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SENIORLIFE
NAMED TOP PLACE
TO WORK IN STATE

Hebrew SeniorLife, a Harvard Medical School-affiliated, integrated system of health care, senior living, research, and teaching, has been named one of the Top Places to Work in Massachusetts in the 15th annual list published by The Boston Globe. This is the fifth time that Hebrew SeniorLife has been named to the list.

Top Places to Work recognizes the most admired workplaces in the state voted on by the people who know them best — their employees. The anonymous survey measures employee opinions about their company's direction, execution, connection, management, work, pay and benefits, and engagement.

The nonprofit organization was ranked #14 in the Largest Employer category (1,000 or more employees), up from #24 in 2021, which was the last time the organization participated in the survey.

Hebrew SeniorLife employs more than 2,400 people who serve 4,500 seniors per day on six campuses in Greater Boston, as well as through its home- and community-based services.

"This award is evidence of all the work our employees do to create a culture in which we appreciate and recognize each other,

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BIZZY WOMEN SOCIAL HOLDS WONDERLAND HOLIDAY MARKET



Jackie Forman (left) and her sister, Lisa Forman Mullins (right) enjoy a visit with BIZZY CEO Amanda Schepici-Portillo and Santa Claus at the BIZZY Holiday Market. See more photos on Page 20.

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Genesis Gonzalez and The Glow Up Effect business owner Elizabeth Amado.



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Council asks mayor to consider water main break recovery program

By Adam Swift

The City Council is asking Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe to look into the feasibility of a city grant program for residents and small businesses who have been affected by water main breaks.

Councillor-at-Large and Legislative Affairs subcommittee chair Steve Morabito filed the request, which initially sought to

ask the mayor to establish a Water Main Break Recovery Grant program that would provide up to \$5,000 for residents and small businesses.

After some discussion in last week's legislative affairs meeting, the council amended the motion slightly to have the mayor look into the feasibility of establishing a grant program.

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Council looks to improve ADA compliance at playgrounds

By Adam Swift

Ward 5 City Councillor John Powers wants to put safety first at the Oak Island Playground.

At last week's council meeting, Powers submitted a motion asking Mayor-elect Patrick Keefe to use Community Improvement Trust Fund money to resurface the playground with a handicap accessible rubberized surface.

"The park at Oak Island is probably the park in the city that doesn't have a rubberized mat," said Powers. "The mulch is not that effective, and I think that the people down there in Oak Island certainly deserve this. If this saves one child from being injured or worse, then we have spent money well and we have done our job."

Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti said he supported the motion.

"I believe we chatted about this issue at the park at the budget hearings this year knowing that there were problems with that park," said Visconti. "Thank you for putting this motion in. I know the administration was aware of this, and I would just love to see this get done because I know that there are quite a few kids who utilize the park."

Visconti added that there have also been some needles found at the park, and that the city needs to be proactive to keep the area safe and clean.

"There is money in that account, let's utilize it for the residents," said Visconti.

Powers added that the Community Improvement Trust funds are not raised through taxes.

"When a developer builds something in the city, these are some of the

rewards, if you want to call it that, that we get in return, a certain amount of money where we can handle these problems," said Powers.

Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri said that Ralph DeCicco, the head of the city's disability commission and its ADA compliance director had reached out to home and asked that the playground at the Paul Revere School be added to Powers' motion.

"The playground at the Paul Revere School currently has wood chips and that is against ADA compliance," said Silvestri.

Powers said he had no objection to that playground being added to the motion, but added that he would like to see the cost involved and how much money the city has in the Community Improvement Trust Fund.

COATS FOR KIDS HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER AT DRYFT



Ward 5 Councillor-Elect Angela Guarino Sawaya, Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna and Felicia Napolitano shown with coats in hand to donate as part of the Eighth annual Ugly Sweater Praty for Coats for Kids, held at Dryft Restaurant. See more photos on Page 4.

Conservation Commission holds brief monthly meeting

By Journal Staff

The Revere Conservation Commission (ConComm) held a brief (seven minutes) regular monthly meeting last Wednesday (December 6) in the City Council Chamber. Vice-chair Nicholas Rudolph and fellow commissioners Joseph LaValle, Robert Cassidy, Samantha Woodman, and Bri-

an Averbach were on hand for the meeting.

The first matter taken up was the request by the city for a Certificate of Compliance (CoC) for its project at 319 Charger St. However, Lorena Escobero from the Community Development office said that the city has yet to finish the project and is re-

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State and federal leaders cut the ribbon at new Veterans Home in Chelsea community care facility

By Adam Swift

There were big names on hand from the State House and Washington, DC last Friday for a ribbon cutting at the new Massachusetts Veterans Home in Chelsea, but the focus was on the services the new state-of-the-art facility will provide for those who have served and sacrificed for their country.

