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## NEWS BRIEF

### RETIRED BOSTON LEGENDS, BRADY, ORTIZ, GARNETT, AND RASK HAVE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Massachusetts State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg has announced the latest grouping of names added to the state's list of unclaimed property owners, and fortunately for you this is one shot that Tuukka Rask can't stop.

Over 50,000 new properties worth millions of dollars belong to individuals and businesses throughout the Commonwealth including Tom Brady, David Ortiz, Kevin Garnett, and Tuuuuuukka Rask.

This is no Hail Mary pass; it is more of a slam dunk when you visit find-massmoney.com. One in ten Massachusetts residents are owed money. And unlike athletes that retire, your unclaimed property is always on the roster.

"As Tom Brady likes to say, let's go!" said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. "And to quote Kevin Garnett after winning the 2008 NBA Championship, anything is possible..... especially when you visit find-massmoney.com."

Unclaimed property includes forgotten savings and checking accounts, un-cashed checks, insurance policy proceeds, stocks, dividends, and the contents of unattended safe deposit boxes. These accounts have had too much hang time and are

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## Visconti, Keefe, announce run for Mayor

State Rep. Jessica Giannino will not run for the seat, Morabito to make formal announcement soon

By Journal Staff

With news of Mayor Arrigo not seeking reelection getting around, local officials have begun to announce their intentions to run or not to run for the

office of Mayor or Revere. The following are their statements.

**Patrick Keefe, Jr.**  
City Council President Patrick Keefe released the following statement about

his candidacy for Mayor of Revere:

"The announcement made by Mayor Arrigo is still relatively fresh, but my family and I have taken the last week to process what this news means for us and our city.

The city's accomplishments over the last few



Gerry Visconti



Patrick Keefe, Jr.

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## New high school debate dominates council meeting

By Adam Swift

The City Council held a spirited, nearly four hour meeting on Monday night, with the major topic of discussion, to no one's surprise, being the future of the Revere High School

building project.

Much of the debate on Monday night centered on the possibility of building a new high school on the existing school site versus the possibility of reconsidering the Wonderland site.

Last week, the council

voted 6-4-1 not to move ahead with submitting schematic design plans to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for a proposed \$470 million new school

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## Councilors reply to Arrigo's statement on RHS vote

Special to the Journal

Revere City Councilors, Anthony T. Zambuto, Gerry Visconti, Richard J. Serino, Dan Rizzo, Joanne McKenna, and Anthony Cogliandro have issued the following response to Mayor Brian Arrigo's statements on the new high school that had appeared in last week's Revere Journal. The Councilors' statement reads as follows:

"In response to the Mayor's statement on the outcome of the vote of our City Council to not

advance the schematic design of the proposed new Revere High School, published in the Revere Journal on March 1, we feel compelled to offer a rebuttal to the residents and taxpayers of the City.

When a majority of your City Council – including a former teacher and a former mayor – is voting "no" on advancing a new high school as presented by the Mayor's Administration, that should raise a serious red flag to the average resident as to

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## Arrigo delivers final State of City address

By Adam Swift

The day after announcing he would not seek reelection this year, Mayor Brian Arrigo delivered his eighth and final State of the City address last Thursday at the Susan B. Anthony auditorium.

It was a night for giving thanks to family and supporters, while also looking ahead to Revere's future when he is no longer in office. During the speech, Arrigo did not hesitate to contrast the state of the city when he was first elected in 2015. In that race, Arrigo defeated incumbent mayor and current City Councillor Dan Rizzo by a little over 100 votes.

Arrigo kicked off the evening with something a little different, noting that

it was his mother's birthday, and leading those in attendance in singing Happy Birthday.

"I know it's a little bit different, but I know I have nothing to lose at this point," Arrigo joked.

Once the birthday festivities were out of the way, Arrigo thanked his wife Daveen, and his two sons, Joseph and Jack, for their love and support during his time in office. He also thanked his friends, family, and colleagues for their love and support during his tenure.

"Your trust and confidence in me has been a constant source of inspiration, and I am grateful for the many opportunities I have had to work alongside all of you to achieve our shared goals," Arrigo said.



PHOTO BY ADAM SWIFT

Mayor Brian Arrigo with his wife Daveen and sons Joseph and Jack.

In an address that was shorter than his past several States of the City, Arrigo looked back on the accomplishments of

the past eight years, and also addressed the recent City Council vote

against moving forward with plans for a new high school at Wonderland.

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# Council wants further info on Endicott Avenue rebuild

By Adam Swift

It was a case of almost but not quite for a developer looking to rebuild a six-unit building destroyed by fire on Endicott Avenue at Monday night’s City Council zoning subcommittee meeting.

The subcommittee was on the verge of voting to recommend approval of the special permit for 141-143 Endicott Ave., when abutter Laura Ross noted that the developer and owner of the property, Michael Casoli, had not reached out to her or other neighbors about the changes that had been proposed to the project.

At an earlier public hearing, Ross, who lost her home in the Endicott Avenue fire in 2021, noted that there were issues with Casoli not working with neighbors about issues in the past.

Monday night, Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti successfully moved to table the special permit consideration until the developer and his attorney could reach out to Ross and other neighbors.

Attorney Nancy O’Neil noted that the building can be rebuilt as it was by right, but that Casoli was seeking to raise the height of the building by about seven feet to allow for six parking spaces on the first floor.

One of the issues raised at the February hearing by Ross was a proposed roof

deck for the building.

“We have consulted with neighbors and Councillor (Joanne) McKenna, and as a result of these discussions, a roof deck is no longer proposed for the top of the building,” said O’Neil. “The main difference between the previous building and the proposed building is the provision of the parking spaces on the ground floor. The previous building had four floors of residential space, and we are proposing four residential stories and one story for parking, which is the ground floor.”

In the previous building, the six units were all two-bedroom rentals. The proposed building would have two two-bedroom and four three-bedroom units. The two-bedroom units would be ADA compliant units on the second floor accessible by elevator.

Additionally, the units would be condominiums rather than rental units.

“The new building will represent a significant improvement over both the previous building and the current vacant lot,” said O’Neil.

While O’Neil said that neighbors had been contacted, Ross said there was no neighborhood meeting, and that she has spoken with other neighbors who are still not happy about the project.

Ross said she was happy the roof deck was off the table, but added that she was still deeply concerned about the size of the building.

“I was under the impression that there had been an agreement with the neighbors and that they had been informed,” said Visconti. “If they haven’t been contacted and no one has reached out to them, then there are still some questions that need to be answered.”

## REVERE BEACH PIZZERIA HOLDS GRAND OPENING



Revere Beach Pizzeria on Shirley Avenue held its grand opening and ribbon cutting last week. Several city officials including Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, Vocational School Board Member Anthony Caggiano, School Committeeman John Kingston and Councillor-at-large Gerry Visconti, and friends joined owners Abel Moreno and Alcía Manzano in celebrating the official opening.

## Mayoral Race // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

years have been transformative, and I’m proud to support and advocate for our continued progress. With all of our current successes we’ve had, it is important to remember that the work must carry on. It is the only constant.

The next leader of our city should use our last eight years as our foundation and continue moving the city forward.

I know that my calling has come and that I have the experience, leadership, and unmatched work ethic to get the job done.

In the coming weeks and months, I will continue to speak with the many stakeholders in Revere. Everyone, from our residents, business owners, and city staff, will help establish our plans moving forward. I look forward to meeting with and listening to all of you.

But for now I want Revere and all of its residents, young and old, to know that I bleed Revere, I believe in Revere, and I’ll be there for Revere. The City of Revere has been at the center of my family’s life for the past 20 years and that’s not going to change. I’m all in.

KeefeforRevere2023  
#BelieveinRevere"

### Gerry Visconti

Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti released the following statement about his candidacy for Mayor of Revere:

It has been humbling to receive so many calls, emails, and texts encouraging me to run for Mayor of Revere. This city is my home, where my wife and I have chosen to raise our 4 children and own a business in. I love this community and I am proud of the work we’ve done thus far. With a transition coming this fall, I believe now is the time for new vision and leadership. As a result, I am announcing my candidacy for Mayor.

From speaking to fellow residents at athletic fields, restaurants, and even city council meetings, one thing has become clear; far too many of us are identified by who we voted for in the past elections.

Our national politics have crept into local elections. Hate and vitriol have consumed much of our time and held us back as a city. If given the opportunity, I will be a Mayor for each and every Re-

vere resident; whether it be a lifelong resident or a new resident that chose this city to call home. In the coming months, I look forward to talking with residents, sharing my vision for Revere, and earning their support. I want to be the candidate to get us past political divisions, working together for a better Revere.

### Steven Morabito

Councillor-at-Large Steven Morabito released the following statement about his candidacy for Mayor of Revere:

“A mayoral run is definitely on my radar. Currently, I am having lots of conversations with family, friends, residents, and people across the political spectrum before I make a formal announcement.”



Steven Morabito



Jessica Giannino

### Jessica Giannino

Representative Jessica Giannino (D-Revere) announced she would not seek election for Mayor. The recently appointed House Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities stated, “I am humbled by the calls and messages of support encouraging me to run for mayor. I love my job as State Representative, and believe I can serve the people of Revere best in the House. I am thankful to Speaker Mariano for appointing me to a leadership position and I am eager to get to work on legislation to improve the quality of life for the residents of my district and the Commonwealth.”

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SPOTLIGHT

Mayor Brian Arrigo announced last week that he would not be running for reelection, ending his eight years of service as mayor later this year. Last week, he spoke of the city’s triumphs and goals throughout his time as mayor in the annual State of the City Address at the auditorium of the Susan B. Anthony and Whelan schools. This year’s address was rather short compared to years past. RevereTV streamed the mayor’s speech, as was done every year, on social media and RTV GOV. You can watch it again at your convenience on RevereTV’s YouTube page.

Last week was a popular week in local government meetings. There has been large public attendance at Ways and Means Subcommittee and City Council meetings over the past few months as councillors heard public comment and expert opinion, and debated about moving forward on plans to build Revere a new high school. The building plans and process has been taking place at committee meetings over the past few years and ramped up as they tried to meet certain deadlines this month. The plans were voted favorably out of committee last week and the official vote of the City Council to approve or disapprove was held right after. You can watch the Revere City Council vote down the most current plans to construct a new Revere High School as the meetings replay on RTV GOV and remain posted on YouTube.

You might be familiar with RevereTV’s public service announcement postings called “In the Loop.” These are announcements based on city flyers posted the week of recording and include information about initiatives, events, and programs around Revere. The latest recording of “In the Loop” is a message about road construction happening in Beachmont.

This week, you will see a similar announcement series called “Focus on Health Minute.” These short minute-long videos are like the “In the Loop” PSAs, but are actually a spin off from the Board of Health’s monthly program called “Focus on Health.” Instead of the half-hour long interview style show, these recordings will be focused on a public health issue and summarized and explained in a brief minute. The “Focus on Health Minute” will also be posted to RevereTV’s YouTube page and be played in between programming on RTV.

## News Briefs // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

turned over to the state after three years of inactivity. This newly released list includes only individuals and businesses with unclaimed property over \$100.

All new individuals and businesses added to the unclaimed property list will be published in the Boston Globe on March 5th and will be in the Boston Herald on March 12th. In addition, the names will be published in over 30 regional and local papers.

So, if you are looking to hit “one out of the pah-

kk”, remember that Treasury releases an updated list of unclaimed property assets every six months as the new accounts are turned over to the Commonwealth. Last year, Treasury processed over 151,000 claims of over \$176 million in property to its rightful owners.

This newly released list includes only individuals and businesses with unclaimed property over \$100. Treasurer Goldberg urges all citizens to check the comprehensive list for all amounts at [www.find-](http://www.find-massmoney.com)

[massmoney.com](http://massmoney.com) or call our live call center at 888-344-MASS (6277).

## TIPS TO SLAM THE SCAM

On National Slam the Scam Day and throughout the year, we give you the tools to recognize Social Security-related scams and stop scammers from stealing your money and personal information. Share scam information with your loved ones. Slam the Scam!

Recognize the four basic signs of a scam:

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2. Scammers mention a problem or a prize. They may say your Social Security number was involved in a crime or ask for personal information to process a benefit increase.
3. Scammers pressure you to act immediately. They may threaten you with arrest or legal action.
4. Scammers tell you to pay using a gift card, prepaid debit card, cryptocurrency, wire or money transfer, or by mailing cash. They may also tell you to transfer your money to a “safe” account.

Ignore scammers and report criminal behavior. Report Social Security-related scams to the SSA Office of the Inspector General (OIG).

Visit [www.ssa.gov/scam](http://www.ssa.gov/scam) for more information and follow SSA OIG on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn to stay up to date on the latest scam tactics. Repost #SlamtheScam information on social media to keep your friends and family safe.

## "BEACHMONT CHARLIE" WINS AT THE RACES IN FLORIDA



The spirits of old Beachmont turned up in the winner's circle at Gulfstream Park on January 14 when Beachmont Charlie won the first race by an exciting, Hollywood finish, nose. The horse was named in memory of Charles, “Charlie” Myette, a lifelong, Beachmont resident and avid horse player, who enjoyed going to Suffolk Downs to wager on the speed of a steed . In the winning photo left to right, Juan Sordillo, Beachmont residents Bob Myette, owner Piera Fico , Bruce Singer, Harold Cortez, Tommy Francisco, Laura Kornmeyer, trainer and former Revere resident Joe Catanese . World renowned jockey Jose Ortiz, piloted “Charlie.”



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Bi-Centennial Plans Completed for Revere

Mayor Suggests Tree Planting

A tentative program for Revere's observance of the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington were completed at a meeting of the Bi-Centennial committee in the Mayor's office Monday night.

Mayor Andrew A. Casassa presided and suggested that as part of the celebration, efforts be made to urge Revere citizens to plant trees as a lasting memorial to America's first President. Every resident who plants a tree will receive a certificate from the Government at Washington and the tree will be registered in the national archives. This is in keeping with the plan to plant 1,000,000 trees throughout the United States during the year.

An elaborate pageant with school children from all the schools in the city participating will be staged at Paul Revere Park during the month of May and a general celebration will be held at the beach front on a date to be set in June, at which Gov. Joseph B. Ely will be the principal speaker. The Mayor has received the assurance of the Governor that he will be glad to come to Revere for the occasion.

REVERE WOMAN'S CLUB

Legislative afternoon was observed on Wednesday of this week by the Revere Woman's Club, with Mrs. William A. Foley as hostess. The meeting was held at Butler Hall.

Members of the club presented a three-act play, "How to Get Out the Vote." The play illustrated the various types of voters, the perfect voter, the naturalized citizen, the voter who is challenged, the voter whose name is not the same as on the polling list, the foreign-born person married to an American citizen; and showed the errors of spoiled ballots, talking inside the guard rail; and explained divisions of the State, city ward, precinct and block. It also showed the woman who would not vote but who became converted.

The following members composed the cast: Mrs. George A. Burns, Mrs. Athel M. Cooledge, Mrs. David Cornfoot, Mrs. Robert M. Copeland, Mrs. Franklin A. Leach, Mrs. George P. Merwin, Mrs. Fred C. Miskelly, Mrs. Robert L. Morton, Mrs. Charles Schneider, Mrs. Ralph S. Stowers, Mrs. William Murray, Mrs. Frank P. Tarr, Mrs. Peter Tenggren and Mrs. W. Arnold Wry.

Mayor Andrew A. Casassa was the speaker of the afternoon. His subject was, "The Career of a Bill through the House," and he gave a very clear and interesting description of the steps necessary to the passing of bills, and described the rules governing districts in the choice of legislators. Delicious refreshments were served by the Hospitality Committee.

The many friends of Miss Lillian Simpson of the Dennis school will be pleased to hear that she has recovered from injuries sustained in a recent automobile accident and has returned to her duties at her school.

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Dennis School Play Was Well Received

A large and enthusiastic audience of parents and friends of the pupils of the Dennis School of Expression enjoyed the annual "Evening of Plays" which was presented by the school last Friday evening in the High School auditorium.

The program opened with a song of welcome, with the following taking part: Elaine Capone, Raymond Meserve, Wm. Hodgson, Joseph Lagorio, William Pizzano, Thelma Roach Mildred Weaver, Willard Lindquist, Jeanne Toomey, Robert Regan, Robert Quine, Carolyn Merwin, Robert Masters, Philip Strazzula, Paul Donovan, and Mary Claire Donovan.

The program continued with a one-act play, "The Easter Bonnet," in which the following took part: Rosamond Nigro, Betty Gibson, Constance Marino, Tina Frasca, Louise Rogers, Claire Rand, Norma DiStasio, Charleete Coyne, Rita Sannechiario, Corinne Viscarelli, Dorothy Burnett, Elaine Capone, Claire Mulcahy, and Mary Marino.

Little Mary Mulcahy then entertained with a selection, "Kewpie Doll" and Joseph Vatter, Willard Lindquist and William Lagorio appeared in a selection entitled, "Sailor Lads."

After this number, a tap dance novelty, "Down on the Farm," was presented, with Joseph Lagorio, Jean Cuthbertson, Dorothy Drumme, and Phyllis Di Carlo taking part.

The one-act play, "You Tell 'Er" followed, with Martha Sweetnam, James McNulty, Joseph and Charles Cognato, James Rotherham, Robert Smith and Salvatore Saleme in the various roles.

