Vicki was so proud of being a Nana and Great Nana. Vicki's family stated “she lived for her grandchildren and great grandchildren”. When Vicki was not spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren, she enjoyed spending the winters down in Florida with Joe at their home in Hollywood Beach, and sitting on the beach soaking up the sunshine.

Victoria was the beloved wife of 65 years to Joseph Coppola. She was the devoted mother of David Coppola and his wife Patricia, and Robert Coppola and his



wife Cheryl. She was the loving Nana of Kristopher Coppola and his wife Lauren, David Michael Coppola, Stephanie Coppola, Kyle Coppola and his wife Hannah, Lauren Coppola and her fiancé Brian Rubin, and Kimberly Coppola. She was the caring Great Nana of Lyanna and Leo Coppola, and the dear sister of the late Laurie Naimo.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to visit with Victoria's family on Friday, March 3rd from 9 to 10:30 AM, at the Dello Russo Funeral Home, 306 Main St., Medford, followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Clement Church, 71 Warner St., Medford, at 11 AM. Services will conclude with burial at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to www.melrosewakefield.org/in-the-community/giving/donate-online

Robert “Yucca” Bjork, Jr

Truly one of a kind, he will be missed

Robert A. “Yucca” Bjork, Jr.. of Seabrook, NH, formerly of Revere, passed away on February 20 at the age of 77.

Yucca was truly one of a kind. He loved fishing and being around his dogs, but most of all he enjoyed watching the (horse) races. He was a generous man, always willing to help a friend and always without judgment. He will truly be missed.

Born on December 17, 1945 to the late Robert and Ida Bjork, he was the beloved cousin of Paula Amoroso, Lisa Morris and her husband, Patrick and their children, Devon and Stella, the late R.J. Amoroso and his wife, Jana



and their children, Bobby and Louis and dear friend of Rick Rossetti, who was more like a brother. Yucca also leaves behind many cousins and friends.

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OBITUARIES

Richard McBain Sr.

Family and country mattered most to him and he will always be remembered as a humble, patriotic and kind man

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend visiting hours on Sunday, March 5th from 2 to 6 p.m. in the Vertuccio, Smith & Vazza Beechwood, Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Ret. Sgt. USNG Richard M. McBain, Sr. who died unexpectedly on Saturday, February 25 at his residence in Revere. He was 85 years old. His funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Monday, March 6 beginning at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Service at 10:30 a.m. Interment will immediately follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Richard was born in Boston on September 4, 1937 and raised in the Beachmont section of Revere by his late parents, Dorothy (White) McBain – Haas and Frederick Haas, Sr. He was one of four children.

Richard was educated in Revere Public Schools and was a graduate of Revere High

School, Class of 1956. Richard, enlisted in the United States Army National Guard and made a career that spanned 35 years. During this time, Richard married the love of his life, Joan (Sharpe) on June 1, 1963. The couple remained in Revere where together they raised their four children.

Family and country were what mattered most to Richard. He treasured his summers at Ossipee Lake with his family and grandchildren at Totem Pole Campground in Freedom NH. He will be always remembered as a humble, patriotic and kind man.

The beloved husband of 54 years to the late Joan



(Sharpe) McBain, he was the loving father of Karen Arneil and her husband, Scott of Melrose, Kelley Settipane and her fiancé, Michael Guerriero of Revere, Michelle Robinson and her husband, James of Portsmouth, NH and Richard McBain, Jr. and his wife, Colleen of North Reading; the cherished grandfather of James and Ryan Arneil, both of Melrose, Alisha DiCarlo and her husband, Anthony of Florida, Martino Settipane of Revere, Zachary Robinson of Portsmouth, NH, Matthew and Brendan and Erin McBain, all of North Reading; dear brother of Katherine “Kathy” Boyington and her husband, Russell of Revere and the late Dorothy “Sissy” McBain and Frederick Haas, Jr. He is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Sawtelle Family Hospice House, Gift Processing Center, 41 Mall Rd., Burlington, MA 01805.

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Rep. Jon Santiago named as First Cabinet-Level Veterans’ Secretary

Staff Report

Governor Maura T. Healey and Lieutenant Governor Kimberley Driscoll announced that they are appointing State Representative Jon Santiago to serve as Massachusetts’ first ever Secretary of the Executive Office of Veterans’ Services. Representative Santiago is a major in the U.S. Army Reserve, an emergency medicine physician at Boston Medical Center, a former volunteer in the Peace Corps, and has served as State Representative for the 9th Suffolk district since 2019.