"The new Veterans Home in Chelsea is what our veterans earned and deserve, and it represents

a new era of care and commitment to our veterans in Massachusetts," said Governor Healey. "It offers a sense of community for our veterans, allows them to have dignity and autonomy in a home-like environment, and makes sure their physical, mental, and emotional needs are met."

Healey was joined at the event by U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Denis McDonough, Senator Elizabeth Warren, and Executive Office of Veterans Services Secretary Jon

Santiago.

The officials visited the home and toured the facility, exploring its features and amenities, including the rehabilitation room and environmentally sustainable elements. They also visited several of the veteran residents living in the building.

The Veterans Home is designed to foster community among residents, with 154 private resident rooms organized around

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SEE PAGE 18 FOR A
STROLL THROUGH TIME

Revere's JKA Martial Arts Team shines at National Championships

By Melissa Moore-Randall

The JKA Martial Arts Revere team recently participated in the 2023 JKA/AF National Karate Championships in San Francisco. The team achieved first, second, and third place in multiple divisions. They are now ranked as one of the top 4 teams in the country.

Owner Walid Karaf was so proud of the team. "Congratulations to the JKA Revere team repre-

senting JKA/SKDI for your outstanding achievement at the 2023 JKA/AF All USA National Championships. With your determination and high spirits, you make the impossible achievable. Special thanks to the parents, staff and coaches for their support, I'm so proud of you all."

Located at 318 Squire Road in Revere, JKA Martial Arts Center has been operating for the past 7 years and offers a variety

of classes. They specialize in traditional Shotokan karate, as well as Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Aikido and MuThai classes. In addition, they are members of the Japanese Karate Association. The BJJ program is affiliated with the Brazilian Top Team. The classes are open to children ages 5 and up as well as adults, both men and women. All instructors have credentials from their respective organizations.



Revere's JKA Martial Arts Team.

Human Rights Comm. wades into Mideast conflict in monthly meeting

By Journal Staff

The Revere Human Rights Commission (HRC) held its regular monthly meeting last Thursday evening (December 2) in the City Council Chamber. Chairperson Chaimaa (Shay) Hossaini and fellow members Kourou Pich, Molly McGee, Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Inclusion and Chair of the Equity Advisory Board of the Revere Public Schools Dr. Lourenco Garcia, and Fire Chief Chris Bright were on hand for the meeting. Claudia Correa, the city's Chief of Talent and Culture and HRC's Executive Director, also was in attendance.

After the commission held the usual Land Acknowledgement in which the commission recognized the Pawtucket Tribe as "the original overseers of this land," Hossaini announced the various obser-

vances that are scheduled in the month of December: Human Rights Month, World Aids Day, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Hanukkah, International Human Solidarity Day, Winter Solstice, Christmas, and Kwanzaa.

The meeting focused on the meaning and significance of Universal Human Rights Day (December 10) and Universal Human Rights Month (December), which were formally declared by the United Nations in the aftermath of WWII on December 10, 1948.

The group watched a video (which was narrated by Eleanor Roosevelt) that told the history of Universal Human Rights Month, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. The commissioners then met in a circle for about an hour to discuss what human rights means to each member. Pich and Garcia led the discussion with

each member sharing their views.

When the discussion got to the topic, "What rights should humans have?" most of the members spoke in general terms about freedom from oppression and the right to clean water, food, shelter, and health care.

However, three members, Garcia, Pich, and Hossaini, also made references to the current conflict in the Middle East.

"If you don't have rights, you don't have freedom," said Garcia. "When I think of this, I think about the people who live in Palestine right now. Their rights are being violated right and left and they are being killed right and left. I'm sure that the same thing has happened in Israel and many other parts of the world, but what is happening in Palestine, at the velocity and speed with which it is happening, where children,

adults, and the elderly, are being deprived of rights they have, it certainly, regardless of our political views, has touched my heart and I question where is the Declaration of Human Rights."

Later in the meeting, Pich spoke briefly about the conflict, noting, "When we are speaking of oppression and racism, we have to look at the whole history and who has been impacted, especially right now with what the world is experiencing.... the Palestinians, and also the Israelis...there needs to be a conversation in this community because both parties belong to this community and we are not addressing equity and justice. How can we prioritize one group when we know that there has been a history of oppression against one group?"