"Dad's Answer," given by Phyllis Robertson, was the next number on the program followed by the Irish Colleens appearing in a tap dance number with the following comprising the group: Catherine Haydock, Inez Campatelli, Phyllis Pizzano, Elaine Nigro, Rosamond Nigro, Gloria Di Pesa, Rose Di Marco, and Louise Di Carlo.

Little Jacqueline Bergami was the next to appear on the program, and pleased with a recitation, "Daddy's Sweetheart."

The program continued with a one-act play, "The Tea Party," in which Betty Barry, Jeanne Toomey, Ruth Barber, Virginia Cuthbertson, Mary Cataldo, John Di Pesa, Jr., and Louis F. Glover, played the various roles.

The "Dance of the Toy Soldier" followed, with Catherine Foley as the soldier. Little Dorothy Peterson attired in an old-fashioned costume pleased with a recitation entitled, "A Child of Yesterday."

The one-act play, "A Study in Contrasts" was well received, with Inez Campatelli as the modern girl, Barbara Ainslee as the old-fashioned maiden, Arlene Essensa as the modern girl's mother, and Arlene Brogi as a modern girl in old-fashioned attire.

"Annabelle Fixes Things" was the name of the next one-act play on the program. Gloria Di Pesa, Lucille Moran, Rosalie Russo, and Annie Russo took part.

The program continued with the "Dance of the Dutch Dolls," with Jean Cuthbertson and Thelma Dondero entertaining. This was followed by a tap dance given by Thelma Bentham and Virginia Cuthbertson.

The concluding number on the program was the one-act play, "What's That Noise" with Mildred Walker, Geraldine McColgan, Phyllis Pizzano, Elaine Nigro, Edith Edwards, and Audrey Gillette taking part.

The corps of ushers, formally attired, was headed by the Misses Ruth Arnold, Louise Terminiello, Alice O'Donnell, Blanche Di Pesa and others. Also by the Messrs. Bryant Wry, George Sweetnam, Richard Carroll and Rocco Mastrangelo.



Journal staff photo "Tut," Tom Croce, Carmen Perrotti and Harry Wheeler, local flying enthusiasts, standing before Croce's Travelaire.

Flyers at Muller Field are Getting Ready for Summer

With prospects of a better airport in view at Muller field, there will be many interesting activities there this season.

Mr. Muller plans to enlarge the landing area to make a four runway field. This work will be greatly appreciated by local fliers as it will make the field more accessible, make room for more ships to use the field at the same time, besides making the field safer.

A new plane has arrived at the field and is jointly owned by three fliers. It is a Spartan biplane, powered with a Wright J-65, and is owned by Frank Stabile, Pete Le Blanc and Tom Vinnelli. They plan to carry passengers this summer to help pay for the ship. Pete Le Blanc, the field's long distance flier, has had enough time in the air to do the honors of passenger flying when he gets his L. C. license. Tom Vinnelli will be the Chief of Operations with the care of the ship being his responsibility.

The Old Colony Flying Club will be in action soon. The good ship "Alexander Eaglerock" is nearing completion after two months of extensive overhauling and rebuilding. When the work is completed it is expected that this ship will be in new condition. Al Zurich, the pilot, is waiting anxiously for work on the ship to be completed so that he may burn the sky up with this marvelous performer. Mr. Zurich, by the way is one of the four "Flying Cops" in the state. He hails from Arlington and carried a transport license.

Harold Morgenstein is the owner of a Cessna monoplane powered with Warner 160. He holds an L. C. license and is rapidly becoming one of our best pilots.

The man responsible for the upkeep and repairs of the Cessna and the Eaglerock is George Clapp, called "Skybirds" by his many friends.

He is doing fine maintenance work under the supervision of George Nelson, instructor of aviation at a Boston trade school. Mr. Clapp is a member of the Old Colony Flying Club.

Harry Wheeler, our most versatile transport pilot, is kept busy giving student instruction. He is flying Tom Croce's Travelaire, powered with an OXX6. The Travelaire is being cared for by 'Tut.' 'Tut' is one of the most congenial boys on the field, always ready to help whenever needed. Mr. Wheeler hopes to have his own ship on the line this summer.

The Revere Flying Club, consisting of all local boys, is still keeping flying honors within the city. Ted Perotti is ready for his L. C. and has had more deadstick landings than any other pilot at Muller. Carmen Perotti is still keeping in touch with the stick and will soon try for his L. C., having 58 hours to his credit.

Ode Sutton is making wonderful progress towards his private pilot's license. He is one of Revere's "finest" and promises to be Revere's first flying cop. We find that Phil Gallo is giving him a little competition toward that honor. Ode knows his controls and has had many solo experiences both in flying and police work.

Phil Gallo is very capable at the controls and the higher up he gets the better he likes it. He will soon be a member of the choice circle.

Ode and Phil are both out for the "flying cop" honors of the city. Phil is looking forward to a cross country trip next vacation time.

The Flying Club hopes to purchase a new ship soon. They also plan to increase their membership. The plan of this club is to provide flight and ground instruction to its members at nominal cost, thus enabling the student to become a pilot at the least possible expense.

teresting experiments on five meters will be discussed and plans for the five meters transmitter will be discussed.

REVERE COUNCIL, K. C. COMMUNION BREAKFAST

A committee consisting of the following, Alexander Drinkwater, Richard DeNeil, William H. Smith, John Tucker and Maurice Kiley has made arrangements for the Annual Communion Breakfast of Revere Council, K. of C.

On Sunday, March 13, the Knights will receive Holy Communion in a body at 7 o'clock mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. After the mass breakfast will be served in City Hall.

The committee has arranged for a prominent speaker to attend and his name will be announced next week.

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Council Passes Budget Presented by Mayor

Revere's Oldest Lady Dies at Century Mark

Mrs. Margaret H. Waldron, after watching the progress of our country for a century, is now dead. She died Wednesday evening after an illness of a month at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Evelyn Willis of 52 Allston st.

Mrs. Waldron was born in Buxton, Me., on July 17, 1831 and was one of thirteen children, five of which have lived to ages over ninety, she being the only one to pass the hundred mark.

Married at the age of 17 to Isaac Waldron the pair came to Boston where they resided for a number of years. Thirty-five years ago they moved with their family to Franklin ave.

Her husband died thirty years ago at the age of 72. Mrs. Waldron continued to live in the Franklin avenue house with one of her grandsons and at the age of 78 years brought up five of her great grandchildren to maturity.

For the past twelve years she has made her home with her granddaughter, Mrs. Evelyn Willis on Allston st.

She is a direct descendant of the Daughters of the Revolution, although she did not belong to the society of that name. Both her grandfathers were Revolutionary patriots.

She is survived by one brother, Neville Woodman of Bank, Oregon, who is 86 years of age; four grandsons, one granddaughter and nine great-grandchildren among whom are the well known Waldron triplets of Revere, Lester, Stewart and Emmons Waldron.

On July 17 last Mrs. Waldron entertained a crowd of more than 100 friends at her home during an anniversary party on her 100th birthday.

About a month ago she suffered a severe cold and never fully recovered from its weakening effects. Since then she constantly failed until her death came Wednesday night.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon from the home of her granddaughter on Allston st. Rev. Arthur W. Swift, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was at the Beverly cemetery.

Budget Set at \$1,825,851.89

The city budget for 1932 was passed by the Council Wednesday evening, with the adoption of the budget as presented by Mayor Casassa, after a minority report had been rejected by a vote of six to three, councilmen Gallagher, Robertson and White in favor of the minority report.

The majority report for the finance committee, made by Councilmen Morrell, Bodner, Sweeney and Gilfix, was as follows:

The standing committee on finance to whom was referred the annual budget of the Mayor for 1932 in summary form and the action of the Committee of the Whole in the annual budget, amounting to \$1,825,851.89, would report and recommend that the annual budget as presented by the Mayor be accepted and adopted; that the sum of \$1,825,851.89 be and is hereby raised and appropriated for the several items set forth in the annual budget as submitted by the Mayor and acted upon by the Council and arranged according to departments in alphabetical order and summarized and classified according to the function as shown on Sheet A of each department; said sum of \$1,825,851.89 be and is hereby raised by and from the Tax Levy and Revenue of the city of Revere for the current year. Further, that five percent of basic salaries which has been donated by all city employees to be paid into the City Treasury, then to be transferred and credited to the Temporary Aid Accounts of the Public Welfare department for relief in said department.

The above report was accepted and adopted on a roll call on the second and third reading, with six councilmen voting for it and the minority of three, Gallagher, Robertson and White against.

Councilman Gallagher requested that the following statement be entered in the records on his vote on the passage on the second and third reading:

"I wish to file a statement of my reasons for voting against the report of committee on finance pertaining to the budget for 1932:

1. Report does not contain the recommendations pertaining to \$23,346.49 cuts in various departments as recommended by Committee of the Whole.
2. All salaries submitted with total 10 percent cut, not in keeping with sound business as same will create a hardship on all concerned in salary cut, as well as business men at large in Revere.
3. Salaries under Civil Service Law are reduced without complying with Section 42A, 42B and 43 of General Laws, Chapter 31 as amended.
4. Some departments having already exceeded their allowed appropriations.

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BE SURE TO READ OUR SPORT PAGE (Page 5) by Joe O'Brien Graduate of Revere High School Class of 1921. Revere's veteran sport promoter and Recording Secretary of Revere Council, Knights of Columbus.

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# Forum

## SPRING FORWARD THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, March 12, marks the start of Daylight Savings Time when we set our clocks ahead an hour.

Yes, we lose an hour of sleep, but the time for sunset magically will move from 5:46 PM on Saturday to 6:48 PM on Sunday, giving us an extra hour of daylight in the evening. (Conversely, we lose an hour of daylight in the morning because sunrise also moves up an hour, from 6:01 AM on Saturday to 6:59 AM on Sunday.)

Even though Daylight Savings Time has occurred in March for quite a few years, for those of us who grew up when Daylight Savings Time did not begin until mid-April, the earlier start to the Daylight Savings season is a bit jarring.

When Daylight Savings began in April, it was a sure sign that spring was in the air and that summer was around the corner. It also coincided with the start of the Little League season, another harbinger of summer.

But with Daylight Savings now coming in mid-March, when the weather is still chilly, Daylight Savings occurs when the weather is not even remotely spring-like.

Still, we're happy to have that extra hour of daylight in our evenings. The weather may not be great, but at least it's bright at 7:00 PM -- a signal that although spring may not quite have arrived, winter surely is fading fast.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- THE REVERE BEACH SAND SCULPTING FESTIVAL IS JULY 28-30

Speaking of the coming summer season of 2023, the Revere Beach Partnership, in coordination with the City of Revere and the Department of Conservation and Recreation, recently announced that the 19th Annual Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival, one of the premier events of the summer season in Greater Boston, will take place from July 28-30.

The theme for this year's event will be "Celebrating 90 Years of Kong" and will feature a centerpiece sand sculpture highlighting an epic King Kong battle. The event's signature master sand sculpting competition will feature 15 master sand sculptors, three days of live entertainment, gourmet food trucks, specialty food vendors, exhibitors, and amusement rides, as well as some special King Kong-themed surprises that will be announced closer to the event.

As always, the festival promises to be fun for everyone, regardless of age, and will be a family-friendly event.

Revere Beach proudly is America's oldest public beach and has been undergoing a new Renaissance-era in the past decade and the festival will give long-time residents of the Boston area an opportunity to see firsthand the transformation that has occurred in recent years.

With good weather, the festival could attract up to a million people. Fortunately, the Blue Line has a stop at Revere Beach (and at Wonderland) and offers the best means of transportation for visitors.

So mark your calendars now to be sure to check out what has become one of the most-anticipated events of the summer season in the Greater Boston (and beyond) area.

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## GUEST OP-ED Working together, an essential for every family

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

I was not quite five years old when I stood, looking up the steps to our upstairs, yelling "Mommy hurry, Mamaw is dying." My grandmother Ina Hinkle and aunt Maude Hinkle were in the room trying to comfort my Mamaw Mollette. Throughout the morning she had been sick. She had complained about pain and Grandma Hinkle and Aunt Maude were constantly rubbing her arms trying to comfort her.

Life was different back in that day. My dad had driven our only car to West Virginia to work his shift in the coal mine. We didn't have a hospital in our county and Doc Ford was the lone medical doctor. He routinely had 10 to 20 people waiting to see him.

We didn't have a paramedic unit in Martin County. Our local funeral home would take people to the hospital in their hearse but there was no medical care rendered on the way. I got that ride twice. Once, when I split my head open playing with a first cousin. The second time was after a bad car wreck while driving my first old Chev-elle to high school.

We didn't have a telephone at that time. We didn't have a telephone un-

til I was nine years old and then it was an eight-family party line. Thus, there was no way my mother could call for help or drive to ask for help for my Mamaw.

Racing down the steps to my plea and the calls of Grandma Hinkle and Aunt Maude, who were now calling in unison with me to my mother Eula, "Come Eula, she is dying!" As we gathered around Mamaw's bed we stood as she breathed her last few breaths and departed her body to be with Jesus. There wasn't anything else we could do but cry as we held to her lifeless body.

The words of those Sainly women standing in the room that day were "She is now with the Lord."

My sister Wanda recalls she was a junior in high school at that time. There were semester tests that particular day at school. "Mamaw asked me not to go to school that day saying, 'Don't go, I'm going to die today.'" As many of us would probably reply, she said "Mamaw, you aren't going to die. You're going to be fine." As we age, we know our bodies and we know when things have changed. Mamaw knew it was her last day.

When my dad came home from the coal mine, he went into Mamaw's

room where her body lay and bent over and hugged her. A little later the funeral home came for her body.

The funeral home brought her body back to our house where her casket and flowers were placed in a bedroom just off from our living room. Many family members and friends visited our house the next couple of days.

Mamaw Mollette's husband, my grandfather Lafe, whom I never met, died about a year or so before my dad and mom married. For the next 19 to 20 years, I don't know the exact number, Mamaw Mollette lived with Mom and Dad and our family. She visited for weeks with her other sons who lived in West Virginia but most of her time was spent with us. I got less than five years with Mamaw but my two sisters and two brothers spent many years with her.

We grew up in a small house with one bathroom. There were eight of us living in the house. We only had four small bedrooms and a hallway with a twin bed. We had guests all the time. Very often other family members were visiting and my mother worked nonstop to feed and take care of everybody. Looking back,

I wonder how Mom and Dad were able to keep it all together. I was on the tail end of the family so being worried about access to the bathroom and space wasn't much of a concern at that stage.

My hat is off to my dad and mom for making a place for Mamaw all those years. They worked together. Life was not always easy but it was all we knew and we did the best we could. Mom and Dad stayed together for over 60 years and both are now buried in the garden where they worked together for most of their lives.

The point of all this is that families can make it if they will work hard, love each other, and be very patient. Every family has ups and downs. No family is perfect. No one lives life without problems and troubles. Treating each other with love and respect, and everyone working together are essentials for every family.

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

## Council approves special permit for Shirley Avenue development

By Adam Swift

The City Council approved a special permit for scaled-back plans for a 24-unit apartment development with two ground floor commercial units on Shirley Avenue at its meeting Monday night.

Last year, developers proposed a 32-unit, five-story building at 163 Shirley Ave.

After concerns were raised by neighbors and some councilors, the developer worked with the abutters and Ward 2 Councilor Ira Novoselsky and came back with the proposal to demolish the existing building on the site and replace it with a four-story building.

"This project has been working for a very long time," said Larry Simeone, the attorney for the developer. "We did have a hearing in December, and it's taken an awful long time to get it right. We worked with the ward councilor, Ira Novoselsky and other councilors to hear the issues that were raised by neighbors and we've done everything we can do."

In addition to decreasing the height of the building and the number of units, Simeone said there were a number of conditions in the special permit that will increase privacy and ease concerns for neighbors.

The existing building has two commercial units and three residences. The

new building will retain two commercial units, which Simeone said are likely to be a cafe and a convenience story.

The second through fourth floors will contain 14 studio units of about 339 square feet each, and 10 one-bedroom units of about 680 square feet each.

The fourth floor of the building will also be pulled back slightly from the lower floors to give neighbors more privacy, Simeone said.

Novoselsky recused himself from voting on the special permit, since he lives near the property, but several other councilors said they supported the project because it had the ward councillor's support.

Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri said he appreciated that the developer reduced the size of the development.

"It's great to see some compromise in this project," said Councilor-at-Large Gerry Visconti. "The last time this was here in front of us, we had some people opposed, and I don't see that here in the audience today, so it's great work on both ends to reach some common ground."

Visconti also noted that the proposed building is an upgrade over the existing structure, adding that it continues the transformation of the Shirley Avenue neighborhood.

## Bob Haas // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

lor-at-large," Haas said Monday after making the decision with his family one day earlier. "And as I posted on my social media, I have finally decided to take a page out of my father's book. Team Haas can't wait to get started: The Red and Yellow are back."

Bob III was referring to the colors, red and yellow, which were used on political stickers, literature and souvenirs, such as jar openers and pens, during his father's campaigns for office. The late Mr. Robert Haas Jr. served as mayor of Revere from 1992 to

2000 and was in his 26th year on the Revere City Council when he died unexpectedly in 2017 at the age of 74.

Mr. Haas carved out a tremendous legacy of public service, and the health and wellness center on Charger Road will be named the Robert J. Haas Jr. Health and Wellness Center.

After consulting with his wife, Nanci, his mother, Juanita, his sisters, Rachel and Jennifer, and a few close friends, Bob III said he's ready to commit to a vigorous campaign for office, with the goal of serving the people of Revere in the outstanding, professional manner like his father did for close to four decades in city government.