In 2022, the Massachusetts Legislature passed An Act relative to the governance, structure and care of veterans at the Commonwealth’s veterans’ homes in response to the devastating tragedy at the Holyoke Soldiers’ Home in 2020. The legislation made a number of key reforms, including creating the Executive Office of Veterans’ Services to be led by the Secretary of Veterans’ Services. Among the Secretary’s responsibilities include serving as the ultimate appointing authority of the superintendents of the state’s two veterans’ homes. The secretariat will be established on March 1, 2023, which is when Rep. Santiago will be sworn in as Veterans’ Services Secretary.

“Representative Santiago has dedicated his life to serving his country – whether that’s volunteering for the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic, working in the emergency room throughout COVID, being deployed overseas with the U.S. Army Reserve, or advocating for increased access to housing, public transportation and substance use disorder treatment in the State House,” said Governor Healey. “His public health expertise and military service make him uniquely qualified to serve as Massachusetts’ first ever Sec-

retary of Veterans’ Services. I’m confident that he will be the leader our veterans need and deserve and will always stand up for their health, safety and wellbeing.”

“As the daughter of a Navy veteran, I’m so proud that Massachusetts is taking this critical step to ensure that our veterans are well cared for and prioritized by creating the Executive Office of Veterans’ Services,” said Lieutenant Governor Driscoll. “I’m grateful to the veterans, legislators and advocates who worked so hard to see this through – and I’m grateful to Representative Santiago for stepping up to take on this enormous responsibility. I know our veterans will be in good hands under his leadership.”

“I’m honored that Governor Healey and Lieutenant Governor Driscoll have placed their trust in me to assume this historic position,” said Representative Santiago. “Our veterans deserve the absolute highest quality of care, but they are far too often underserved. The Healey-Driscoll Administration is committed to meeting the complex needs of those who have bravely served our country, and I look forward to the opportunity to continue my own service as Secretary of Veterans’ Services.”

Jon Santiago was born in Puerto Rico and received his undergraduate degrees in biology and religious studies from the University of Texas at Austin. After college, he volunteered for the Peace Corps where he organized sugarcane workers and communities in the Dominican Republic, and later was a Fulbright Scholar in Paris. He completed a Master of Public Health from the University of Washington at Seattle after returning from abroad. A graduate of Yale School of Medicine, he now works as an emergency medicine physician



State Rep. Jon Santiago.

at Boston Medical Center, the city’s safety net hospital. He also serves as a major in the U.S. Army Reserve and has been deployed overseas twice.

In 2018, he was elected State Representative for the 9th Suffolk District located in Boston. During his time in the Legislature, he advocated to increase funding and services to address the substance use epidemic, affordable housing, and tackle health disparities. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Representative Santiago doubled his hours in the emergency room and served as a member of the House of Representatives COVID-19 Working Group and Vice-Chair of the COVID-19 and Emergency Preparedness & Management to advise state government accountability.

He lives in the South End with his wife Alexandra and son Rafael.

The Veterans’ Services Secretary will work closely with the newly constituted Veterans’ Homes Council, which was also established by legislation. The Council’s responsibilities include recommending improvements and policies for veterans’ homes to the Secretary of Veterans’ Services, submitting recommendations for appointments and removal of Veterans’ Homes Superintendents, and developing an annual report reviewing the Veterans’ Homes’ demographics, finances, staffing levels, efficacy, equity, and resi-

dent well-being. Governor Healey and Acting Health and Human Services Secretary Mary Beckman announced their appointments to this council last week.

Statements of Support:

“The Healey-Driscoll administration should be commended for moving quickly to elevate Veterans’ Services as a stand alone agency with direct report to the Governor. We congratulate them for selecting Jon Santiago as its new leader. Rep. Santiago is an Army veteran, dedicated legislator and an accomplished medical physician. He has demonstrated a strong commitment to our Country and Commonwealth and his leadership and compassion for helping those in need is unquestioned. The Disabled American Veterans look forward to working with him to serve and support our veterans and their families. DAV also wishes to thank current Secretary Cheryl Poppe for her many years of service and dedication during very challenging times and we know our veterans will continue to be well served by Secretary Santiago.” -Coleman Nee, former Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans’ Services (2011-2015) and National Line Officer for Disabled American Veterans.