"I think that I will echo what everyone has said about the freedom to

[have] basic human essentials, like clean water or food, a home, is something that really sits with me because the people whom I represent, people I consider, like, my people, fellow Muslims, fellow Arabs, especially with the stuff that is going on between Palestinians and Israel, there are things that aren't being met, that haven't been met since the declaration of Human Rights, ever since 1948, especially when the Nakba (the forced expulsion of Palestinians from Israel in the 1948 war) happened. This is something that has been deprived from these people for so long."

The group then turned their thoughts to the lack of basic human rights for many citizens in this country.

"This isn't being met in the country that has been so great, America, where people have more access to phones than to clean

water," Hossaini added, referring to a recent statistic, and then concluding that America "values 'things' (such as phones) more than the things we actually need."

Picking up on that theme, Garcia noted that "five out of 10 children in this country go hungry every day."

Later in the discussion, Pich spoke about the right to bear arms in the context of domestic violence, noting that the presence of a gun in a home greatly increases the chances that a victim of domestic violence will be killed by a gun.

"Who is benefiting from these policies?" Pich asked, also noting that Black men and boys disproportionately are victims of gun violence.

The meeting concluded with each member summing up how they define their commitment to human rights.

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questing a continuance for a month.

After Rudolph described for his fellow

commissioners the scope of the work that still needs to be completed, the commission voted unanimously to continue the matter until its next meeting.

The next item on the agenda was a request for a CoC for the repaving of the Target parking lot at 36 Furlong Drive. There were no opponents and the

commission unanimously approved issuing the CoC, which closes out the matter.

The commission also addressed a Notice of Project Change (NPC) for the addition of new housing units at The Highlands at Overlook Ridge. The commission was informed that the comment period

submitted for this project has been extended to December 12. Escolero explained that the notice was merely a courtesy notice and that the commission did not need to take any action.

The commissioners listed the following site visits that they conducted in the past month:

-- November 9 at 5 Agneous Ave. and 18 Neponset St. for pre-construction visits; and

-- December 2 at 319 Charger St.

The commission then adjourned until its next meeting.



Revere TV
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SPOTLIGHT

The Annual Robert A. Marra Sounds of Christmas Concert is this upcoming weekend! RTV has been pushing the holiday tunes on the Community Channel and will continue to leading up to Sunday. You can watch a Sounds of Christmas Concert from years past dating back to 2012 once per day at noon until this year's concert. The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra will once again perform holiday carols at St. Anthony's Church at 4pm on Sunday, December 17th. This concert is a multi-camera shoot that is a full team effort to stream live on RevereTV and RTV's YouTube page. The concert is also a food drive, so attendees are asked to donate nonperishable food items upon entering. If you are a cable subscriber, watch it live on television on Comcast channels 8 and 1072, and RCN channels 3 and 614.

Get in the holiday spirit by watching a full twenty minute highlight reel of this year's Annual Priscilla Nickerson Memorial Santa Walk and Tree Lighting at City Hall. This celebration included a walking parade from Revere High School to City Hall, pictures with Santa, live music, vendors, mini horses, cookie and ornament decorating, and a holiday movie on American Legion Lawn. RTV volunteer youth reporter, Manique, gives her input and interviews Mayor-Elect Keefe, City Councillor Ira Novoselsky and other community members enjoying all the festivities from last weekend. This program has been shortened and posted to RevereTV's Instagram page. Follow RTV on Instagram for quick updates and footage from all things covered by the studio.

"The Game of the Week" series started this week on the RevereTV Community Channel. The studio will make an effort to cover at least one Revere High School basketball game every week through this season. The "Game of the Week" will be either a boys or a girls team game. The first game of the series which is now replaying on RevereTV is the RHS Girls game against Lynn Classical. Games covered by RTV will play live on the Community Channel, stream live on YouTube, and replay on television for the week following each game. Game coverage posted to YouTube may be listed as private after the livestream until the end of the season. Next week, tune in for the Boys Basketball Team as they play Medford at home on Tuesday at 6pm.

The current Revere City Council will meet for the last time this year on Monday, December 18th at 6pm. The new City Council will be sworn in after the new year. However, that is not the last meeting of 2023. Meetings will continue throughout next week including the License Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Traffic Commission. All meetings next week will stream live on RTV GOV and YouTube, and then replay in the following weeks through the holidays. After next week, RTV GOV will be scheduled with replays of local government meetings from the month of December. Tune in to RTV GOV on Comcast channel 9 or RCN channels 3 and 613 to watch all meetings covered by RevereTV.