"I'm excited for the

opportunity," said Bob III. "I'm all in. I think it's going to be great. Sunday was an emotional day talking to my mom and what my dad meant to us. Since making the announcement, the support has been overwhelming."

Bob III attended the Abraham Lincoln School and was an eighth grader at the Beachmont School when his father was elected mayor. "I learned a lot about the city, and my family and I have great memories of that time," he said.

Bob III graduated from Revere High in 1996 and went on to receive a degree in Communications with a concentration in Journalism from Salem State University.

Following his graduation, Bob III took an edi-

torial position at the Daily Item. He worked for the Revere School Department and is currently assistant director of the Revere Senior Center.

"I've met a lot of great people at the Center," said Haas, who is 44. "One of the first people I talked to about my run for office was [Senior Center Director] Deb Peczkka, and she was very excited. Debbie has been such an inspiration since I started here, just seeing how professionally she goes about her everyday business. Her friendship has meant so much to me."

Bob and his wife, Nanci, have a son, Robert "RJ", 4, and a daughter, Leni, who will be 2 in May. The family resides on Fenley Street.



# Our 2151 Senior Life

## Starting Your Own Business



More and more Americans aged 55-64 are starting their own businesses, giving meaning and purpose to a period that used to be defined by rocking chairs and sunsets. But as always, smart financial planning and a solid business forecast are a must.

**LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE**

The first thing to do, even before deciding whether to bring your new goods or services to market, is putting your future plans in perspective. How active do you intend to be, in particular once you reach retirement age? Do you have any health concerns? Did you have plans to see the world, or were you planning to stay closer to home? Will you ultimately downsize or move into a shared-living situation? How do you plan to disperse your estate? Are there family members who would ultimately take over? All of these decisions will have a direct impact when embarking on a start-up operation and on how you set up the company itself in terms of management and ownership.

**INSIDE THE NUMBERS**

Leveraging a lifetime of experience and improved financial means, seniors are actually more likely to start their own business, the U.S. Global Entrepreneurship Monitor confirms. In fact, new business activity has consistently risen on a year-to-year basis among this age group. The same rate has declined among younger Americans, who may be less apt to take financial risks because of budget pressures relating to new families or building their careers. In some cases, seniors have amassed enough wealth that they can begin these ventures without taking out a significant loan — or any loans at all. Seniors with higher aspirations have also had longer to build up significant reserve funds that can smooth the way during the lean early years of a new business.

**WHY NOW?**

Seniors have decades of learned skills that can now be put to use to further their own financial goals. They've also made key connections over the years that can ease the start-up process, including long-held banking relationships, previous work with various contractors and familiarity with local government permitting and regulations. If they pair this new business with smart lifestyle changes like downsizing, they may also have significantly lower personal expenses. Finally, they usually have lots of experience with planning and executing a comprehensive business plan.

# Retiring the Right Way

## Smart financial planning starts early and never stops



More than a third of us don't have enough saved for our golden years, according to the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors. That will force many to keep working past the point where they'd like to retire.

Here's how to get organized, overcome common issues and hire a professional to make sure you're set to retire the right way.

**ORGANIZING IT ALL**

Regularly re-evaluate your future in the years leading to retirement, then be prepared to keep a close eye on market-connected sources of income. It's admittedly a lot to manage, since most people leave the workplace with a stack of retirement-related investments to sort through. Begin by taking a close look at your various mutual funds or stocks, pensions or other benefit programs, and various savings accounts. Consolidating all of it into one neat package will give you a new perspective on where you stand going forward. You'll also be more prepared to react to market changes that often have such a huge impact 401(k) benefits in the future.


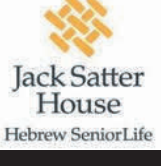
**SETTING GOALS**

Obviously, you're trying to amass enough savings and income to live comfortably outside of the daily work environment. But life has a way of surprising us. So after you've determined what you'll need to cover regular expenses, add a contingency on top of that in case of emergencies. Be aware of the tax implications if you decide to continue working, or elect to return to work, in order to continue building your nest egg. Contact a financial advisor who you can trust to help guide the way.

**FINDING A PROFESSIONAL**

Ask family and friends for recommendations before partnering with an investment pro, and pay close attention to online reviews.

The National Association of Personal Financial Advisors also provides a search function to expand the vetting process. Consider discussing your retirement with several potential candidates, and don't be afraid to ask probing questions — beginning with their credentials. Your advisor should be a certified public accountant or certified financial planner. Determine how long they've been involved with financial services, while asking for personal references. Discuss their compensation, which may be fee- or commission-based — or both. Keep searching until you find someone whose experience, skill set, pricing and approach match your goals.



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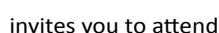
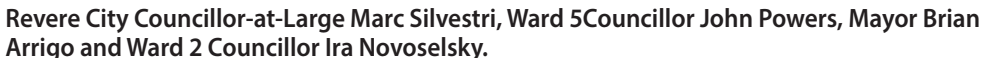
Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been — Mark Twain





“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,” said Arriago. “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

Arrigo went on to state that in 2016, his administration inherited a city



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**Wednesday, March 15**

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6:00 p.m.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is hosting two virtual public information meetings to discuss changes to Phase 2 of the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project. The previous version of Phase 2 included a four-month full closure of the tunnel beginning in May of 2023. Phase 2 will now consist of two separate two-month full closures during the summers of 2023 and 2024.

All residents, abutters, local business owners, and interested commuters are invited to attend. Both meetings will provide the same information. Holding two meetings is an effort by MassDOT to accommodate everyone's schedules as best possible. Spanish and Arabic interpretation will be available at both meetings.

Prior to the meetings, if you have specific questions or concerns for the project team, please email us at: [summer100@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:summer100@dot.state.ma.us).

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State Representative Jeff Turco, former State Senator Joe Boncore, Arrigo, former Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo, and State Representative Jessica Giannino.

The mayor further stated that his administration inherited two empty race-tracks, nine vacant parcels along Revere Beach and no master plan to guide us into the future.

“Since then, we have proven ourselves as trustworthy partners – attracting a record amount of public and private investment to update our infrastructure and create great places to live, eat and work,” Arrigo said. “Miles of new streets with updated water and sewer pipes, thousands of new places for people to live and 15 new restaurants in our city.”

He said his administration has also overseen major upgrades for the public works department, with a new facility that will be ready to open by the fall.

“Because of all of the work that we have done together - all of the trust we have built in each other - all of confidence we have about our shared future - and because we truly believe that we - as a community - deserve the best, I can proudly stand here tonight and say the State of Our City will remain strong - long after I leave office,” Arrigo said. “We have built the momentum. We will hand off a city that, across every measure, is in better shape than when my Administration took office.

"It was my dad's voice as my North Star in the earliest days: 'This is the opportunity of a lifetime, kid. Don't mess this up – and if nothing else, you have to hand it off better than you got it,'" Arrigo continued.

As the residents of Revere look to the future, Arrigo said the community needs to put its faith and trust in those who will continue to build up from the foundation and steer clear of those who would want to tear it down.

“As we prepare for the next chapter in our city’s history, I stand here confident that Revere will continue to thrive and grow under the leadership of my successor,” Arrigo said. “You should all be so proud of what we have accomplished together, and I know that this community has the resilience, determination, and vision to overcome the challenges that lie ahead.

"Serving as your mayor has been the greatest honor of my life, and I will always cherish the memories I have made here in



**Mayor Brian Arrigo with his  
Chief of Staff, Kim Hanton.**

Revere with all of you,” the mayor continued. “I am forever grateful for the opportunity to have made a difference in the

lives of our residents, and I am confident that this community will continue to grow and flourish for many years to come.”

Thank you all so much for being here as I deliver my eighth and final state of the city address.

To my wife Daveen and my two boys Joseph and Jack. The three of you are my everything. Daveen - you have supported me over these last eight crazy years. It has been an incredible adventure and I could not have done it without you. I love you.

To my family, friends and colleagues, I would like to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for your love, support and dedication during my time in office. Your trust and confidence in me has been a

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Please join us for a buffet fundraiser in memory of our dear friend, Jimma Nelson, who passed away suddenly one year ago.

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constant source of inspiration, and I am grateful for the many opportunities I have had to work alongside all of you to achieve our shared goals.

When I first started preparing for tonight, I took a little bit of time to reflect on the last eight years. Wow, What a journey we have been on together.

We have always been focused on moving forward. We have always leaned in to change and harnessed it for the good of our residents. Year after year, we’ve kept pushing to be better.

Together, we transformed and modernized city services to improve the lives of all of our residents.

Together, for the first time in over 40 years, we applied our values and principles as a community to develop the Next Stop Revere Master Plan.

Together, we ushered an unprecedented amount of public and private investment in our community to revive Revere Beach, Shirley Ave., and Suffolk Downs.

Together, we overcame the challenges of a pandemic – expanding our health and human services division to meet the needs of all of our residents – especially our most vulnerable.

And together, we will see a new Department of Public Works facility, a new Point of Pines Fire Station and the new Robert J. Haas Health and Wellness Center.

While we have had a good number of successes - we have been far from perfect. Our most recent - and I would argue our biggest failure came earlier this week with our inability to move a new Revere High School forward.

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.

By subjecting another generation of our youth to a 50-year old building that hasn’t served our needs for a long time, our elected leaders, including many who are quick to proclaim their own families’ working-class, immigrant roots - pulled the ladder out from underneath our young families and violated one of our key covenants: our duty to continuously lay the groundwork for a healthier, safer, and more prosperous community.

This most recent failure reminds me of the politics of the past.

As I reflect on our last eight years, I can’t help but think about my first few days in the Mayor’s Office.

In 2016, we inherited a city that was depleting its

Rainy Day Fund while having millions of dollars sitting around that nobody knew existed.

Since then, we have consistently improved our financial policies and procedures. As a result, in 2018 our bond rating was upgraded and today our Rainy Day Fund is the largest in our city’s history, setting us up for financial success for decades to come.

In 2016, we inherited a city without a Human Resources Department – employee morale was at an all time low and the culture of City Hall was centered around intimidation and bully tactics. Employees were judged by the political sticker on their car, not the level of their performance.

Since then, we have invested in our people at City Hall, providing training and professional development opportunities to our employees and regularly celebrating our talented and diverse workforce.

In 2016, we inherited two empty racetracks, nine vacant parcels along Revere Beach and no master plan to guide us into the future.

Since then, we have proven ourselves as trustworthy partners – attracting a record amount of public and private investment to update our infrastructure and create great places to live, eat and work. Miles of new streets with updated water and sewer pipes, thousands of new places for people to live and 15 new restaurants in our city.

In 2016, we inherited a Department of Public Works that was neglected. From their rusted and rotted equipment to the blue tarps that were used to cover the computers when it rained out because of the holes in the ceiling of their facility.

Since then, we invested in new equipment, we invested in additional staff and I’m proud to say that our new DPW facility will be ready to occupy this fall.

I can go on and on and on giving examples of what we inherited in 2016 and contrast that with where we stand today...but the bottom line is this:

Because of all of the work that we have done together - all of the trust we have built in each other - all of confidence we have about our shared future - and because we truly believe that we - as a community - deserve the best, I can proudly stand here tonight and say the State of Our City will remain strong - long after I leave office.

We have built the momentum. We will hand off a city that, across every measure, is in better shape than when my Administration took office. It was my dad’s voice as my North Star in the earliest days: “This is the opportunity of a lifetime, kid. Don’t mess this up – and if nothing else, you have to hand it off better than you got it.”

Eight years later, the foundation has been cemented. My time leading our city is coming to an end, and now it will be up to all of you to ensure that we continue on a path forward with leadership that builds trust, collaborates, looks forward – and does the work. And as we look to the future, we cannot forget our past. As a community we need to put our faith and trust in those who



ADAM SMITH PHOTO  
Mayor Arrigo at the podium for the State of the City address at the Susan B. Anthony Auditorium on Thursday, March 2.

will continue to build up from this foundation and steer clear of those who would like nothing more than to tear it down.

Over the last eight years, we tried like heck to build trust. In today’s world it is harder than ever. Social media has given a voice and a platform to many people lacking credibility. We have become more interested in likes, shares and comments and less interested in context, nuance – and the all-important details.

And over the last eight years, I’ve been constantly reminded that it is not the critic who counts – especially the critics behind the keyboard.

So that’s why it will be so important for all of you to demand that your leaders – especially those elected – accept all of the responsibility that comes along with this work. The leaders of this city – both current and future – will have to continue building trust, collaborating and doing the work while ignoring those who lack credibility. The people of this city deserve nothing less.

As we prepare for the next chapter in our city’s history, I stand here confident that Revere will continue to thrive and grow under the leadership of my successor. You should all be so proud of what we have accomplished together, and I know that this community has the resilience, determination, and vision to overcome the challenges that lie ahead.

Serving as your mayor has been the greatest honor of my life, and I will always cherish the memories I have made here in Revere with all of you. I am forever grateful for the opportunity to have made a difference in the lives of our residents, and I am confident that this community will continue to grow and flourish for many years to come.

Thank you for everything, and God bless Revere.

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REVERE CHILDREN’S LIBRARY CELEBRATES READ ACROSS AMERICA WITH SPECIAL GUEST READERS

Last Saturday afternoon the Revere Children’s Library celebrated Read Across America week with a special line-up of readers, Cat in the Hat hats for all the kids that joined in on Saturday and following the reading portion arts and crafts too.



Representative Giannino with One Fish- Two Fish -Red Fish Blue Fish, the title is a novel by itself, another Dr. Suess classic.



Mayor Brian Arrigo arrived at the Children’s Library for his turn on the big chair, greeted by Lisa Ferrara and Diana Luongo.



Mayor Arrigo off the beaten path from Suess, chooses Chicka Chicka Boom Boom for his choice of books.



Read Across America was celebrated everywhere last week, but on Saturday the Revere Children’s Library hosted a fun packed afternoon for the local children. Guest readers, Mayor Brian Arrigo, State Representative Jessica Giannino, State Senator Lydia Edwards and Revere Police Sgt. Matt Leslie joined the kids and their parents at the library to show the children the importance and the fun reading can be.



The first guest reader, Sgt, Matt Leslie from the Revere Police Department, shown with his family, Connor, Charlie and Lainey.



Jeremiah Rodriguez gets a little reading in before the guests arrive.



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Sgt. Leslie starts things off with the Dr. Suess favorite, Hop on Pop.



Special guest State Representative Jessica Giannino with Children’s Librarian Lisa Ferrara, and Director of the RPL Diana Luongo.



Aurea Ramirez poses with a few books from her favorite author, Dr. Seuss-of course.



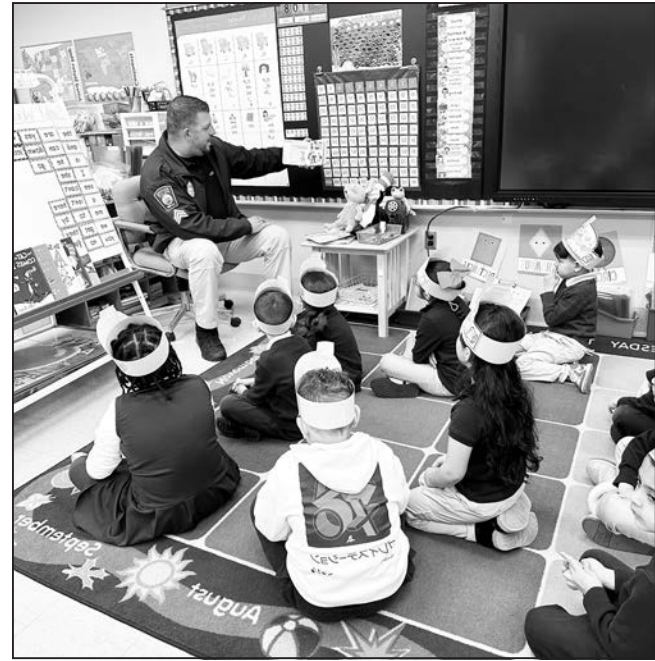
State Senator Lydia Edwards picked the king of the Dr. Suess classics, ‘The Cat in the Hat. It’s still the senators favorite book, and she wanted to share it with the children last Saturday afternoon.



REVERE PUBLIC SCHOOLS CELEBRATE READ ACROSS AMERICA



Sgt. Joe Internicola and his brother, Anthony, visited Hill School for Read Across America Day recently. Joe read "If You Take A Mouse To School" and Anthony read "Sheep in a Jeep."



Joe Internicola reads to the class.



Five Revere High Basketball team Captains visited Mrs. DelGrecio's kindergarten class at the Hill School for Read Across America Day! Shown left to right, Domenic Boudreau, Vinny Vu, Alejandro Hincapie, Sal DeAngelis, Vincent Nichols and Coach David Leary.



Anthony Internicola reads to the class.



School Committee member John Kingston reading to a Garfield Elementary class last week on Thursday, Mar. 2, Read Across America Day. Kingston donated pencils to the classroom and one student with the closest birthday to March 2 got to take home the book Kingston read in class.

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the earnest concerns the City Council had about the proposal, and put into question if the proposal presented to our honorable body was truly a prudent one in the best interest of all residents, present and future – particularly from a financial standpoint. Part of the responsibility we have as your City Council is to serve as diligent guardians of the City's finances, and for us, the question of advancing the schematic design of the new Revere High School was not solely a question of education and legacy – it was a question of the true viability of affordability to the City, especially when the overall projected cost for the construction of the school and the land it would sit on was nearly half a BILLION dollars - this was a financial decision we took solemnly and not lightly.