“Representative Santiago’s medical background will be a significant asset to the role of Veterans’ Services Secretary, as he has firsthand knowledge of what it takes to meet veterans’ complex health needs. I’m confident that he will always put the health and wellbeing of our veterans first.” -Dr. Thea James, Vice President of Mission, Associate Chief Medical Officer, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, and Director of the Violence Intervention Advocacy Program at Boston Medical Center

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Malden Catholic's Brother Daniel Cremin to be honored on Mar. 2

Staff Report

In recognition of Malden Catholic’s longest serving Xaverian Brother, MC has dedicated its athletic hall of fame to Brother Daniel Cremin, C.F.X. who spent 23 years at the school coaching and teaching physical education instruction and 23 years at the school as a counselor. The school’s hall of fame was originally established in 1989 and it celebrated the institution’s strong athletic history and outstanding individual athlete, team, coach and volunteer accomplishments with a formal induction into the MC Hall of Fame for sixteen years.

The Hall of Fame event will be held on Thursday, March 2 at Anthony’s of Malden. Mayor Gary Christenson will be in attendance along with 350 guests to honor several former great Lancer athletes, legendary coaches and two MC teams. A social hour will be held starting at 5:30 PM before the Hall of Fame ceremony begins at 6 PM. Tickets are sold out for the event.

Those who will be honored and inducted into the MC Hall of Fame are:

Brian Parow ’04 – MC Wrestling (Chelmsford, MA)

Brian Parow ’04 participated in the MC Wrestling team for all 4 years in high school, culminating

in his senior year as team Captain, and weighing in at 135 lbs. Throughout his four years, he had multiple accomplishments and records under his belt- most notably, he won the 2004 Sectional and State Championship and was ranked 3rd in New England that year. He also had the greatest number of wins ever at Malden Catholic (110).

Dario Pizzano ’09 – MC Baseball (Hoboken, NJ)

Dario Pizzano ’09 lettered all four years as a member of the MC Baseball team. A two-time captain, two-time Catholic Conference All-Star, and a two-time Catholic Conference Batting Champion, he has the most career hits in MC’s history. During his senior year, he was the Catholic Conference MVP, an EMass All-Star and a first team Massachusetts All-Star and MVP. He was also named a Boston Herald All-Scholastic, Boston Globe Division 1 Player of the Year and an Honorable Mention All-American. His team won the Catholic Conference Championship and reached the EMass Final in 2008. In 2009, he was a part of the Boston Herald Preseason Number One Ranked team in the state.

David Caputo ’85 – MC Football and Base-



Brother Daniel Cremin C.F.X.

ball (Rowley, MA)

David Caputo ’85 played MC varsity Baseball and Football. In Football, he started on both the offensive and defensive lines and was named a Catholic Conference All-Star in 1984, one of only two defensive tackles for the entire Catholic Conference to be recognized. In his senior season, he was named a Boston Herald Division II All-Star. As a senior David started as an offensive guard and defensive tackle for the Catholic Conference Co-Champion Lancers and he was a key contributor for a Lancer team that defeated St John’s Prep and BC High in the same incredible season. David went to play college football for the Michigan Wolverines and earned 2 Big Ten Title rings, a Rose Bowl Championship Ring and an M Ring and a Varsity Letter from the legendary college program.

Domenic “Junior” Vincenzo Jr. ’94 – MC Soccer (North Reading, MA)

Domenic “Junior” Vincenzo Jr. ’94 was a four-year starter for the MC Boys Soccer team. He was the leading goal-scorer as a freshman, a three-time 1st Team Catholic Conference All-Star, two-time Captain, two-time Daily News Mercury All-Scholastic, the 1993-94 Daily News Mercury Player of the Year, and the 1993-94 Eastern Mass Soccer Coaches Association All-Star.

Jack Leavitt ’02 – MC Swimming (Silver Spring, MD)

Jack Leavitt ’02 was a member of the Malden Catholic swim team from 1998 - 2002. Jack was team captain and school record holder in the 100 Freestyle and 100 Backstroke. Leavitt was team MVP all four years and in his senior year, was MIAA State Champion in the 100-yard Backstroke.

Richard “Rick” Mazzei ’74 – MC Lacrosse Coach and Athletic Director (Notre Dame, IN)

Richard Mazzei ’74 returned to MC to become the Athletic Director. As the AD, he created a varsity Lacrosse team in 1996

ZBA approves seven-story apartment building on Revere Beach

By Journal Staff

The Revere Zoning Board of Appeals held its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, February 22, in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber. Chairman Michael G. Tucker and fellow members John Lopes, Arthur Pelton, and James O'Brien were on hand for the meeting.