Water Mains // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"I'm wondering where this money would come from, do we have any idea of that?" asked Councilor-at-Large Marc Silvestri. "I always want to support our residents and our small businesses as much as possible, but not having a source of funding would be, I think, a little bit irresponsible."

Morabito noted that he

was making a request to establish the grant program, and that if the mayoral administration found it was not feasible to fund it, it would let the council know.

"I think when there are unforeseen circumstances that happen ... when there is a water main break and you are running a business and you have to close

down and you have staff to pay, part of these funds could alleviate the burden of those costs," said Morabito.

Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky noted that if there was a water main break on a residential street and a number of residents make claims, the total of the grants could be high. He also added that most homeowners insurance also covers the costs of cleanup.

Don Ciamarella, the city's infrastructure chief, noted that the underlying issue is with many of the water mains in the city being over a century old.

"By no means do we try to cause any harm or inconvenience to people," Ciamarella said. "These

are incidences because the water mains, which I have expressed many times, are extremely old ... and the pipes have reached their life expectancy twice over."

While the city is mandated to install new pipes that can handle up to 350 pounds per square inch (psi) of water pressure, Ciamarella said the older pipes cannot handle 50 to 60 psi.

Ciamarella noted that since 2017, the city has replaced over 14 miles of water mains at the cost of \$3 million a mile. When the entire 107 miles of water mains in the city are replaced, Ciamarella said they will easily be able to handle the increased psi.



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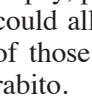
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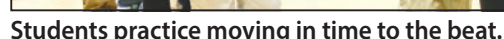


Special to the Journal

After immigrating to the US, Appolon advanced his training at the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater and later at the Joffrey Ballet

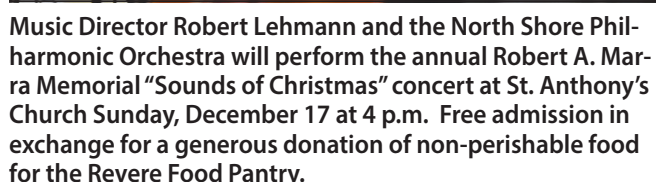
“As part of our equity work in the district and especially here at the Paul Revere, we strive to engage students in explo-

"We would love for this group to come back some time," said Coyle. "I know there was a significant expense associated with the experience, but we are so lucky that the PTO was willing to pay, and we are also working with the Mass Cultural Council to explore grant opportunities that may exist."



Special to the Journal

The Orchestra will be joined by soprano Katie Oberholtzer, who will be making her first appearance in Revere. Katie is a jazz vocalist and recently was runner-up place in the 2023 International Ella Fitzgerald Jazz Vocal



The Concert is named in memory of violinist Robert A. Marra, a lifelong Revere resident and teacher at Revere High School who was concertmaster of the Orchestra for over 50 years before his death in 2002. "The concert is a wonderful tribute to my father. He was one of the people who brought the concert to Revere in 1976, and it is played in his beloved St. Anthony's," said Marra Jr. "And now, the concert features a connection to Revere High School, where he taught from 1950 to 1990, that

Other contributors to the concert include members of the St. Anthony's Holy Name Society, who collect and box the food as patrons arrive, and the St. Anthony's Youth Group, who haul up the chairs and set up the altar area for the concert. Mike Zaccaria of Action Emergency Services provides a truck to load and transport the food. "It's a joint effort by a lot of hands for a wonderful event," said Marra. "We know the people will enjoy the concert and we ask them to be generous with their food donations."

arr. John Finnegan, (1926 – 2007) Christmas Singalong



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8TH ANNUAL UGLY SWEATER PARTY FOR COATS FOR KIDS
AT DRYFT RESTAURANT ON REVERE BEACH

Last Thursday evening at Dryft on Revere Beach there were lots of “ugly sweaters” floating around, all to benefit coats for kids. This is the eighth years this event has been happening in the Revere community, and it gets bigger and better each time. Event coordinators Mayor-Elect Patrick Keefe and Matt Parlante combined with the hospitality of Dryft is an unbeatable combination. Party goers were asked to bring, one new children’s coat to attend, the ugly sweater was not required, but there were a lot of them. In the true style of Revere, many brought more than one coat, making many children happy and warm this winter for sure. Captain Keven O’Hara and mem-



Mayor-Elect Patrick Keefe and Matt Parlente welcome their guests, State Representative Jessica Giannino, Councillors Ira Novoselsky, Angela Guarino Sawaya, Capt. Kevin O’Hara and members of the Revere Fire Department, and special guest, Santa.

bers of the Revere Fire Department stepped up in a big way, showing up with boxes of coats, making it a very happy holiday event.