As the public saw throughout the Ways and Means Sub-Committee process, the potential projected costs that we were asked to consider were all over the place – ranging from \$499 Million overall, with a potential cost of \$338 Million to the City to \$470 Million overall, with a potential cost of \$290 Million to the City. Couple this with a \$30 Million cost of the Wonderland site, and the possibility that the cost of the land on which the new high school would have sat could potentially double, triple or nearly quadruple that number after litigation (based on comments made by the attorneys representing the owners of Wonderland in the Revere Journal on February 22). Let us be clear - if the Administration was able to clearly articulate to both the City Council and the residents of the City a definitive plan for how the City was going to comfortably finance the \$290 Million for the construction of the school, plus whatever price the Wonderland site were to end

up costing the City, the outcome of Monday's vote would have been different. Instead, when the City Council initially asked the Administration how we, as a City, were affording this project, we were first given (in January) a grim report that tough decisions would likely have to be made, and we would have to implement some combination of measures - many of which would fall on the back of the average taxpayer - in order to bring the proposal for a new high school into fruition. By mid-February, the Administration provided the Council with a vague roadmap for how the City could finance the project, but this plan only included percentages of future revenues in various accounts and capping spending growth percentages for various areas in the annual budget with no real projected numbers. Finally, on Monday evening, February 27th, at the start of the Ways and Means Sub-Committee meeting on the night the Council was expected to vote, the Councillors were presented with hard numbers that we had been asking for throughout our deliberations. For any member of the public watching this process play out, it would seem skeptical and questionable - as it did to the six of us - that the City went from having to potentially take drastic measures to make this a reality to confidently being able to afford this project within a matter of six weeks.

The plans for financing the new high school at the Wonderland site as proposed by the Administration were weak, at best, and did not take into account unforeseen financial events that we, as city leaders, have a duty to plan for (i.e. a recession or some other unforeseen emergency). The plan put forward to finance the high school would also have diverted funding away from other important priorities of the city by capping spending growth for Public Safety

and Public Works, among other areas, in the municipal budget and requiring some monies from municipal accounts, like the Community Investment Trust Fund, be allocated to pay for the debt incurred for the new high school. Additionally, the justified concern of the unknown eventual cost of the land itself given the pending litigation, and the fact that revenues generated from the eventual development on the Wonderland site could help to pay for the cost of the high school, made it clear that we needed to think twice about the suitability of this particular location. These are not hypothetical uncertainties - they are fiscal realities. Further, given the options for site selection around the city considered by the School Building Committee (IE the Coolidge Street Housing Development among others), it was most unfortunate that the City Council as a whole was not included in this process until the consensus was reached by the School Building Committee and the School Committee for the Wonderland site. By the time the City Council was able to offer meaningful input, the Administration had made clear in its presentation to the Council that Wonderland was their preferred site.

The outcome of this particular vote to not advance this project as proposed is not on the City Council - the Chief Executive and the Administration did not make a strong enough case to convince us - and the taxpayers of the City - that this was a totally fiscally sound proposal. The risks to the financial standing of the City were greater than the positive result of having a new high school on that site. We value education; we, too, want a new high school. However, we could not and cannot ignore the affordability of such a project. Your City Council had no other logical choice but to air on the side of caution for the sake of the taxpayers who have entrusted us in overseeing their Treas-

ury. A decision to move forward with so many valid concerns of Councillors and residents alike and real fiscal uncertainties would have been reckless and irresponsible. Moving forward with the proposal as presented by the Administration would have set up the next Mayor or two and future City Councils, and more importantly, the City itself, for financial disaster that would be felt for decades to come. Voting "yes" would have been the easy thing to do; voting "no" was the prudent judgment call.

Finally, to be crystal clear to the residents of the City who fear that this is the end of the conversation, the vote on February 27th did not kill the dream of a new Revere High School; it simply sent a message that the City Council, the Mayor, the Superintendent of Schools, the School Committee, and the School Building Committee have to continue to work collaboratively to refine a proposal for a new Revere High School. Be it this Administration or the immediate one following, the Chief Executive's team will have to present a proposal to the honorable City Council that is not only economically feasible, but realistic, because the burden of the costs for a new high school cannot - and will not, on our watch, - fall on the backs of the average taxpayers of our community. Accordingly, we urge the Mayor to direct the School Building Committee to immediately reconvene to determine a viable path forward that will provide a new Revere High School for our students while ensuring a fiscally sound future for our City.

**Anthony T. Zambuto,**  
**Councillor-At-Large**  
**Gerry Visconti, Councillor-At-Large**  
**Richard J. Serino, Ward Six Councillor**  
**Dan Rizzo, Councillor-At-Large**  
**Joanne Mckenna, Ward One Councillor**  
**Anthony Cogliandro, Ward Three Councillor**

# 1973 Revere High School 50th Class Reunion

**The Revere High School Class of 1973, is having their 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion this year, on Sept.16<sup>th</sup> at Four Points by Sherida in Wakefield.**

**We are looking for 25 classmates from 1973, who we cannot locate. If you have any information in knowing their whereabouts, please contact Paul Greene at [rgreenroc@aol.com](mailto:rgreenroc@aol.com) or 978-758-7739. Here are the 25 classmates we are looking for:**

Susan Fleury · Linda Butze · Joseph Mccarthy Judith Graceffa · Marie Carbone/Gibson · Joyce 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 the 33-acre Wonderland property. The escalating cost of the project after the council voted on a \$29.5 million bond to take the Wonderland site by eminent domain was a major concern for several of the councilors who voted against moving forward with the project.

The discussion on the high school project eventually got off the ground early in the evening with an update from Brian Dakin, the project manager from LeftField, about recent meetings in the wake of last week’s vote.

“What we heard on the project team last week resoundingly is that Wonderland is off the table,” said Dakin. “Since then, the project team has been working on both schedules and proposals to put something in front of the building committee, the School Committee, and this council in the coming weeks to chart a path toward a project at the existing site.”

Last Wednesday, the school building committee unanimously approved a motion to reconsider going back to the existing site. The School Committee will also have to weigh in on that vote, Dakin said.

Last Thursday, the MSBA also approved a previously requested extension to extend the schematic submission to sometime likely in June. However, Dakin said the MSBA will want an update on the project from the city and whether it is likely to move forward.

“The sooner, the better,” he added. “That ultimately will have to be captured in a letter to the school building authority, and that letter will have to make its way to the April board meeting, at which time, they will render their opinion.”

Dakin said the city would need approval from the MSBA to go back to the schematic design process and the preferred schematic report portion of the process where the site was selected.

“We’d more or less have to go back one-and-a-half steps,” said Dakin.

The first step, repeating the preferred schematic report (PSR), would take three or four months, and would also mean revisiting the three building options for a new high school at the existing site that were in the original PSR. That includes the baseline of bringing the existing building up to code, an addition/renovation option that included keeping the existing field house, as well as the option for an all-new building on Erricola Park.

On this timeline, a preferred option would be selected around June or July, with updated costs and schedules for each option.

Once that portion of the process was completed, the actual schematic design would run through mid to late winter of 2024, according to Dakin.

“That would be the equivalent of the vote that was last Monday night,” he said.

Going by that schedule, Dakin said a new high school would likely be ready to open in the summer of 2028.

“We, the project team, have always estimated that the current site is a more expensive construction than Wonderland,” said Dakin.

Dakin said he was not

looking backwards to Wonderland, since it is off the table, but he added that there are a number of “nuts and bolts things” at the current high school site that fundamentally aren’t included at the Wonderland site. Those issues include site utilities, culvert issues, temporary parking, and more intense phasing.

“I think it is achievable, I think it can be done, and the job you hired us for was to figure out how to get a school built, and that is what we are trying to do,” said Dakin.

A number of supporters of the high school project, many of them students and school personnel, were in attendance in the council chambers holding signs in support of a new high school.

“As a result of having parents who worked around the clock ... I was very reliant on the school system as a child,” said assistant Superintendent of Schools Richard Gallucci, who grew up in Revere and attended city schools.

Gallucci said he remembered attending Revere High in the 1990s with current councillors Steven Morabito and Marc Silvestri and having conversations at that time about how dated the school was.

“I can tell you with certainty, the number one thing that kids always wanted, at least when we were in high school, was some sort of campus feel, to be able to go out for lunch, to socialize, and then to go back for our afternoon classes,” said Gallucci. “I know that that might seem small, but it is huge to children, it is huge to the culture of a school, the culture of a city. We have talked a lot about guarantees and finances, I would never stand before you and be so bold to tell you how to spend public money.”

While Gallucci said he couldn’t give guarantees, he said he could make some assurances as a part of the school department and the building committee.

“What I can assure you is that a high school on Erricola Park will not be as nice or as effective for the families and the city itself,” he said. “Much of the design that we have worked on for the past two-plus, almost three years was specifically designed with purpose, it was designed for our most vulnerable populations, it was designed for teacher collaboration, it was designed in terms of where classes would take place, what the grade levels would be, and what that feel of an effective high school would be all about.”

Matthew Terrell, a junior at Revere High, noted that during the school building process, there has been a lack of communication between the city and the students.

“I’m never going to see this school, and I’m hoping that my younger brother in seventh grade might,” said Terrell. “I just hope that whether we go forward with Wonderland or we go with the existing site that the next round of questions will be directed toward not only among all of you, but also to the students, the teachers, and the parents.”

The relevant motion on the table at Monday night’s meeting was introduced by Councillor-at-Large

Gerry Visconti. Visconti requested that the City Council send a letter to the Revere High School Building Committee requesting that the existing site of the high school be chosen as the feasibility study preferred option for submission to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) and for further study during schematic design.

The long meeting ultimately ended with Council President Patrick Keefe moving the motion to a ways and means subcommittee meeting next week where there will be further discussion about the financial impact of the motion and building on the current high school site.

Ward 3 Councillor Cogliandro noted that the council vote last week was not against a new high school, but against moving forward with the schematic design plan for the MSBA at the Wonderland site.

“I think I can speak for everybody of anybody that voted no,” he said. “There has been so much misinformation, voting no last week was not to kill this project, it was not to say that we don’t care about education, that is ridiculous, that we don’t care about children, even more ridiculous.”

Cogliandro said he doesn’t care where the high school is built, but was troubled by not having financial numbers in place in time to make an informed decision.

“I’m not against Wonderland, I’m not against Revere High School,” he said. “It was stated we could do better, someone said ‘Do your job.’ I promise you, that was the most difficult decision I will ever make as a city councilor, I am doing my job.”

Cogliandro said the decisions being made by the council are about financial responsibility to the city.

“We are in charge of that, and I am sorry that we didn’t agree last week, but we can all work together and make this better for everybody,” Cogliandro said. “Please stop saying the city council does not want to build a high school, that is not true. It has to make sense financially, I can’t put homeowners and business owners and people who pay taxes here, I can’t put them at stake unless we know exactly what we are getting into.”

Later in the meeting, Richard Viscay, the city’s finance director, said it would likely cost the city another \$2 million to go forward with another schematic design and planning process for the current high school site.

“We would either have to get a bond authorization or use existing funds to continue the process,” said Viscay.

Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky said he wanted to see the new high school at Wonderland, but made a decision to vote present at last week’s meeting because he didn’t believe there was a compromise from the school side on cutting some costs. He said down the road, the city is going to be looking for land to build a middle school, and the current high school site could have been used for that purpose.

Novoselsky noted that the council would not be able to take another vote

on the Wonderland site for at least three months due to council rules.

“If the proposal was changed in some way, shape, or manner I believe we could make it sooner,” said Novoselsky. “There has to be a change, it can’t be the exact proposal that comes up.”

The Ward 2 Councillor said he would vote for a new proposal at the Wonderland site if there was more compromise with the council for a more economically feasible plan.

“I hope that we can reconsider it, that the school building committee will come up with a lesser proposal that will force a vote sooner than the three months,” said Novoselsky.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly said the school department would be very pleased to have a new school building with one athletic field rather than the two that were initially proposed at the Wonderland site.

Councillor-at-Large Dan Rizzo said the council was making financial decisions about the new school.

“That’s what we get elected to do,” said Rizzo. “One of the biggest duties for a city councilor, whether I am here or not is going to be fiscal oversight. If we don’t provide fiscal oversight – we understand that we need great education, we understand that we want kids to have a great school building – but we have to do it responsibly.”

“We’ve had three different financial plans in about a month and a half presented to us,” Rizzo continued. “It’s been a moving target since this whole thing started, and I think somebody ... mentioned that the price jumped \$120 million since purchasing the land at Wonderland, you can’t just drop something like that into the lap of people who are making financial decisions - not just for parents who have children in the school system, but there are other people out there who are paying these bills, and we have to be responsible to them as well.”

Councilor-at-Large Marc Silvestri countered that there had been financial concessions made during the discussion over the building of a new high school. He stated the project team made cuts to the budget after estimates hit a peak of nearly \$500 million, and that Viscay and the city administration came up with a plan to pay for the project without a debt exclusion or Proposition 21/2 override vote.

Silvestri also asked Dakin if building on the existing site would cost more than the estimate for the Wonderland project.

“It will cost more,” Dakin said.

Silvestri said he didn’t believe the votes against the Wonderland schematic design were political or personal, but he did say he believed the council was being shortsighted.

But Visconti said the council also has to take into account the costs of taking the Wonderland site by eminent domain and legal action that could drive that cost up.

“What we are doing is we are kicking that lawsuit down the line and not thinking of that lawsuit today,” said Visconti. “What’s happening is people are saying they have supported the Wonderland

## OBITUARIES

### Raymond Taylor Retired physicist and owner of CVD Consulting in Everett



Raymond L. Taylor of Revere passed away on March 5 at the age of 92.

Raymond proudly served his country in the United States Army. He graduated with a PHD from CalTech and retired as a physicist from Avco Research Laboratory in Everett. Upon retirement he started and owned CVD Consulting in Everett. He will truly be missed by all who knew him.

Born in Providence RI, on July 3, 1930 to the late Prentice C. Taylor and Yvonne S. (Belliveau), he was the beloved husband of 28 years to Irene Barbanti-Taylor, loving father of Ann Taylor of Windham NH, Gregory Taylor and his wife, Theresa of Windham, NH, Barbara Taylor of Andover, NH, Jeffrey Taylor of Meredith, NH and the late Lenny Taylor; cherished grandfather of Gregory, Anna, Jessica and Collette; dear brother-in-law of Doris Carbone and her late husband, Richard of Woburn, Judith Rita of Medford, Elaine Figliola and her late husband, John of Lynnfield and the late John Barbanti. He is also

site and that’s changed, and yes, that is the case. But when the Wonderland was supported ... the numbers that were given to us were wrong.”

Visconti also reiterated that none of the councillors said they did not want a high school.

“The misinformation that has gone out in the last week, and the attacks on the city council because they made a fiscally responsible decision and it disagrees with (Kelly) and maybe the administration, and we get attacked for trying to be fiscally responsible,” said Visconti. “It’s not political, the people who made it political is when all the misinformation started coming out.”

He said there was misinformation that homes near the existing high school would have to be taken by eminent domain if the city decided to go back to that site.

“You and I, the mayor, and everybody on that (building) committee knows that that’s not the case, so why say it?” asked Visconti. “Why stir up the pot?”

A little over two hours into the meeting, Mayor Brian Arrigo stepped up to the podium to address the council.

“We’ve been up before this council pretty much weekly for the last two months and I came up, if you all remember, very open to collaboration and working with this council in figuring out how to make things work,” said the mayor. “Many of the people that you heard from tonight trust all of us to do all of that without them coming up here to express what they very clearly expressed tonight. We’ve been working very collaboratively, again, maybe last week wasn’t collaborative, but that was maybe a failure on all of our parts.

“In terms of the existing site ... I think it is very

clear tonight, it is the more expensive site,” Arrigo continued. “Does it have less risk? Possibly, but the risks that we take at the existing site is one that I don’t think many people want to deal with, and those are the residents on East Mountain Ave. who could potentially have their houses taken.”

The potential for taking land by eminent domain revolves around the replacement of Erricola Park after the construction of a potential new high school on the site. Arrigo said there is a real chance the state would require the city to use more land to rebuild the park next to the new high school.

“It is a very real risk that wouldn’t be able to build a school on the existing site without taking property,” Arrigo said. “That is a real risk, just like Wonderland is a real risk with additional payments. We mitigated those risks at Wonderland, we told you that in our financial plan, which was yeoman’s work by our CFO, because anybody could tell you that planning for one year is a challenge.

“To be asked to plan out for 25 years, there are a lot of questions about that, and there are going to be a lot of assumptions, and there are a lot of risks involved,” the mayor continued. “We are elected to make those decisions and weigh the risks. The final thing I’ll say, is if this is truly a financial decision, it’s been very clearly stated that the existing site is a more expensive site.”

Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto once again reiterated his belief that the private development of the Wonderland would add considerable money to the city’s tax rolls and go toward paying the debt service for a new school at the existing high school property.



## Marion Hamel

Chaired the Revere License Commission  
for 26 Years

Marion D. (Cohen) Hamel, 96, of Revere died on March 2.

Ms. Hamel was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Boston University and worked for 20 years as a manager of the Child Support Enforcement Unit under the Department of Revenue. She also chaired the Revere License Commission for 26 years.