The first matter taken up by the board was an application by Beach Landing, LLC, of 1040-1048 North Shore Road, which was requesting variances to enable the company to raze the existing structure at 37 Revere Beach Boulevard and build a seven-story, mixed-used development consisting of eighteen (18) residential units and one (1) commercial unit.

The specific variance requests were as follows:

1. Noncompliance with RRO Section 17.28.020(D) with respect to minimum parking requirements of 1.5 spaces/1 bedroom units and 1.75 spaces/2 bedroom units for apartment uses, and 1 space / 4 seats for a non-fast-food restaurant use within the RC2 District.

2. Noncompliance with RRO Section 17.28.020

minimum loading space requirement of 1 space for non-fast-food restaurant use within the RC2 District.

3. Noncompliance with Section 17.24.010(G) with respect to the maximum extension of balconies no more than 4 feet from the wall of the principal building over the front, side and rear yard within the RC2 District.

Revere attorney Nancy O'Neil, who frequently appears before the board, presented the members with her usual concise summary of the project, aided by two large photos, one of the existing structure and the other a rendering of the completed project.

The present structure at the corner of Revere Beach Blvd., West St., and Ocean Ave. is well-known as a legacy landmark on the boulevard only with respect to its small size -- a two-family home -- that has become dwarfed by the surrounding larger apartment buildings over the past 30 years.

As was evident from the architectural rendering presented by O'Neill, Beach Landing seeks to construct a high-rise, modern apartment building that will fit in with the rest of the development

along the boulevard.

O'Neil told the board that the home had been in the Ash family for many years, but they now have decided to sell it.

O'Neill said the variances are needed because of the small shape of the property. She also noted that the property faces development challenges because of its pronounced east-to-west slope, the potential presence of marine silt and clays, and its location in two potential flood zones.

O'Neil also noted that because of these factors, plus the constrained size of the property, the project will entail significant design costs. She said the proposed structure is a "narrow, tall building" that meets height, setback, and FAR (floor area ratio) requirements.

"We are proposing a 30,000 square foot, mixed-use development in line with recent mixed-use developments along Revere Beach, but at a much-smaller scale," O'Neil told the members.

She said the new building will consist of 18 luxury, transit-oriented apartment units, along with a waterfront restaurant on the ground floor of 1400 sq. ft.

The variances are need-

ed for balcony extensions, parking space reductions, and loading space reductions.

"This project seeks to take advantage of its proximity to the beach and to public transportation," O'Neil said. "We do not expect any impact on neighborhood parking. By the terms of their leases, residents of the building will not be allowed to have cars and will not be eligible for resident parking stickers."

She noted that the city and the ward councillor have voiced their support for the project, noting developer Jamie Russo's past history of similar, successful projects throughout the city.

Robert O'Brien, the city's Director of Economic Development, sent a letter to the board in support of the project.

A resident of the area who lives at 41-45 Revere Beach Blvd. said he supports the project.

"Mr. Russo has done quality work and the building at this time is a blight on the community," he said. "This project will be a credit to the city and the area."

There were letters of opposition submitted by five residents, but since the letters were not read

into the record by the board, the reasons for their opposition were not made known.

The board unanimously approved the project, subject to the conditions that the Site Plan Review board gives its approval and that the residents will not be eligible for resident or guest parking stickers.

The board then approved extensions for two previously-approved projects that have not exercised their variances within the usual one-year limit.

The first was from Hamel Management Group, Inc. of Lynnfield, "requesting a six-month extension of the one-year exercise period from the Zoning Board of Appeals associated with the granted variances of A-22-10 to enable the appellant to raze the existing structure on the property known and numbered as 470 Broadway, and construct an addition to the adjacent Fernwood Professional Building at 454 Broadway."

O'Neill said that the extension is needed because of engineering delays and the need for approval by National Grid. She also noted that City Council President Patrick Keefe is in favor of the extension.

The other was from

Basilio DiFlumeri, 439 Proctor Avenue, "requesting a six-month extension of the one-year exercise period from the Zoning Board of Appeals associated with the granted variances of A-22-08 to enable the appellant to construct a two-family dwelling on Lot B at 243 Malden Street."