She was a lifelong resident of Revere and was married to the late Joseph L. Hamel. She was the devoted mother of Lee Steller of Peabody and her late husband, Harvey of Peabody and Gail Hamel Wasserstein of Stoughton. She is also survived by her beloved grandchildren, Laurie Dunn and her husband, John, Jodie Mcinerney and her husband, Tim, Daniel

Wasserstein and his wife, Rachel and Tara Wasserstein. She was the devoted great-grandmother of Jeremy and Rebecca Dunn, Connor, Benjamin and Elijah Mcinerney and Jackson and Ava Wasserstein and the sister of the late Herbert Cole (Cohen) and the late Richard Cole (Samuel Cohen).

Private family services were held at the Goldman Funeral Chapel in Malden. Private interment was at the Temple Bnai Israel Cemetery, Everett. Memorial week observed privately. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Leonard Florence Center 165 Captains Row Chelsea, MA 02150. Arrangements by Goldman Funeral Chapel, Malden.

## George J. Axiotakis

October 13, 1948 - February 23, 2023

It is with sadness that we announce the sudden death of George Axiotakis, who passed away on February 23, 2023 at the age of 75.

Born on October 13, 1948 to John and Olga Fabrikarakis, he spent most of his upbringing in Sitia, Greece. He is survived by his children: Alexandra Axiotakis, Michael Axiotakis, Mariana Axiotakis, John Axiotakis, Christina Alquinta and Zoey Robbins and his dear brother, Mike Fambrikarakis.

A graduate of Wentworth Institute, he was a man who wore many hats and tried to live life to the fullest. He operated a successful limousine company and car dealership. He then went on to manage real estate in the



Revere area, but travelled back to Greece often. Unfortunately, George's life was cut short at 75 years young.

A visitation was held in the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons ~ Bruno Funeral Home and burial in Lynfield Cemetery will be announced. To share condolences or memories, please visit the guestbook at [www.buonfiglio.com](http://www.buonfiglio.com).

## Donna Gandolfo

She took great pride in her role as  
homemaker, devoted wife and mother

Donna Y. Gandolfo, 100 years old, of Keene, NH and a former longtime resident of Revere, died peacefully at her home in Keene on February 23, 2023, surrounded in the love of Celine, her daughter-in law and devoted caregivers, Tina Squires and Jeanette Bergeron.

Donna was born in Ossining, NY on December 20, 1922, the daughter of Giovanni and Maria (Cioppa) Taddeo. She grew up in Ossining in a large wonderful house with nine siblings and five stepsiblings. She moved to Revere when she was 17 years of age to live with her older sister, Marie.

Donna took great pride in her role as homemaker, devoted wife and mother. She was an amazing cook who enjoyed creating many wonderful Italian meals especially during the holidays. She had a wonderful sense of humor and loved having fun with family and friends. She was very petite in stature, extremely well organized, a hard worker, always fashionable, very independent in nature and could be quite feisty at times.

Donna is survived by her daughter-in-law, Celine Gandolfo of Keene, NH, Donna and Nick Barreira of New York (niece Donna called her Aunt Donna Yolanda every day for the last 20 years), Larry and Randi Cioppa of Rhode Island, Louis and Michelle Corcione of New York, Bobby Corcione of



New Jersey, Laurie DeBaratolomeo of Massachusetts and many other special family members and friends. Her husband of 56 years, Thomas J. Gandolfo, died in 1995 and their beloved son, Thomas Joseph Gandolfo (T), died in July of 2020.

Family and friends are invited to call on Thursday, March 9 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Foley Funeral Home, 49 Court Street, Keene, NH. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated following the visitation, on Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in St. Bernard Church, 185 Main Street, Keene. Committal prayers and mausoleum burial will take place on Friday, March 10 at 1 p.m. at the Holy Cross Cemetery Mausoleum, 175 Broadway, Malden.

In lieu of flowers, for those who wish, donations may be made in Donna Gandolfo's memory to Feeding Tiny Tummies ([feedingtinytummies.com](http://feedingtinytummies.com)), 305 Park Avenue, Keene, NH 03431. Please contact us at [support@memoriams.com](mailto:support@memoriams.com) or (877) 705-4995 with any questions.

# OBITUARIES

## Kevin O'Hara, Sr.

Had a deep rooted Catholic Faith

Kevin P. O'Hara, Sr., 67, of Portsmouth, NH, formerly of East Boston, was called home by his Lord Jesus Christ on Wednesday, February 8 following a brief illness.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend a memorial visitation on Wednesday, March 8 from 4 to 8 p.m. A funeral will be conducted from Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, on Thursday, March 9 at 10:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m. at St. Michael The Archangel Parish, 320 Winthrop Street in Winthrop. Interment immediately following in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

He was the father of Officer Kevin P. O'Hara, Jr. and Shannon Taylor O'Hara, both of Revere, the beloved companion of 13 years to Wendy Perkins of Portsmouth, NH. He was an adored son to his late parents, Det. James E. O'Hara, Sr. and Dorothy M. (Breault); the loving and treasured brother of Carol L. Pepi and her husband, Gerald of Winthrop, Leona M. Orlando and her husband, John of Revere, Patricia A. D'Addario of Newmarket, NH., and the late Dorothy M. McGrath, James E. O'Hara, Jr. and Richard F. O'Hara Sr. and uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Kevin was born and raised in the Harbor View area of East Boston. He was one of seven children. He attended St. Mary Star of the Sea School and was a graduate of East Boston High School, Class of 1973. Kevin was a dedicated, hard worker and worked various jobs throughout his life. As a



young man, he worked for Massport for several years, then at Bethlehem Steel as a pipefitter. His happiest moments were at his last position at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Portsmouth, NH, where he worked as a sexton. This job was very special to Kevin because of his deep-rooted Catholic faith and it allowed him to be around the Church daily.

At St. Catherine's, he made many friends and acquaintances. Kevin was a very humble man; he loved sports but was especially devoted to his Boston Teams.

Kevin was known to many as K.P. He cherished the time that he spent with his family and friends.

For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, to support cancer research. For an online guestbook, please visit [www.vertucciosmithvazza.com](http://www.vertucciosmithvazza.com).

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

## Donna D'Addario

Legal Assistant

Family and friends attended Visiting Hours on Tuesday, March 7 in the Vertuccio, Smith, & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Donna L. (Sasser) D'Addario. Her funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on today, Wednesday, March 8 beginning at 9 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St. Revere at 10 a.m. Interment will follow in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody.

Donna L. (Sasser) D'Addario, loving wife of 48 years to Albert J. D'Addario of Saugus, unfortunately passed away unexpectedly at Massachusetts General Hospital on Thursday, March 2. She was 68 years old.

Born and raised in Revere, Donna was educated in the Revere Public Schools and was a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1972. On September 21, 1974, Donna married the love of her life, Albert D'Addario. The couple remained in the Revere area, later moving to Saugus about 30 years ago. Donna then began a long working career as an esteemed legal assistant. She worked in many law firms in the Boston area over the years, ultimately ending her career at the Rubin & Rudman firm.

Donna was a fun-loving person with an unbelievable sense of humor. She truly lit up every room she stepped into and touched many lives with her kindness and compassion. She made friends easily and would go any distance to help out anyone. She had an amazing impact on so



many people with her positivity and personality.

Donna and her husband did not have any children, however, she considered her nieces, nephews and godchildren as her own children and grandniece and grandnephew as her own grandchildren. Her passing was a complete shock to everyone and she was taken far too soon.

The devoted daughter of the late Edwin L. "Roy" and Anna M. (Santilli) Sasser, she was the cherished sister of Derek V. Sasser and his wife, Nina of Revere, Linda A. Sabina and her late husband, John of Danvers, Sandra M. Sasser of Revere, Lisa J. Fitzpatrick and her husband, Stephen of Glenburn, ME and Linda C. Sasser of Billerica. She is also lovingly survived by all of her nieces, nephews, grandniece and grandnephew. She was predeceased by her late Lhasa Apso Stanley.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be sent to Heaps of Hope, 68 Walnut St., Wellesley, MA 02481. For online guest book, please visit [www.vertucciosmithvazza.com](http://www.vertucciosmithvazza.com). Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood, Home for Funerals.

## Thomas Balboni, Jr.

Lifelong Revere resident

Thomas A. Balboni, Jr., a lifelong resident of Revere, died on February 21, 2023.

He was a veteran, serving with the US Army from 1954 - 1957.

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On Eric's passing into Heaven

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Nov. 12, 1982

March 1, 2012

How can it be the start of your eleventh year since your passing on earth and entered Heaven. Yes from the day I got that call Feb 22 till March 1st and thereafter my life has never been the same. I am comforted by all our memories and the many family and friends whom knew you as a child. I also have many new friends that help me as I will always grieve you my son Eric.

Yes all parents grieve forever, I so believe yet the love of family and friends and my faith also have helped me to heal in little gentle ways. Yes Eric always missed and never forgotten by your mom. Please continue to keep watch over me, my Eric until the day we are reunited in eternity together again a mom and her son.

Love you forever your Mom  
XO XO XO

Prayer To The Holy Spirit

Holy spirit, you who gives meaning to and shines the light on my path so that I may reach my goals. You who gives me the divine grace to forgive and forget the evil done unto me and which is with me at every moment in my life. I want in this short dialogue to reassure you one more time I do not ever want to be separated from you, no matter how grand the worldly possessions may be, my desire to be with you and my brothers in perpetual glory will not be lessened. (One should say this prayer 3 days the divine shall be granted no matter how unattainable it may be.) Publications must be promised. Favor Received.

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# FIRST ANNUAL ROTARY PLUNGE AT THE EAST BOSTON YACHT CLUB CO-SPONSORED BY THE BELLE ISLE AND PARKWAY ROTARY CLUBS

Last Saturday morning was a little snowy, slushy, and around 35 degrees, perfect for a dip into the Atlantic Ocean. Hearty and game for anything members of local rotary clubs joined in the festivities at the East Boston Yacht Club. A buffet of local cuisine was offered to the group gathering for the event.

The Belle Isle Rotary Club consists of members from Winthrop, Revere and East Boston and the co-sponsoring Parkway Rotary Club has members from West Roxbury, Roslindale and Jamaica Plain, the clubs combined to host the 1st Annual plunge. As a

precaution a Boston EMT was on hand in case of any unexpected emergencies, so with everyone game for a dip, the weather was perfect and the ramp into the ocean was cleared for take-off.

There were no emergencies, all enjoyed a robust swim in the cold Atlantic in March. All retired to the club house and continued the day celebrating the day in fellowship and making plans for future events. The clubs would like to thank the East Boston Yacht Club for their generosity and all those who came to make the event a very successful one.



Bella and Danielle Lamphear at the EBYC enjoying the day.



Amy Miliotis with incoming President Stephen Miliotis and Lawrence Bailey selling raffle tickets.



Plunging support, Felicia Puopolo (center) is getting ready to plunge and brought supporters with her, Sabina DeCiccio and Janis Woodman.



Hitting the raffle table are Skip and Emilia Marcella.



Joseph Steffano Jr. is slickered out, coming in from clearing the ramp for the plungers, shown with Mike and Gianni Falzone.



President of the Belle Isle Rotary Club Vera Carducci directs the plungers to the rear door, to the icy Atlantic.



It was cold, it was snowy, and it was a lot of fun.



It was not just the water that was the problem, it was the very, very, cold water. Mike Cataldo and the other plungers hurried out and grabbed a towel.



Participants in the Rotary Plunge are pictured in the icy waters of the Atlantic Ocean.



The very best the East Boston yacht Club had to offer, Mike Cataldo stepped up, one flipper and ready to go.



Working the crowd is the future District Governor Tom Hankard, shown with PDG Terry Curren from the Parkway Club.



Commodore Larry Venezia of the East Boston Yacht Club was on hand to welcome his guests.



John Douglas is pictured after participating in the Plunge on Saturday morning.



President of Belle Isle Rotary Club Vera Carducci with Boston EMT at the water's edge.



Revere Rotarian and City Councillor Tony Zambuto with his friend Peter Sclaro cheer on the plungers as they come out of the water.

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# Sports

## Four RHS basketball players named to GBL All-Star Teams

By Cary Shuman

Four Revere High School basketball players were named to the Greater Boston League following a vote of the coaches. Senior forward Domenic Boudreau and senior guard Alejandro Hincapie were selected to the GBL Boys Basketball All-Star Team.

Junior center Belma Velic and freshman guard

Shayna Smith were selected to the GBL Girls Basketball All-Star Team.

Warren Keel of Lynn English was named the boys' league MVP. Lynn English's Alvin Abreu was voted the GBL Coach of the Year.

Ava Thurman and Lauren Hennessey were the girls' league co-MVPs. Classical's Tom Sawyer was voted the GBL Coach of the Year.

### RHS SPORTS Through the Years

**10 years ago**  
**March 2, 2013**

The Revere High girls basketball team will open play in the MIAA State Tournament at Westford Academy this evening (Wednesday) at 7:00. The Lady Patriots, who finished with an 11-9 record, are the 14th seeded team in the Division 1 North Sectional. Westford, 17-4, which hails from the Dual County League, is the third seed. The seniors and their teammates made the most of their Senior Night festivities recently with a 52-37 win over Beverly. Senior captain Gena Restiano with 17 points led Revere in scoring. Senior captain Caitlyn Caramello with 15 points and senior Amy Rotger with 13 points also reached double figures for Revere.

Revere High star high jumper Tarik Maddrey brought home a fifth place medal in the All-State Meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center this past weekend. Tarik cleared the bar at 6-foot-4-inches to put up four points for the Patriots in the team standings and also qualify himself for the upcoming New England championships. Three other teammates also competed in the All-State Meet: Karim Sahila finished 12th in the state in the 55 meter hurdles in a time of 8.08 seconds; Bobby Rose, the Northeastern Conference Performer of the Year, finished in 13th spot in the 300 dash in 36.77; and Johnny Lopes long-jumped 18-foot-11-inches for a finish of 18th place.

The Revere High hockey team turned in one of its best performances of the season in last week's Newburyport Bank Tournament, battling Bishop Fenwick to a 5-5 tie. Junior Marco Mazzarelli lit the lamp three times for the Patriots to notch a hat trick. Teammates Shane Cambria and sophomore Rick Polignone also reached the back of the Fenwick net.

**70 years ago**  
**March 5, 1953**

The Immaculate Conception High basketball team pulled out a thrilling 42-40 win over Sacred Heart of Weymouth to advance to the semifinals of the Catholic League state basketball tournament. Coach Fran Cunningham's team employed freeze tactics and played for the final shot with two minutes to go, setting up a dramatic finish. With four seconds left, Ed O'Hara, who led IC with 20 points, let fly a shot, but it missed. However, dependable Bob McCarrick was underneath to scoop up the rebound and put back the game winner.

Edgar Dane, Revere's speed skating champion, returned home this week from the international championships held at Lake Placid, N.Y., as the holder of four of the five titles that were at stake. Dane won the two mile, 3/4 mile, 1/2 mile, and one mile contests. He competes under the auspices of the Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Lourdes parish.

Paul Feyler scored two goals and Hudson added another to lead the RHS hockey team to a 3-1 win over Marblehead.

**80 years ago**  
**March 11, 1943**

The Immaculate Conception High basketball team won the first game of the New England Championship Catholic Tourney with an exciting 35-32 win over Mission High at the Boston University gym. Johnny Driscoll was in rare form for IC, hitting baskets from all angles and finishing with 18 points. The teams will meet in the second game of their three game series, with the victor to face the winner from the other best of three series. Immaculate finished in second place in the Catholic League this season.

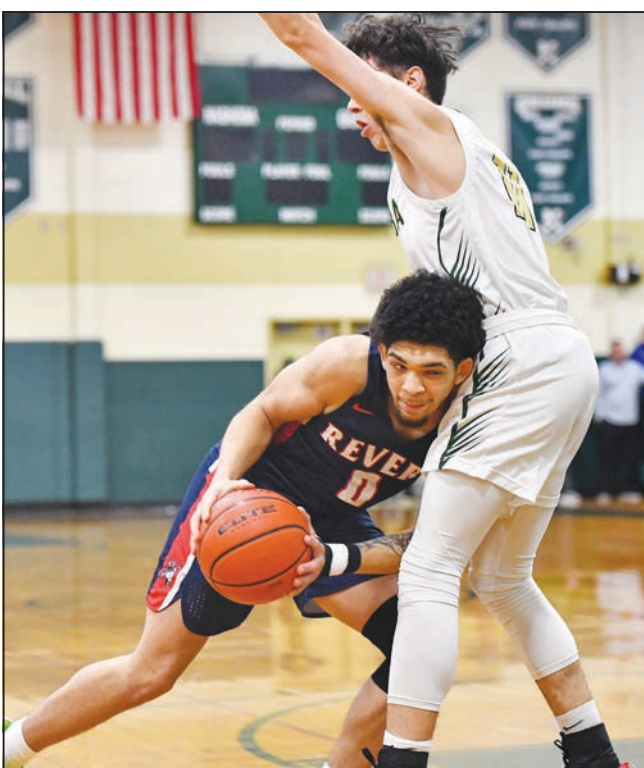


RHS Captain Domenic Boudreau was named a GBL All-Star.



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### RHS FALLS TO NASHOBA REGIONAL AT MIAA D-2 PLAYOFFS



LEANING INTO DIFFICULTY: Vincent Nichols puts his shoulder into finding a path around Nashoba's Trevor Payne. See more photos on Page 17.