Ms. O'Neil also presented this request, noting that the extension is required because the lot needs Land Court approval, but the court has been unable to address the matter within the past year because of its backlog.

The final application of the evening heard by the board came from Yovany F. Hernandez Villarta, of 29 Agatha Street, who was "requesting a variance of RRO Section 17.16.260(F)(1) (accessory structures may only be allowed in the rear yard) to enable the appellant to construct a 16.8' x 9.5' shed in the front yard at 29 Agatha Street."

Mr. Hernandezdez-Villarta appeared on his own behalf. He told the board that his direct abutter has no issue with the shed. The board unanimously approved the variance.

The board then adjourned until its next meeting on March 29.

Hall of Fame // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 15

and became the Boys Lacrosse coach. He is the first coach in state history with 400 wins, with over 200 wins as a Lancer. He has earned six Catholic Conference Championships, his team was the D1 runner-up in 2004 and was also the Boston Globe Coach of the Year in 2004. He was a MC faculty member for 30 years teaching US History, and was has been inducted into the Beverly High School and New England Lacrosse Hall of Fames.

Ryan Layton '02 – MC Football, Hockey and Lacrosse (Wilmington, MA)
Ryan Layton '02 was a three-sport stand-out in Football, Hockey and

Lacrosse. He played four years of varsity Hockey and three years of varsity Football and Lacrosse. In his junior and senior year, he earned Catholic Conference All-Star in all three sports. In his senior year, he was earned the Most Valuable Player Award by his coaches in Football and Hockey. That year, he also was elected Captain in all three sports and earned the Extraordinary Achievement in Athletics Award. In his sophomore year he was also awarded Sophomore of the Year Award.

Sean Layton '03 – MC Football, Hockey and Lacrosse (Medford, MA)
Sean Layton '03 was a

three-sport stand-out athlete which included MC Football, Hockey and Lacrosse. He played four years of varsity Hockey and three years of varsity Football and Lacrosse. In both his junior and senior years, he earned Catholic Conference All-Star in all three sports. In his senior year, he was Captain of all three teams and was named a Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic in both Football and Lacrosse. He was also named an All-American in lacrosse. His freshman year he was the recipient of Freshman of the Year in 2000 along with the Brother Kevin Kenny C.F.X., Award and earned the Extra Achieve-

ment in Athletics Award his senior year.

Stephen Joseph Harris '68 – MC Football, Hockey, Baseball and Track (Tewksbury, MA)
Stephen Joseph Harris '68 participated in multiple sports at MC including Football, Hockey, Baseball and Track programs. During his freshman year with the hockey team, the team made the state tournament. In his sophomore year, the MC Football team went undefeated and became State Champions. In his senior year, he was ranked #1 in Offense in the Catholic Conference.

Steve Freker – MC Baseball Coach 2000 – 2012 (Malden, MA)
Steve Freker was an exemplary Baseball coach at MC for 13 seasons, from 2000 - 2012. In those 13 seasons, he finished with a record of 182-93, including 11 trips to the MIAA Division 1 State Tournament, with a post-season record of 27-10. This included two North Sectional Championships, five trips to the North Finals and one Eastern Mass Championship. In 2003, MC Baseball won the MIAA Division 1 State Championship. Freker also assisted in coaching football for seven seasons and basketball for two seasons.

Stephen Wishoski '68 – Football, Baseball (Malden, MA)
Stephen Wishoski '68 is a four-year member of the MC Football and Baseball teams. He was Captain of the 1967 Football team and selected to the Catholic Conference All Star team. He was a two-way player and starter for the undefeated MC Massachusetts Class B Championship football team in 1965. He is the son of Walter Wishoski, a graduate of MC's first graduating class of 1936 and an inaugural member of MC's Hall of Fame. He was also

in the last graduating class from the "old MC" on Highland Avenue.

1960 - 1961 MC Boys Basketball Team
The 1960-61 MC Boys Basketball Team had a slow start to the season but finished with a 16-4 record after winning 10 straight games. The team won the New England Catholic Conference tournament and are the first basketball team in MC History to win the Catholic Conference title. Captain Tom Horne was recognized as a Catholic Conference All-Conference 1st Team, and Tom Mamos was awarded the New England Catholic Tournament MVP.

Coaches: Head Coach Leonard Dempsey '53 (Italy) and Assistant Coach Joe Mulkerrin '55 (Virginia Beach, VA)
Players: Gerald Driscoll '62 (Beverly, MA), Ed Feeley '61 (Bluffton, SC), Robert Creeden '62 (Dennis, MA), James Russell '61 (Needham, MA), Charles Dineen '63 (South Weymouth, MA), John Healey '61 (Sun City, AZ), Tom Horne '61 (Westwood, MA), Robert Kelley '61 (Tuftonboro, NH), James Carroll '62 (Topsfield, MA), Tom Mamos '62 (Westford, MA), William Johnson '62, Hugh Murphy '62 (Jamestown, RI).

2010 - 2011 MC Boys Hockey Team
A preseason number 1 pick by hockey guru Jim Clark of the Boston Herald, the 2010 - 2011 team lived up to their billing and won the first State Championship hockey title for MC since 1974. An outstanding team led by legendary Coach Chris Serino P'07, '09, this team firmly re-established MC as a powerful New England hockey presence by winning a Catholic Conference Championship and the first of 5 Super Eight titles spanning a period of 6 years. The Lancers beat St. Johns Prep 4-3 in overtime

for the State Championship in front of 8,000 fans at Boston Garden and brought home the trophy. The 2010-2011 team finished with an impressive 21-2-2 record.

Coaches: Head Coach Chris Serino P'07, '09 (Saugus, MA), Assistant Coach Phil Antonelli '92 (Everett, MA), Assistant Coach John McLean P'15 (Wakefield, MA), Assistant Coach Patrick Driscoll (Reading, MA) and Team Manager Robert Reppucci '75 (Everett, MA).

Players: John Egan '11 (Everett, MA), Ryan Fitzgerald '13 North (Reading, MA), Ben Rosa '12 (Billerica, MA), Michael Iovanna '13 (Boston, MA), Brian Cameron '14 (Wakefield, MA), Brendan White '11 (Wakefield, MA), Garrett White '11 (Osterville, MA), Patrick Wrenn '14 (Charlestown, MA), Paul Wrenn '11 (Charlestown, MA), Brendan Collier '12 (Charlestown, MA), Paul Myers-O'Connell '12 (Charlestown, MA), Colin MacGillivray '13 (Peabody, MA), Jackson Petri '11 (Wenham, MA), Andrew Travers '13 (Lynn, MA), Nicholas Roberto '12 (Wakefield, MA), Richard Keogh '11 (North Reading, MA), Robert Keogh '12 (North Reading, MA), Paul Limone '11 (Medford, MA), Patrick Young '11 (Methuen, MA), Cam Ferry '13 (Georgetown, MA), Tyler Sifferlen '14 (North Andover, MA), Matthew Hamill '11 (Peabody, MA), Andrew Cross '14 (Reading, MA), Michael Vecchione '11 (Saugus, MA), Nolan Carrier '12 (Somerville, MA), Connor Evangelista '12 (Stoneham, MA), Nicholas Rolli '14 (Stoneham, MA), Timothy Lynch '11 (Lynnfield, MA), Nicholas Masiello '12 (Wilmington, MA), Jake Porrazzo '13 (Medford, MA), Michael Clancy '11 (Lynn, MA), Joe Sullivan '11 (Saugus, MA).

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MARIANNE SALZA PHOTO

The Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association (WIHA) welcomed History at Play Artistic Director Judith Kalaora for her presentation of *Diana at Play* on February 19. The immersive, historical performance was sponsored by the Winthrop Cultural Council, and featured music by Zöe Knight, and artwork by Joanna Ciampa.

INPUT FROM RESIDENTS SOUGHT

CHELSEA - Chelsea City Councilors have stressed the importance of community input when it comes to hiring a new City Manager.

The council has two current initiatives to gather public input for the search process.

On Tuesday, Feb. 28, Chelsea residents went to a council subcommittee meeting beginnin at City Hall to provide input on the search for a new City Manager. Residents will have two minutes to speak to the council.

For residents who are unable to attend the meeting, there is an on-line form available on the city's website at www.chelseama.gov. The deadline to complete that form is Friday, March 3.

The form includes questions about challenges facing the city and that will face the new city manager, as well as the characteristics, training, and experience residents would like to see in a new manager. The form is in English and Spanish.

Earlier this month, the City Council officially voted to make Deputy City Manager Ned Keefe the interim manager as the search process gets underway.

District 8 Councilor Calvin Brown has said that Keefe's experience in the city will allow him to focus on a lot of projects over the next six months that are already underway, and that having the deputy city manager in place will help make the transition to a new city manager easier when the time comes.