PICTURE TELLS THE STORY: Revere was tenacious but out-sized in their 71-40 loss to Nashoba, as exemplified here as Andrew Leone (12) guards Nashoba's 6'8" junior center Jack Lagarde.

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The Rever High School Patriots Football Team held its annual break out awards banquet Prince Pizzeria in Saugus. This tradition is sponsored by the Parents Club, and honored the outstanding football players in the RHS program for the 2022 season.



RHS Varsity Patriot Pat Keefe with his new jacket from the RHS Football Parent's Club and his parents, Council President Patrick Keefe and Jenn Keefe.

Coach Lou Cicatelli and his staff gave special recognition to the seniors who excelled during their careers in the football program, and underclassmen receive gifts to help in training as future varsity players.



RHS Patriot Seniors: (not in order) Maykin Funez, Capt. Sami Elasri, Chris Cassidy, Capt. Davi Baretto, Michael Toto, William Granadino, Julez Acevedo, Capt. Jason Sho Sho, Capt. Max Doucette, Sal Berrichild, Josue Mayorga, and Dom Boudreau received their farewell warm-up jackets from the parent's club. Shown with Coaches, Lou Cicatelli, Jose Escobar and Manny Velez.



Coaches Cicatelli, Escobar and Gregorio with the Juniors, after they were presented their RHS Patriot Jackets.



Coaches Cicatelli, Brito, Murphy and Lopez with the Sophomores.



Freshman Coaches Jared Gordinas, Oscar Lopez, and Brandon Brito with the RHS Freshman Team.

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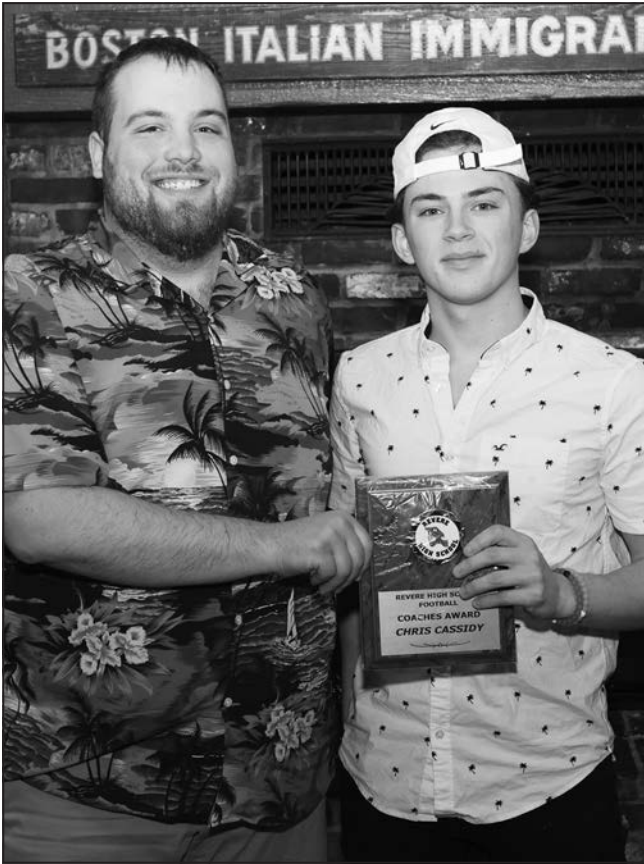
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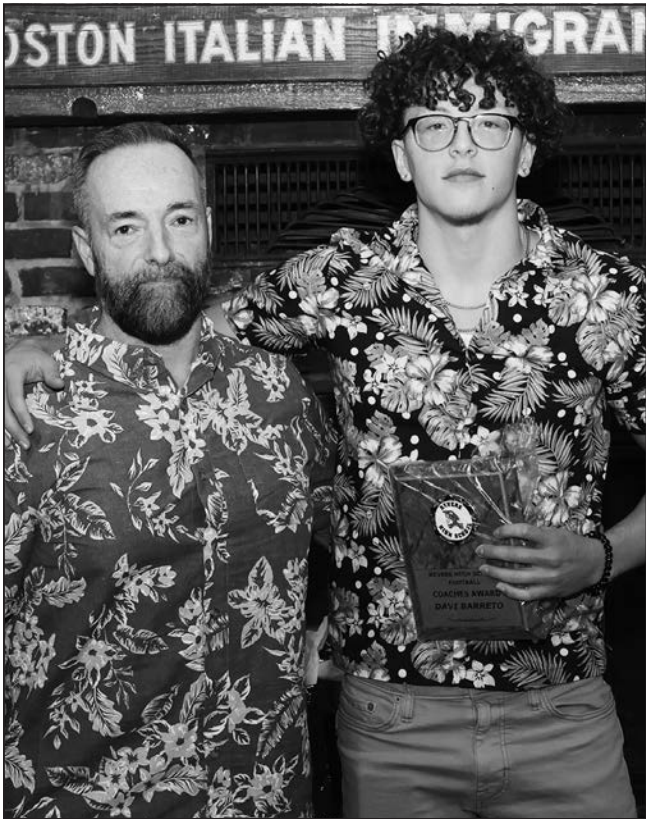
Jason Sho Sho was the RHS Patriot Player of the Year, presented by Head Coach Lou Cicatelli.



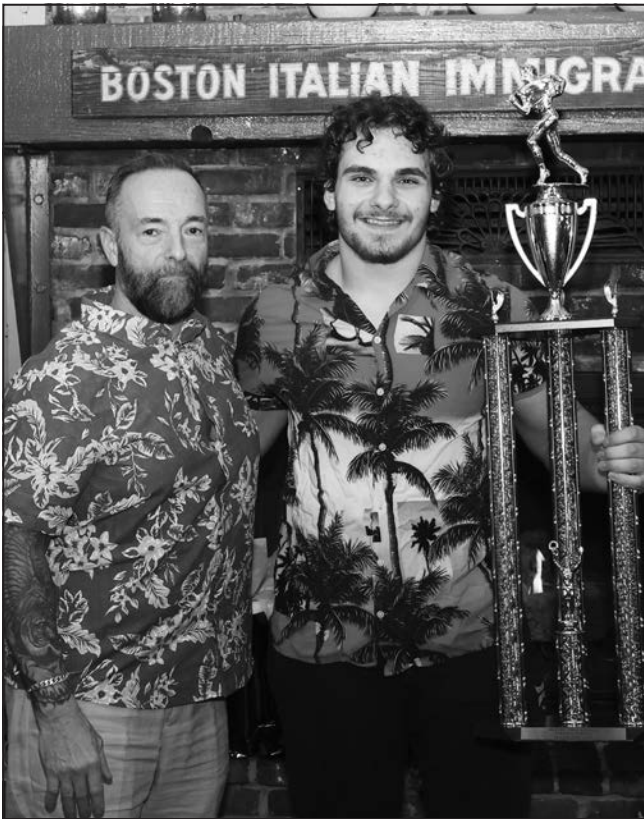
Freshman Coaches Award went to Chris Cassidy, presented by Asst. Coach Jared Gordinas.



JV Coaches Award went to Maykin Funez by Asst. Coach Daniel Murphy.



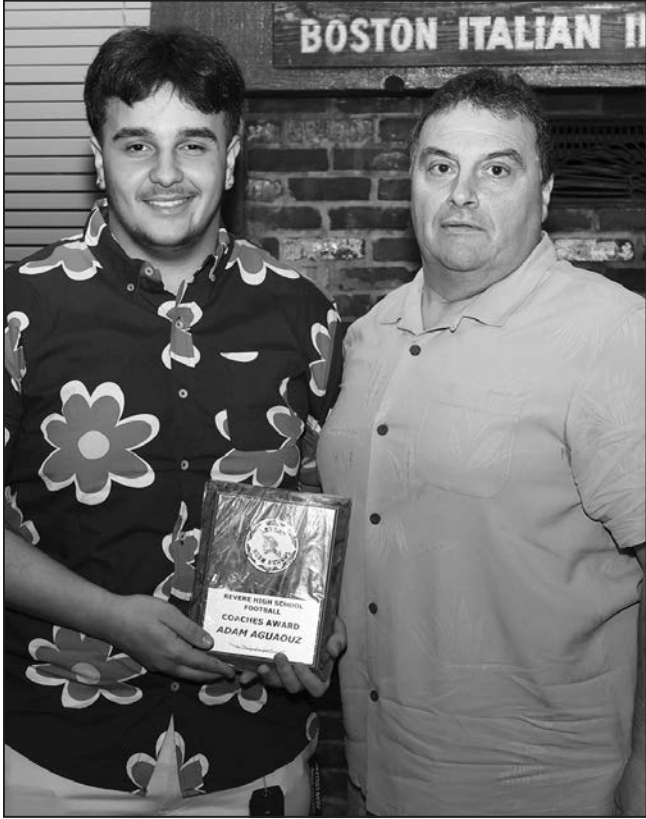
Varsity Coaches Award went to Davi Barreto by Head Coach Lou Cicatelli.



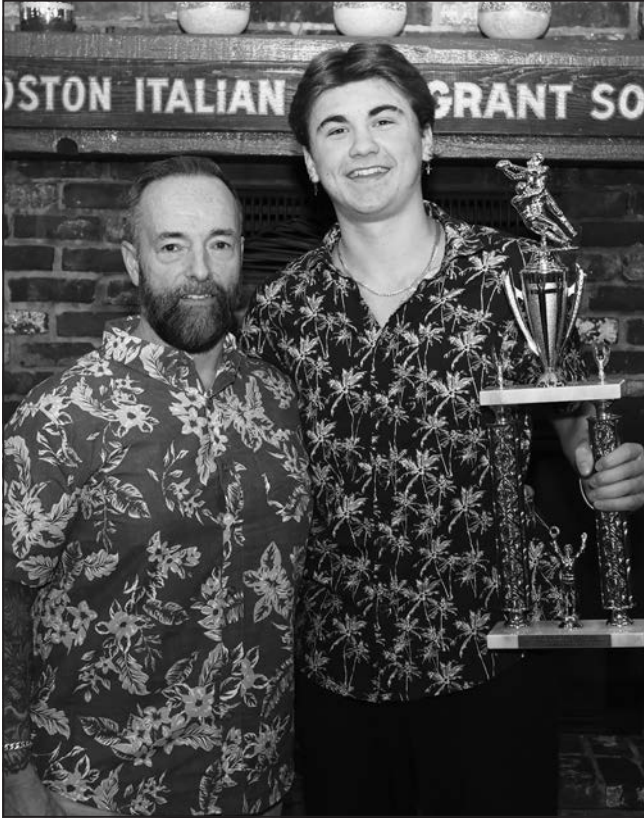
Jason Sho Sho was presented the George Fabiano Memorial Award by Head Coach Cicatelli.



Sammy Elsari was presented the Unsung Hero Award by Asst. Coach Jose Escobar.



Adam Agaouz was presented the Coaches Award by Asst. Coach Vin Gregorio.



Domenic Boudreau was presented the Outstanding Offensive Player of the Year by Head Coach Lou Cicatelli.



Max Doucette was presented the Outstanding Defensive Player of the Year by Head Coach Cicatelli.

# USPS warns the public about surge in the use of counterfeit postage

Staff Report

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In response to this problem, the Postal Service is filing a federal register notice about changes to the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®), that will allow the Postal Service to treat items found in the

mail stream bearing counterfeit postage as abandoned. "As the most trusted government agency in the nation, we will continue to work together with other law enforcement and government agencies to protect the sanctity of the mail," said Chief Postal Inspector Gary Barksdale.

The Postal Service's proposed changes will provide the public notice of the handling of items bearing counterfeit postage. Under the revision to DMM 604.8.4, articles found in the mails with counterfeit postage will be considered abandoned and may be opened and disposed of at the Postal Service's discretion. The mission of the Postal Service and the Postal Inspec-

tion Service is to ensure the safety, security, and integrity of the U.S. Mail. The implementation of these new regulations will continue to support and enhance this mission.

Counterfeit postage is any marking or indicia that has been made, printed, or otherwise created without authorization from the Postal Service that is printed or applied, or otherwise affixed, on an article placed in the mails that indicates or represents that valid postage has been paid to mail the article. Consumers purchasing online items may be surprised to find out that the vendor mailed their goods using counterfeit postage. Under the new regulations, such

items will be considered abandoned and disposed of at the Postal Service's discretion. When this occurs, consumers will have to seek recourse from the vendor.

Public comments can be mailed or delivered on or before March 15, 2023, to: Manager, Product Classification, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 4446, Washington, DC 20260-5015. If sending comments by email, include the name and address of the commenter and send to [PCFederalRegister@usps.gov](mailto:PCFederalRegister@usps.gov), with a subject line of "Counterfeit Postage." Faxed comments are not accepted. All submitted comments and attachments are part of the



Head Coach Lou Cicatelli with Revere City Council President Patrick Keefe.

public record and subject to disclosure. Do not enclose any material in your comments that you consider to be confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.



# RHS Senior Christy Ly creates Hall of FEM

By Melissa Moore-Randall

One of the many exciting clubs offered at Revere High

School is the Feminist Empowerment Movement (FEM). FEM focuses on creating gender equality at RHS and in the community through different projects, events, presentations, and collaborations with other organizations. One of the creators of the club is Revere High senior Christy Ly who formed

the club with three of her friends during their freshman year.

A new addition to the FEM Club is the Hall of Fame, a twist on 'Hall of Fame,' which honors important women from history by painting portraits of them in one of the RHS hallways.

"We have eight portraits planned, with women from history such as Patsy Mink and Coretta Scott King, and short biographies next to their portraits

highlighting their activist work. The panels each have a monochromatic theme (one portrait has all red colors, the next has all orange colors, etc), so that when you look down the hallway, there is a rainbow of portraits. We hope that students and teachers will learn more about different women in history, whose work is often overlooked and forgotten. I created the designs and led the project, with FEM members volunteering to help

with the painting during club meetings and other days after school," said Ly who is the child of Vietnamese immigrants.

Last year, Christy designed a mural at RHS dedicated to survivors of sexual assault for during April which is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

"FEM members and I created the mural in the hallway outside the classroom where our club regularly meets. After we finished the mural for survivors of sexual assault, I had the idea of creating another mural, since there was another blank wall space in the hallway. I also noticed that in between the windows of the hallway, there were large panels. I began imagining what I could transform the hallway into, the different paintings we could add, especially after how wonderful our first mural turned out and the support from students and teachers that we received.

Looking down the hallway, I imagined portraits of feminists lining the hallway, and that was when I got the idea for the current art project."

"I designed a second mural for the blank wall space dedicated to women's history to connect with one of FEM's oth-



Revere High School Senior Christy Ly.



Survivors Mural at Revere High School.

er projects, 61 Days of Awareness, which combines March (Women's History Month) with April (Sexual Assault Awareness Month) to raise awareness about various gender issues and educate our peers. My friend Kathleen and I went to the high school over the summer to paint the second mural, and then I began planning for the panel spaces and our art project, Hall of FEM."

An avid drawer since she was younger, Ly

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## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN Academic Honors

### SECOND QUARTER HONORS AT ST. JOHN'S PREP

St. John's Prep recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the second quarter of the 2022–2023 school year, which ended on January 20, 2023. Students who qualified for the Headmaster's List earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the Principal's List earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the Honor Roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

The following students were named to the academic honors list for the Second Quarter 2022–2023.

- Head of School List**  
Elian Calderon '27  
Santiago Quiceno '23
- Principal's List**  
James D'Amico '25  
Christian Norena '26

### WOODS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Julia Woods from Revere has been named to St. Lawrence University's Dean's List for achieving academic excellence during the Fall 2022 semester.

Woods is a member of the Class of 2024 and is majoring in economics. Woods attended The Newman School.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have completed at least four courses and have an academic average

of 3.6 based on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

Founded in 1856, St. Lawrence University is a private, independent liberal arts institution of about 2,250 students located in Canton, New York. The educational opportunities at St. Lawrence inspire students and prepare them to be critical and creative thinkers, to find a compass for their lives and careers, and to pursue knowledge and understanding for the benefit of themselves, humanity and the planet. Through its focus on active engagement with ideas in and beyond the classroom, a St. Lawrence education leads students to make connections that transform lives and communities, from the local to the global.

## EVELYN MORRIS HONORED AT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING



School Committeeman John Kingston offered a motion to honor Evelyn Morris with a certificate of appreciation for her tireless efforts on the behalf of retired teachers. She and her helpers put together a yearly newsletter and she organizes a yearly luncheon for retired school staff. Without Evelyn, we doubt this work would happen and the school committee wanted to thank her for doing the work.



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## FKO Out-of-School Time Educators complete first college course

Staff Report

Recently, twelve employees at For Kids Only Afterschool (FKO) Out-of-School Time Apprentices completed their first college course in their recently expanded roles as full-time out-of-school-time (OST) educators. Anthony Maurais, Derek DiLisi, Elida Flores, Hayley Precopio, Jason Hennessey, Keila Fernandes De Pina, Killian Driscoll, Laura Baptista, Jesenia Bey, Leila Ribeiro, Nuala Richards, and Tashira Godding were among those who completed the course.

FKO has been fortunate to recruit dedicated, passionate staff who love working with children, yet with the extremely competitive labor market, keeping passionate workers in programs has never been harder for childcare providers. Utilizing funding from COVID-relief grants, FKO creatively designed what is believed to be the first apprenticeship model program for the OST workforce in the Commonwealth.

As part of the apprenticeship model, FKO's cohort of full-time workers are enrolled in an early childhood college certificate program targeted specifically to the learning needs of OST educators through a partnership with North Shore Community College (NSCC). Funded in part through the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Cares Early Educator Career Pathways Program, there are no costs to staff. The cohort is also benefitting from weekly community of practice sessions facilitated by NSCC, weekly 1:1 meetings with an assigned mentor, and on the job training to help put their new skills into practice.

The apprenticeship model is drawing on extensive FKO fundraising with support from the Amelia Peabody Foundation, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's ASOST-Rebound grant, EEC's Commonwealth Cares for Children's C3 grant and EEC's Early Educator Career Pathways Program. With

these resources, FKO has expanded existing part-time OST work into full-time positions with benefits for a cohort of 22 staff members. Work is underway to secure public and private funds to continue and expand this important initiative over the long-term. The overall goal for the cohort is to increase worker's ability to deliver quality enrichment for school-age youth and to support the retention of skilled workers. With their expanded roles and increased income, group leaders are participating in extensive professional development opportunities and daily planning time to design lessons and activities that support children's learning and social-emotional recovery after two very difficult years.

FKO is honored to be able to continue to offer this incredible opportunity to those interested in developing classroom, youth development and mentoring skills. To learn more about FKO visit [fkoafterschool.org/](http://fkoafterschool.org/).



REVERE HIGH SCHOOL VS. NASHOBA REGIONAL IN THE MIAA D-2 PLAYOFFS



JUST NOT ENOUGH: Vincent Nichols is outreached for a rebound by Nashoba’s Nicholas Pavia.

Photos by Bob Marra

Revere’s foray into the MIAA boys basketball Division 2 championship tournament came to a jarring halt Thursday March 2 as the Patriots were overrun by a dominant Nashoba Regional High School team that improved its record to 19-2 with a 71-40 victory. Revere, seeded 38th of 41 teams in the division, parlayed a successful final month of the regular season and a preliminary



ASSIST: Sal DeAngelis fires a pass toward a teammate. round playoff victory to finish their season with a sneak into the playoffs and 11-11 record.



MAJOR DETOUR: Revere sophomore Ethan Day fights to get past Nashoba’s Jack Lagarde.



EYE ON THE PRIZE: Dom Boudreau pulls up for a jumper over Nashoba’s Jack LaGarde.



IN-BOUND FLIGHT: Alejandro Hincapie keeps a ball in play under the watchful eye of a game official.

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ral in the school, I asked Ms. Waters for advice on how to make it. She was a huge help, giving different ideas and listing steps for the process, and continues to be very helpful with murals and providing guidance. During my school day, I have an Independent Study with Ms. Waters where I work on preparing for the portraits (tracing the portrait sketches, priming panels, mixing the colors), as well as painting them during class time and staying after school often to work on them more. Ms. Waters and the other art teachers at the high school have been extremely supportive and encouraging as FEM members and I work on creating the paintings.”



Maya Angelou mural at Revere High School created by senior Christy Ly

According to Ly, The Hall of FEM project has received lots of support from students and teachers. “As I work on painting during my Independent Study, students will pass in the hallway and give positive comments or ask what I’m working on. I remember the times after school when teachers stopped on their way out to give positive comments, too, or the moments I see someone pausing to read the biographies next to the

portraits. It’s been amazing creating something for the school with other students – to work on something we all care about – and I’m really grateful to have this opportunity. My goal for the Hall of FEM to be completed by the end of this school year, before I graduate, and I hope I can continue to work with the community in the future.”

Eric Carlson, Revere High FEM Advisor, The Hall of FEM shows Christy’s artistic talent and her commitment to the community of Revere. For several years, it has been a pleasure to watch her use her passion for art in a way that improves the learning community for everyone in the Revere Public Schools.”

“Christy Ly is one of the most intelligent and dedicated students I have ever worked with. This project showcases her efforts to beautify her community, increase representation of women of color, and raise awareness about important social issues, and the results are inspiring. Thank you so much for highlighting the work she is doing--she is a remarkable young woman.” —Beth DiNolo, Co-Advisor of the RHS FEM Club.



Coretta Scott King mural at Revere High School created by Christy Ly



FINDING A WAY: Vinny Vu drives past Nashoba’s Jack Lagarde.



TWIN TROUBLE: Alejandro Hincapie (3) is sandwiched between twin brothers Nashoba’s Robert Payne (3) and Trevor Payne (11).



GAVE IT THEIR ALL: Left to right, Dom Boudreau, Alejandro Hincapie, Luke Ellis, and Joshua Mercado watch the final seconds of their season tick away.

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## REVERE POP WARNER JR. PATRIOTS HOSTS FIRST BANQUET SINCE 2019 AT OCEANSIDE

Last Sunday evening the Revere Jr. Patriots had their first awards night since 2019. A packed house with players, cheerleaders and parents were treated to a Chinese Food

buffet prior to the awards.

The big news of the evening came at the end, the new President, Jackie Delrio announced that as of the 2023 fall season, they (the Jr. Patriots) will

no longer be part of the Pop Warner Program and will be called the Revere Youth Football & Cheerleading and will be sporting a new logo.



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The F Squad Cheerleaders.



The E Squad Cheerleaders.



The C Squad Cheerleaders.



The A Squad Cheerleaders.



Saying Good-bye, stepping down after many seasons of dedication as treasurer, Lynna Valera was presented flowers by the new President of the Revere Youth Football & Cheerleading, Jackie Delrio (center) and Vice President Danielle Greenman (left)



# Mass. DOR announces February revenue collections total \$1.979B

Staff Report

Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) Commissioner Geoffrey Snyder today announced that preliminary revenue collections for February totaled \$1.979 billion, \$163 million or 9.0% more than actual collections in February 2022, and \$49 million or 2.5% above benchmark.1 February 2022 revenue collections were impacted by the elective pass-through entity (PTE) excise. After adjusting for PTE excise, February 2023 collections are \$171 million or 9.5% above actual collections in February 2022, and \$1 million or 0.05% less than

benchmark. FY2023 year-to-date collections totaled approximately \$23.651 billion, which is \$37 million or 0.2% less than collections in the same period of FY2022, but \$999 million or 4.4% above the year-to-date benchmark. After adjusting for PTE excise, FY2023 year-to-date collections are \$1.058 billion or 4.7% more than collections in the same period of FY2022 and \$572 million or 2.5% more than the year-to-date benchmark. “February collections increased in withholding, sales and use tax, and ‘all other tax’ in comparison to February 2022,” Com-

missioner Snyder said. “These increases were partially offset by decreases in non-withholding income tax. The increase in withholding is likely related to labor market conditions and the increase in sales and use tax reflects, in part, continued strength in retail sales. The increase in ‘all other tax’ is primarily attributable to estate tax, a tax category that tends to fluctuate.” February has historically been the lowest month for revenue, contributing less than 6% of annual collections. Neither individual nor business taxpayers are required to make estimated payments

during the month. February is also the month in which refunds reach substantial levels as the tax filing season begins. Details: • Income tax collections for February totaled \$972 million, \$47 million or 4.6% below benchmark, but \$55 million or 6.0% more than February 2022. • Withholding tax collections for February totaled \$1.309 billion, roughly equal to the benchmark, and \$81 million or 6.6% more than February 2022. • Income tax estimated payments for February totaled \$26 million, \$3 million or 14.0% more

than benchmark, but \$14 million or 35.0% less than February 2022. • Income tax returns and bills for February totaled \$71 million, \$10 million or 16.1% more than benchmark, and \$16 million or 29.4% more than February 2022. • Income tax cash refunds for February totaled \$433 million in outflows, \$60 million or 16.2% above benchmark, \$28 million or 6.9% more than February 2022. • Sales and use tax collections for February totaled \$674 million, \$71 million or 11.7% above benchmark, and \$70 million or 11.6% more than

February 2022. • Meals tax, a sub-set of sales and use tax, collections for February totaled \$99 million, \$24 million or 31.9% above benchmark, and \$22 million or 29.0% more than February 2022. • Corporate and business tax collections for February totaled \$48 million, \$16 million or 48.1% above benchmark, \$2 million or 4.1% more than February 2022. • “All other tax” collections for February totaled \$284 million, \$10 million or 3.5% above benchmark, and \$36 million or 14.6% more than February 2022.

# More than 1,200 households in Revere received \$13 million in emergency housing assistance in FY22

By Adam Swift

The need for housing assistance for renters and homeowners in the Greater Boston area, and Revere specifically, is highlighted in the latest annual report on the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program. According to the homelessness prevention program funded by the Department of Housing and Community Development, the number of Revere residents receiving assistance from the program dramatically increased from Fiscal Year 2021 to FY22. In Revere, 1,228 households received more than \$13 million in emergency housing assistance, compared to the 735 Revere households that received \$5.5 million in emergency rental assistance in FY21. “The last few years have shown us just how vulnerable our communities are to housing and food insecurities,” said

State Representative Jessica Giannino (D-Revere). “One of the greatest needs of my constituents and most requested service that my office receives is housing assistance, specifically assistance with rent and moving costs. Metro HousingBoston has been a key partner in assisting constituents with accessing these services and resources, especially RAFT. Following the massive economic pitfall caused by the pandemic, the RAFT program prevented homelessness and aided in relocation to lower rent units for many Revere constituents who found themselves unemployed or economically challenged.” Overall, RAFT provided assistance for 18,317 families totalling more than \$162 million in FY22, compared to 10,251 households receiving \$63 million in FY21. Metro Housing/Boston has documented the effectiveness of RAFT since

2013, and this year’s report continues the 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, according to the latest report. In addition, partnerships with community-based organizations provided another valuable way to assist more families in Metro Housing’s region in FY22. Metro Boston found that 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. “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.” Some of the key findings from the RAFT report show that the average housing assistance benefit increased from \$6,167 in FY21 to \$8,870 in FY22,

while mortgage assistance in FY22 totaled \$1.8 million, a decrease from the \$2.5 in FY21. Rental arrears remained the largest category for assistance. In FY22, \$80 million was awarded for arrears, the largest amount ever. The 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 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 HousingBoston. “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.” Norris said the data in the 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.

## CITY PAWS Including Your Dog

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

You must consider many factors to decide if you will include your dog in a specific social event or activity. We’ve had three dogs and have learned first-hand that what is comfortable and fun for a dog and us depends on both our needs and those of the dog.

she suffered from motion sickness and was very unhappy whenever we put her in a car. Our current canine family member is a special-needs dog who is noise-averse and very unhappy outside. She ignores most dogs, but she’s good in a car or on the MBTA. She is only interested in a few special human friends.

**Practice Is Important** To expand the number of places and activities you and your dog can enjoy together, begin with training. We recommend preparing for The American Kennel Club’s Canine Good Citizen test (CGC.) Once you know if your dog can pass or will fail the test’s requirements, you’ll make better decisions about when and where you can safely include your dog.


a coffee at a cafe instead of a long meal on a patio. Take a day trip with another dog family before you decide to share a vacation week at the beach. Test

how you and your dog react to a minor challenge before you take on a big one. Then practice until you are both comfortable.

*Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.*

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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.

**MONDAY, FEB. 6**

0110: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Shirley Ave. The officers arrested George Monteleagre, 32, of Revere, on five outstanding warrants and for the criminal offenses of reckless operation of an MV, attaching plates, operating an MV with a suspended license, receiving a stolen MV, failing to stop for a police officer, and two counts of assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon. He also was cited for the civil infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign or signal.

0233: Disturbance on Winthrop Ave. The officer spoke to the party.

0441: Unwanted person on Beach St. The officer provided assistance.

0632: Motor vehicle accident with property damage on Steeple St. The officer provided assistance.

0753: Motor vehicle accident on Winthrop Ave. The officer filed a report.

0826: A motor vehicle that had been reported as stolen was recovered on the Revere Beach Parkway.

0854: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Harris St. and filed a report.

0900: Blocked driveway on Tuttle St. The motor vehicle was towed.

0911: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Beach St. and filed a report.

0953: An officer provided assistance

to a citizen on Vane St.

1021: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Walnut Ave.

1046: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Overlook Ridge Drive.

1127: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on the Revere Beach Parkway.

1159: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at the Revere Beach Parkway and Green St. for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1242: Fraud on Glover Drive. The officer provided assistance.

1257: Fraud on Overlook Ridge Terrace. The officer filed a report.

1309: Animal complaint on Lantern Rd. The officer provided assistance.

1313: Lost/found property at Beach St. and Shirley Ave. The officer provided assistance.

1319: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on the Revere Beach Parkway for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1322: Motor vehicle trespass on Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.

1325: Motor vehicle trespass on Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.

1327: Motor vehicle trespass on Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.

1349: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Broadway for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1412: Hit-and-run motor vehicle accident with property damage on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer will file a report.

1419: Disabled motor vehicle on the Revere Beach Parkway. The offi-

cer provided assistance.

1426: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Squire Rd.

1435: Motor vehicle accident at Newhall St. and Festa Rd. The officer filed a report.

1517: Lost/found property on Broadway. The officer provided assistance.

1713: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Beach St.

1723: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Larkin St.

1736: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Revere and Lowell Sts. for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1801: Motor vehicle (MV) accident on Squire Rd. The officer issued a citation to a 19 year-old Malden man for the criminal offenses of unlicensed operation of an MV and operating an uninsured MV.

1806: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walnut Ave. for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1817: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Beach St. and Walnut Ave. for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1825: A motor vehicle that had been reported as stolen was recovered on the Revere Beach Parkway.

1839: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Beach St. for a civil moving infraction and issued a citation to the operator.

1859: Disturbance on Ward St. The officer restored the peace.

1905: Suspicious activity at Kimball and Walnut Aves. The officer provided assistance.

1912: Parking complaint at Greentree Lane and Asti Ave. The officer provided assistance.

1933: An officer

stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Shirley Ave. and issued a citation to the operator, a 25 year-old Revere man, for the criminal offense of operating an MV with a suspended license.

2015: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Broadway.

2015: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Campbell Ave. and issued a citation to the operator, a 24 year-old Revere man, for the criminal offense of operating an uninsured MV and for the civil infractions of operating an unregistered MV and failing to wear a seat belt.

2124: Disturbance on VFW Parkway. The officer restored the peace.

2151: Disturbance on Sprague St. The officer restored the peace.

**TUESDAY, FEB. 7**

0323: Vandalism on American Legion Highway. The officers issued a summons for a court hearing to a 41 year-old Beverly man for the criminal offense of causing malicious destruction to property in an amount less than \$1200.

0426: Disturbance on Squire Rd. The officer restored the peace.

0643: Suspicious activity on Rose St. The officer provided assistance.

0701: Disabled motor vehicle on Lee Burbank Highway. The officer provided assistance.

0720: An officer provided assistance to a citizen at Park Ave. and Genesee St. and filed a report.

0921: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Overlook Ridge Drive and filed a report.

1158: Animal complaint on Asti Ave. The officer provided assistance.

1316: Fraud on Rice Ave. The officer filed a report.

1339: Landlord/tenant disturbance on Rand St. The officer spoke to the party.

1500: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle on Bay Rd.

1506: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on the Revere Beach Parkway.

1624: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Cooledge St. and filed a report.

1734: Blocked drive-

way on Warren St. The officer provided assistance.

1745: Disturbance on Furlong Drive. The officer filed a report.

1749: Disturbance on Lantern Rd. The officer issued a summons for a court hearing to a 54 year-old Revere woman for the criminal offense of assault and battery upon a police officer.

1826: Unwanted person on Stone St. The officer provided assistance.

1833: A motor vehicle registration plate was reported stolen on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer filed a report.

1902: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Furlong Drive and filed a report.

1905: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Florence Ave.

1924: Missing person on Johnny Rd. The officer filed a report.

2125: Disturbance on Beach St. The officer restored the peace.

2350: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Broadway.

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8**

0041: Motor vehicle (MV) accident on No. Shore Rd. The officer issued a citation to a 21 year-old Lynn woman for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of an MV.

0148: Unwanted person on Broadway. The officer filed a report.

0214: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from VFW Parkway.

0300: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Ward St.

0533: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle on Broadway.

0558: Unwanted person on Beach St. The officer restored the peace.

0710: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Broadway.

0727: Motor vehicle accident at Revere and Carleton Sts. The officer will file a report.

0912: An officer ordered a tow and hold for a motor vehicle on Garfield Ave.

0917: Motor vehicle accident at Brown Circle. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange

of papers.

0925: Disturbance on Squire Rd. The officer spoke to the party.

1110: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Sagamore Ave. and filed a report.

1136: Hit-and-run motor vehicle accident with property damage at the Lynnway and John Ave. The officer provided assistance.

1200: An officer ordered a tow and hold for a motor vehicle on Bellingham Ave.

1300: Disturbance on Pleasant St. The officer provided assistance.

1323: Hit-and-run motor vehicle accident with property damage at Brown Circle and American Legion Highway. The officer filed a report.

1413: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Sigourney St.

1421: Motor vehicle accident at Copeland Circle. The officer filed a report.

1456: Shoplifting on VFW Parkway. The officer provided assistance.

1512: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Furlong Drive and filed a report.

1647: Missing person at Revere St. and Oxford Park. The officer filed a report.

1649: Stolen motor vehicle on Endicott St. The officer filed a report.

1701: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on the Revere Beach Parkway and filed a report.

1708: Found property on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer provided assistance.

1715: Larceny on American Legion Highway. The officer filed a report.