Earlier this year, the council also approved hiring the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management to consult and assist with the City Manager search process.

The Collins Center is based out of UMass-Boston, and helps municipalities with a number of local government efforts, including recruiting.

Late last year, former City Manager Thomas Ambrosino left his position after more than seven years to take a new position as the Court Administrator of the Trial Court for Massachusetts.

OVER 1,000 FAMILIES RECEIVE ASSISTANCE

EAST BOSTON - The Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program, a homelessness prevention program funded by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), provided a lifeline for 18,317 families in the region, providing more than \$162 million in assistance during FY22.

By comparison, FY21 saw 10,251 households receive a total of \$63 million in assistance.

In East Boston, 1,062 households received more than \$11.2 million in emergency housing assistance, accounting for 15.4 percent of all households that received assistance in Boston. In comparison, 650 East Boston households received \$4.7 million in emergency rental assistance in FY21.

Metro Housing Boston has documented the effectiveness of RAFT since 2013. This year's report continues this examination of the impact of the pandemic through the infusion of state and federal funds, the expansion of eligibility to access those funds, the streamlining of the application process, and quicker release of dollars. These changes resulted in a complete shift in Metro Housing's housing payment assistance programs, requiring greater flexibility and increased staff capacity.

Partnerships with community-based organizations provided another valuable way to assist more families in Metro Housing's region in FY22. Partnerships with the Action for Boston Community Development, Asian Community Development Corporation,

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, The Neighborhood Developers (TND)/CONNECT, WATCH, and Vietnamese American Initiative for Development (VietAID) provided not only venues for getting the word out about available assistance, but also provided places for people to complete applications and get assistance with language barrier issues.

"The pandemic hit TND's communities of Chelsea and Revere hard," says Rafael Mares, Executive Director of TND (The Neighborhood Develop-

ers). "Our close, pre-existing partnership with Metro Housing became the bedrock of our response.

With their support, our team took on the responsibility to assist tenants in filling out rental assistance applications, Metro Housing staff trained our team, and jointly we developed systems for working together."

Key Findings from RAFT/EHPA in Review FY2022:

Rental arrears remained the largest category for assistance. In FY22, \$80 million was awarded for arrears, the largest amount ever.

Total rental stipend assistance increased to 42 percent of all EHPA assistance, totaling more than \$67 million. In FY21, it represented only 22 percent of assistance.

The average housing assistance benefit increased from \$6,167 in FY21 to \$8,870 in FY22.

Mortgage assistance in FY22 totaled \$1.8 million, a decrease from the \$2.5 million in FY21.

The total number of Black/African American households helped in FY22 jumped to almost 8,000, a seven-fold increase over FY20.

In FY22, 1,121 Asian households, or 6% of the total - received assistance. In FY20, 21 Asian households, or 1% of the total - were assisted.

The number of Hispanic/Latino households receiving assistance continues to see a sharp increase. In FY22, 6,548 households received assistance, compared to 3,289 in FY21 and 554 in FY20.

"COVID-19 has impacted all of us in so many ways, but none as severe as families with low incomes not being able to pay your rent or mortgage while facing eviction or foreclosure," said Chris Norris, Executive Director of Metro Housing Boston. "RAFT has been

a lifeline for thousands of households over the years, and its importance during the pandemic cannot be overstated. However, until more permanent, viable solutions are identified and implemented, a safety net for those most at risk of homelessness needs to be dependably and heavily funded.

The data in this report shows the need for a more sustainable solution, from additional rental assistance vouchers and the production of below-market-rate housing to the critical shortage of affordable housing in the metro Boston area.

DiDOMENICO ST. PATRICK'S PARTY ALMOST HERE

EVERETT - Sen. Sal DiDomenico and his wife, Tricia DiDomenico, president of the DiDomenico Foundation, will host the Foundation's annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Thursday, March 9 at the Knights of Columbus in Charlestown.

The event has traditionally kicked off the season for the Irish holiday celebrations in Massachusetts.

Sen. DiDomenico's roast-style party has always drawn a "who's who" of political leaders in Massachusetts, and this year is no exception.

The Massachusetts Senate's popular and charismatic assistant majority leader, DiDomenico said that Gov. Maura Healey, Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, Attorney General Andrea Campbell, Senate

President Karen Spilka, State Auditor Diana DiZoglio, Sen. Lydia Edwards, Rep. Dan Ryan, Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, Suffolk County DA Kevin Hayden, and Middlesex County DA Marian Ryan will be a part of the speaking program.