1759: Motor vehicle accident on American Legion Highway. The officer provided assistance.

1833: Traffic complaint on Squire Rd. The officer filed a report.

1853: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Mahoney Circle for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1932: An officer ordered a tow and hold for a motor vehicle on Suffolk Ave.

2029: Past robbery on Revere St. The officer filed a report.

2129: Parking complaint at Hastings and Martin Sts. The motor vehicle was moved.

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Revere man arraigned on child pornography charges

Staff Report

A Revere man is facing child pornography charges after he allegedly shared pornographic material with undercover investigators and agreed to meet with those investigators in a Boston hotel room, according to Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden.

On Wednesday, March 1, Sani Zuntu, 24, was charged in Boston Municipal Court on one count of possession of child pornography and one count of distributing obscene material and ordered held on \$50,000 bail.

On February 28, Zuntu initiated online contact with a covert unit made up of members from the Boston Police Crimes Against Children and Human Traf-

ficking units and the FBI Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force, according to Assistant District Attorney Alyssa Tochka. Zuntu initiated the communication by texting "hey, can we talk please." During the course of the communication, Zuntu sent videos depicting adults sexually molesting children, according to the district attorney's office.

Later in the communication, Zuntu allegedly agreed to meet the covert investigators at a hotel room in Boston. When Zuntu entered the hotel room the investigators identified themselves and seized numerous technical devices from Zuntu, including an iPhone, an HP laptop and an iPad, according to the district attorney's office.

Zuntu was arrested and booked.

"I thank the local and federal investigators for handling this matter so effectively after being contacted by this defendant," stated Hayden. "I hope this incident sends a message to anyone else contemplating viewing this type of material: it's harmful to children and you will be prosecuted."

In addition to the bail, Judge James Stanton ordered that Zantu stay away from anyone under 18, stay away from schools, have no employment that involves contact with children, surrender his passport, and be strapped with a GPS device if he is released. Zuntu is scheduled to return to court on April 4 for a pre-trial conference.



# Revere owner of firearms business arraigned on incendiary device charge

Special to the Journal

A Revere man was charged in Chelsea District Court today with possession of an incendiary device stemming from a January search of the man's Proctor Avenue apartment, District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced.

Cory John Daigle, 28, appeared on a summons and was charged with one count of possession of an incendiary device. Judge William Farrell released Daigle on personal recognizance and ordered him to maintain monthly phone contact with probation, possess no firearms or incendiary devices and possess no materials to create incendiary devices. Daigle will return to court April 19 for a probable cause hearing.

On January 5 members of the State Police Fire and Explosion Investigation Unit, the State Police

Bomb Squad and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives executed a search warrant at Daigle's Proctor Avenue residence and discovered explosive and destructive materials including a white powder identified as potassium perchlorate, a substance used in fireworks, ammunition percussion caps and explosive primers. Also discovered were a black plastic funnel, glue gun, mortar tubes, blasting caps and common fuses. Daigle told investigators he had used the materials to manufacture homemade fireworks two years before.

The search team also seized numerous firearms from Daigle's apartment. Daigle is facing federal charges related to a firearms business he operated in Littleton, MA.

All charged individuals are presumed innocent until and unless proven

guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden's office serves the communities of Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop, Mass. The office handles over 20,000 cases a year. More than 160 attorneys in the office practice in nine district and municipal courts, Suffolk Superior Court, the Massachusetts Appeals Court, the Supreme Judicial Court, and the Boston Juvenile Courts. The office employs some 300 people and offers a wide range of services and programs to serve anyone who comes in contact with the criminal justice system. This office is committed to educating the public about the services we provide, our commitment to crime prevention, and our dedication to keeping the residents of Suffolk County safe.

## DEMAINO'S RESTAURANT HONORED AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING



Shown above, Lenny DeMaino, owner of DeMaino's Restaurant is shown with local officials and family in the City Council Chambers where he received a citation for 90 years of being in business.

# Teacher, model and jewelry designer, Nina Murray is a true multi-potentialite

By Melissa Moore-Randall

When she is not in the classroom, Revere teacher Nina Murray can be found making her mark in many other different careers.

Murray is a fifth grade Special Education Teacher at the A.C Whelan Elementary School. "Ever since I was little, I always wanted to be a teacher. I told myself that one day I will be able to pursue it as my career. I am fortunate to teach in such an amazing school with amazing colleagues." Her colleagues led her to create a fitness program for teachers. As a personal trainer at Disciplined Fitness Inc. in Lynn she created "Off Duty Thirty" which is geared toward the lifestyle that teachers have and allows them to mentally reset and move their bodies.

In addition, Nina is also a lifestyle print model and a technical fit model for

Maggie Inc. According to their website, Maggie Inc. is a modeling and talent agency servicing clients throughout New England that promotes a diverse range of talent, representing categories from teens to seniors in every size, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity and look. The agency books print and runway for a wide range of clients, and is SAG-AFTRA franchised for commercials, TV and film work.

"As a technical fit model, I try on clothes and work with the designers as they develop new merchandise for the company. I have always had a passion for fashion so this was a great way for me to be involved in the fashion industry."

Murray started modeling at 15 when she signed with a top modeling agency in Boston. She has modeled for a va-



Nina Murray.

riety of companies in and around Boston and was also signed with an agency in New York working with high end fashion designers. In 2014, she was crowned Miss Teen Massachusetts United States. With the title, she was able to attend and partic-

ipate in many events in and around Boston. After being crowned, she also had the opportunity to compete at the Miss Teen United States pageant in Washington, DC.

Nina grew up in East Boston and attended East Boston Central Catholic

School. When she was in 6th grade, her family moved to Saugus. "Growing up I loved playing sports. I was an avid figure skater my whole life. I became an official Gold Medalist in the U.S Figure Skating Association. I attended a prep school for my Junior and Senior year of high school at Kent's Hill School in Maine. After graduating high school, I attended Plymouth State University in New Hampshire for all four years of college. I played softball there and was voted as the team captain my Junior and Senior year."

"I come from a big Italian family who mean the absolute world to me. My mother is a successful hair salon owner and hair stylist on Newbury Street in Boston. My father was a correctional officer. I am close with my family and would not be where I am without them. I also love

to cook and learned many family recipes that have been passed down through generations. My favorite is making homemade gnocchis for New Years Day with my grandmother, who is 93-years-old, every year."

When not in the classroom, helping her colleagues mentally reset, or in front of the camera, Nina also owns her own jewelry company called Vi Vi by Nina Inc. "I love hand making jewelry and creating pieces for every one. I source gemstones from around the world to create my jewelry. My grandmother has helped me create my brand logo and continues to help me create unique jewelry pieces."

To see some of her creations, you can visit her website [vi-vi-by-nina-inc.myshopify.com](http://vi-vi-by-nina-inc.myshopify.com) or on Facebook at Vi Vi by Nina Inc.

## REVERE Through the Years

**10 years ago**  
**March 6, 2013**

With the deadline for the enactment of a federal government budget having passed last Friday, mandated cuts to the federal programs started to take place. While many entitlements that are the budget busters were spared, the across the board budget cuts hit programs in public schools, transportation, the military and Head Start. Mayor Dan Rizzo is assessing the impact of the cuts to the City of Revere budget. The exact fallout from this impasse between Republicans and Democrats cannot be assessed at this time. Economists agree the longer this issue stays unresolved the more disastrous it will be not only for the economy, but also for citizens who depend on many of these programs.

Several city councillors are taking a strong stand in opposition to the new McKinley School's total financial package that Mayor Dan Rizzo presented to them last month, and which will be the subject of a major public hearing on Monday. At this past Monday's City Council meeting, numerous councillors were skeptical of the \$55 million bond authorization Rizzo sent to them at the end of Febru-

ary. Of that \$55 million, preliminary math seems to indicate that taxpayers would be responsible for paying somewhere around \$23 million for the school. The remaining portion is to be covered by state reimbursements and state grants. However, \$23 million is seeming to be too much for some on the council.

School Superintendent Paul Dakin won the Massachusetts Superintendent of the Year Award in Los Angeles last week.

Oz: The Great and Powerful, The Call, and The Croods are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**20 years ago**  
**March 12, 2003**

The annual report of the Revere Police Department released by Chief Terence Reardon this week reveals that although many categories of crime went down in 2002, car breaks and thefts showed large increases.

Two Revere men have been implicated in the theft of an international shipment of Gillette III Mach razors and Right Guard deodorant that was bound for Europe. The Gillette Co. estimates the shipment was worth about \$1.5 million. The goods were sitting in an ocean

shipping container on a trailer truck in Wakefield when five men, including the pair from Revere, one of whom was convicted a few weeks later in an unrelated incident for the interstate theft of computer equipment.

The harsh, cold winter has left many residents unable to pay their heating bills.

The cleanup costs of the oil spill from the furnaces at the Beachmont School already has topped \$1 million. City officials say they will ask the State Treasurer's Emergency Board for authorization to borrow money to pay for the costs.

Tears of the Sun, Bringing Down the House, and How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**30 years ago**  
**March 10, 1993**

A public hearing will be held to determine whether to evict a public housing tenant, who is a commissioner on the Revere Housing Authority, because of alleged cocaine dealing by her sons, ages 25 and 26.

Asst. School Supt. Dr. Wane LaGrue outlined a five year management and curriculum renewal plan to the School Committee

at its meeting this week.

Revere was hit by yet another snowstorm this week that blanketed the city.

The Board of Health has adopted new regulations pertaining to smoking cigarettes in public buildings and private locations in the city.

Groundhog Day, Aladdin, and Fire in the Sky are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**40 years ago**  
**March 9, 1983**

State Rep. Angelo Cataldo said he knows of many groups and individuals who would be interested in bringing casino gambling to Revere Beach. The council passed a motion by Councillor William Bell asking the city clerk to make a report on the effects that casino gambling has had on Atlantic City, N.J. There presently are no plans for the development of Revere Beach since the failure of the Atlantic Bank as lead developer to follow through on its longstanding proposals.

Mayor George V. Colella swore in two new deputy fire chiefs this week, George Taglieri and Lawrence Logan.

The State Department of Public works presented a proposal to the city this

week for a \$2.3 million reconstruction of Broadway.

John Perrella, supervisor of custodians for the Revere schools, told the School Committee that the roof at Revere High School is leaking badly and some portions of it are falling apart.

The new community building on Rose Street that will serve public housing residents was dedicated this week.

Tootsie, Sophie's Choice, and They Call Me Bruce are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**50 years ago**  
**March 3, 1973**

City Councillor Edward O'Hara said he has asked the State Attorney General to investigate allegations made by O'Hara that \$1 million has been stolen from the Revere School Department in recent years.

State Senator Joseph J.C. DiCarlo said this week that a \$300 million redevelopment plan for Revere Beach is on track and making satisfactory progress.

Revere City Hall will be open Monday evenings to issue liquor identification cards to all residents 18 years of age and older who now are of legal drinking age pursuant to the new

state law that went into effect March 1 lowering the drinking age from 21 to 18.

Three members of the Fire Department with combined service of 86 years retired this week after their final roll call at the Central fire station. They are Lieut. Bernard C. Foster, Lieut. Ralph J. Cataldo, and firefighter Vincent P. Argenzio, all of whom were presented with gold retirement badges by Fire Chief Anthony Mastronardi.

A local real estate agent, James J. Karalekas, 35, shot himself and his estranged wife, Norma Karalekas, Monday evening.

In another incident of domestic violence involving a gun this week, a local resident, John Caruso, was shot through the heart in his bedroom as he was packing up his belongings and leaving his home after a fight with his wife.

Liza Minelli stars in The Sterile Cuckoo at the Revere Drive In.

**60 years ago**  
**March 7, 1963**

David Brickman, publisher of the Malden Evening News and a regular panelist on the Boston TV show, Starring the Editors,







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erable differences by nationality / ancestry.

• Overall, 10% identify as LGBTQ+. Among younger Latinos (those under 30) the figure is 19%. This echoes national surveys which have suggested younger Latinos identify as LGBTQ+ at higher rates than others, a figure which has grown in recent years.

“This effort is absolutely unique in scope and scale,” said Steve Koczela, “President of The MassINC Polling Group, which oversaw the poll. “The survey includes a very large sample size of Latino respondents in Massachusetts and sits alongside resident focus groups and elected official interviews.”

Amplify Latinx is a Massachusetts-based non-profit formed in 2018 by The Latina Circle, Inc. that serves as a non-partisan, collaborative convenor advancing Latino leadership representation, economic prosperity, and civic engagement.

The MassINC Polling Group is a nonpartisan public opinion research firm serving public, private, and social-sector clients. MPG elevates the public’s voice with cutting edge methods and rigorous analysis. Based in Boston, MPG serves a nationwide client base.



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# RHS JROTC Drill Team takes top marks at 2nd Brigade Drill Championship

Special to the Journal

The Revere High School Army JROTC Patriot Battalion Drill and Color Guard teams competed in three Drill Competitions in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Army League (COMAL) Drill League. COMAL consists of the (11) Massachusetts Army JROTC Programs throughout the state. {Brockton, CASH, East Boston, English, Commerce, Lawrence, Methuen, New Bedford, Revere, South Boston, and Wareham}. Drill and Ceremonies is one of the key ingredients of the Army JROTC Program. Drill is conducted in accordance with current Army Training Circular 3-21.5, Drill and Ceremonies, dated 3 May 2021, which is the Army standard for executing the Manual of Arms. This category also includes Exhibition drill in accordance with brigade-published standards. The RHS JROTC Drill Team is sub-divided into the Armed Division and the Unarmed Division.

Within each division, cadets compete in Color Guard, Regulation, Inspection, Dual Exhibition, Platoon Exhibition and New Cadet Squad. In the Armed Division, Revere placed first overall in Color Guard and Regulation and second overall in Inspection. In the Unarmed Division, Revere placed first in Regulation and Inspection and third in Color Guard. The Revere High School Army JROTC Drill Team was awarded the Governor's cup and as the first place team overall in the COMAL league received a bid to compete in the 2nd Brigade Drill Competition at Lenape High School in Medford, NJ. This is the Drill Teams fifth COMAL League Championship, marking their Quintuple Championship. Previous years (SY2015-2016, SY2016-2017, SY2017-2018, SY2018-2019, and SY2022-2023). The Revere High School Army JROTC Drill Commander, Cadet Ryan Willett led this team to victory. The unarmed drill team is



The RHS JROTC Drill Team with their trophies from the event.

coached by SFC (R) James Burke and the armed drill team is coached by CSM (R) Robert Callender. The dedication and commitment of all cadets led to their tremendous accomplishments. On Friday, March 3, 2023, fifty-four RHS JROTC Drill Team cadets departed for the 2nd Bri-

gade Drill Competition at Lenape High School in Medford, NJ. Ten cadets participated in the 2nd Brigade Army Academic Bowl, and forty-four cadets participated in the Drill Competition. The Revere High School Army JROTC Drill Team in the Challenge Division are the Overall Unarmed Division

Champions in the 2nd Brigade Drill Championship in Medford, NJ. In the Unarmed Division, Revere placed first in Unarmed Exhibition, commanded by Cadet Anna Sa. They placed second in Unarmed Inspection, commanded by Cadet Paris Peguero-Pena, and Color Guard, commanded by Cadet Gavin

Rua. Individual awards during knock-out were presented in the Unarmed Division to Cadet Harrison Rua, Katelyn Giovannello, and Aya Belgseisse. In the Armed Division, individual awards were presented to Cadets Roberto Garcia and Yaron Ramirez. Great job Patriot Battalion!



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Members of the JROTC Drill Team subdivisions and their respective trophies.



## JROTC team to compete in National Academic Bowl Championship

Special to the Journal

Through all the obstacles students have faced over the last three years, Army JROTC cadets have risen to the challenge through their participation in the 2022-2023 JROTC Leadership & Academic Bowl (JLAB). The cadets

from Revere High School have proven their ability to overcome and succeed despite those obstacles. After advancing through two intense phases of online competition, Revere High School's JROTC Academic Team composed of Cadets Karla Leal, Paris Peguero Pena, Brianna Restrepo and Annabelle Sandy-Roche will compete in a Championship event in Washington, DC. The 2023 U.S. Army JROTC Academic Bowl Championship will be held on the campus of The Catholic University of America, June 23-27, 2023. This event is sponsored by the U.S. Army Cadet Command and is conducted by College Options Foundation. Revere High School's JROTC team earned top scores out of the 1,844 Army JROTC academic

teams that competed from around the world. The team is one of only thirty-two Army JROTC Academic Bowl teams in the nation to advance to the final competition, which includes an all-expense paid trip to the Championship event in Washington, DC. During the two fast-paced preliminary rounds, cadets were tested on their knowledge of core curriculum such as math, science, and language arts as well as current events, citizenship, leadership skills, and financial literacy. Financial literacy videos are sponsored by the USAA Educational Foundation and provided to all cadets. Questions from the videos were included in Levels I and II of the online competition. The JROTC Leadership & Academic Bowl is a nationally recognized

competition created exclusively for JROTC students. By participating, cadets learn the values of citizenship, academic competition, and college opportunity. The competition creates tremendous opportunities for JROTC cadets by allowing them to demonstrate leadership and academic abilities. College Options Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the academic development of high school students and assisting them in their preparation for higher education. Using academic competitions, college exam study guides, college admissions tutorials, and personalized counseling, College Options Foundation has assisted the nation's JROTC cadets worldwide for nearly two decades.



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