Well-known Boston radio personality Hank Morse will make an appearance at the event. DiDomenico will serve as master of ceremonies.

The Platters, a legendary vocal group, will provide the musical entertainment. A well-known comedian will also perform at the event.

"We expect 75 state and local officials to attend," said DiDomenico. "We'll be serving a delicious, corned beef and cabbage dinner. This is our ninth year and it's always a fun event that attracts a large crowd."

Dinner tickets, at \$35 per person, or \$300 for a table of ten, can be purchased by calling 617-387-3327, or by emailing the DiDomenico Foundation at ttankevich@hotmail.com.

COUNCIL CONSIDERS NEW TRASH ORDINANCE

WINTHROP - The Town Council will continue its public hearing on a proposed new trash ordinance at its next meeting on Tuesday, March 7.

The council opened the public hearing at its most recent meeting on Tuesday night. Highlights of the proposed new policy include requiring residents

to purchase town-approved trash bags for pick up of any trash that goes above the one allowed trash barrel per household. It is expected the large trash bags will cost \$3 each and will be available at a number of locations throughout town.

Winthrop is about halfway into its current five-year trash and recycling contract with Capital Waste Services.

"We've been working on this for a little while and this will allow us to be in compliance with what I believe was promised years ago that we once we get to the trash barrels, where there will be allowed one barrel per household for trash and one barrel for recycling, anything over that will require the purchase of bags," said Town Manager Tony Marino.

The trash ordinance will also outline fees, when bills are sent out, and enforcement of the ordinance, said Marino.

In 2022, the curbside pickup fee from Capital Waste was just over \$938,000.

Marino said Capital picked up 5,006 tons of waste in the town in 2022, at a total cost of \$440,540 to the town to be disposed of.

"That average per ton cost varies a little bit, but it averages \$85 to \$88 per ton," said Marino.

The proposed additional trash bags would fit about two standard kitchen-sized bags of trash, and would have to be placed in a container to be picked up by Capital Waste. The hauler will not collect bags that are placed on the side of the road.

Marino and Council President James Letterie said the goal is to implement the new trash program on July 1, with an educational program for residents at the rollout. Letterie said he wanted to keep the public hearing open until the next meeting in case there was more feedback from residents.

In other business Tuesday night, Marino said that as a result of a Standard and Poor's rate call last week, the town's bond rating improved to a double A-plus, allowing the town to better rates on municipal bonds.

Marino also noted that the repairs to the town ferry are continuing on schedule, and that there are also discussions about possibly adding a ferry stop during the next season near the Logan Airport hotels.

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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, FEB. 4

0805: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Haskell Ave. and filed a report.

1041: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Beach St.

1045: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Park Ave.

1115: A breaking and entering into a motor vehicle was reported on Harris St.

1126: Suspicious activity on Overlook Ridge Drive. The officer filed a report.

1128: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Broadway for a civil moving infraction and issued a citation to the operator.

1132: A hit-and-run motor vehicle accident with property damage was reported on Salem St.

1136: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Broadway and Malden St. for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1148: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Hopkins St.

1348: Larceny on Summer St. The officer filed a report.

1512: Hit-and-run motor vehicle accident with property damage on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer filed a report.

1638: A motor vehicle registration plate was reported stolen on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer filed a report.

1821: Motor vehicle accident at Washington and Mountain Aves. The officer will file a report.

1941: Shoplifting on Furlong Drive. The officer filed a report.

2027: A tow company reported the trespass

tow of a motor vehicle on Overlook Ridge Drive.

2044: Unwanted person on Overlook Ridge Terrace. The officer restored the peace.

2100: Disturbance on Lee Burbank Highway. The officer restored the peace.

2126: Lost/found animal at Linehurst Rd. and Morris St. The officer provided assistance.

2136: Motor vehicle accident on Broadway. The officer will file a report.

2201: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Copeland Circle for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2241: Disturbance on

Park Ave. The officer restored the peace.

SUNDAY, FEB. 5

0050: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Revere Beach Blvd. and filed a report.

0057: Noise disturbance on Gage Ave. The officer restored the peace.

0106: Noise disturbance on Dix St. The officer restored the peace.

0130: Noise disturbance on Vane St. The officer restored the peace.

0151: Disturbance on Railroad St. The officer provided assistance.

0216: A hit-and-run motor vehicle accident

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