Keeping kids warm, Carol and Hugo Rizzuto.



Santa thanked organizers, Matt Parlente and Mayor-Elect Patrick Keefe.



No ugly sweaters but lots of good will, Linda DeMaio, Deb Peczka, Dominic Bocchino and Christine Cavagnaro.



Early arrivals, Mayor-Elect Patrick Keefe, with Director of Elder Affairs Deb Peczka and Jimmy Nigro.



Vice President of the Revere Chamber of Commerce, Jessica Teixeira is with Paul Teixeira and Chris Bonasoro.



Matt Parlente with Ken Gould and Felicia Napolitano.



Jenn Keefe and Santa with Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, Revere School Committee member John Kingston, Director of Parks and Recreation Michael Hinojosa. Santa did mention John Kingston wore a tie to an ugly sweater party, might be put on the naughty list.



Mayor-Elect Patrick Keefe with Revere School Committee member, Jacqueline Monterroso.



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Mayor-Elect Patrick and Jenn Keefe with Revere Businessman Michael Zacarria and his daughter Natalia.



Mayor-Elect Patrick Keefe with State Representative Jessica Giannino (center) and ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna.



Four Anthony’s in one photo, Anthony Parziale, Anthony Boyd Jr., Anthony Cutler and Anthony Boyd Sr.

REVERE Through the Years

10 years ago
December 11, 2013

The City has set the property tax rate for this fiscal year, with residential and commercial rates falling one penny and values changing sporadically from neighborhood to neighborhood. City Assessor Andy Iovanna reported on Tuesday that the tax rates had been certified at: Residential, \$15.55 per \$1,000 of value and Commercial, \$31.55 per \$1,000 of value. Both of those rates reflected a decrease of one cent from last year's rates.

In Revere this school year, several parents have had reason to be concerned due to the number of head lice cases being found -- which is no more than usual -- and the idea that the new recommendations allow kids to be in class with live bugs, a noteworthy shift in the nationwide policy. The CDC and other medical organizations have recommended that is not a health hazard and that exclusion policies should be revised. That however, is not how the Revere Public Schools handle lice situations. City Nurse Carol Donovan said the schools abide by the state recommendations, which still call for students with live bugs to be sent home. However, students who have nits, or eggs, in their hair are allowed to be in the classroom as long as they are being treated for the problem.

City Councillors voted 10-0 to rezone the Parkway Mobile Home Park on Monday night, taking it from a residential district to a Technology Enterprise District (TED) and clearing the way for a potential 12-story hotel on the site. The park has been the source of controversy for some time, and under the present ownership, long-time residents and neighbors indicate that the area has taken a severe nosedive. Drug overdoses and police calls are fairly frequent and a vicious murder took place on the site earlier this year.

20 years ago
December 17, 2003

City Councilor-at-Large Joseph Giannino, who was re-elected to the council in November and who serves as a legislative aide to Gov. Mitt Romney, will not be taking the oath of office in January. Giannino has announced that he is leaving his job in the Romney administration to enter the private sector as a lobbyist, a job which also precludes him from sitting on the City Council. Giannino also formerly served on the School Committee.

The North Shore Philharmonic entertained a capacity crowd at St. Anthony's Church Sunday at the Robert Marra Memorial Sounds of Christmas concert.

The nationwide outbreak of influenza has caused a rush by local residents to obtain their vaccinations, which has resulted in a shortage of the flu vaccine available to the Revere Board of Health.

The Revere Drug Unit made its biggest bust of the year this past week, arresting a Chelsea man, a native of Columbia, when he tried to sell a kilo of cocaine for \$24,000 to an undercover officer.

Counterfeit \$20.00 bills have been showing up at local businesses in the past week.



COURTESY PHOTO

DO YOU REMEMBER? The Sounds of Christmas at St. Anthony's Church in the 1970s. Shown above, Dickie Powers, Dick Dalton, Bobby Long and Fred Sannella with conductor Max Hobart.

30 years ago
December 15, 1993

The City Council has voted 8-1 to give a special permit to a development firm to construct a \$13.5 million shopping center on the site of the present parking lot across from Wonderland dog track on Rt. 1A. The company promised a comprehensive mitigation package worth \$1 million and to scale back the shopping center by 10,000 square feet and 100 parking spaces. Councillor Al Fiore was the lone dissenting vote. Area residents voiced their opposition to the development, which will bring about \$210,000 in taxes to the city.

An undercover operation by State and Revere police has resulted in the arrests of six persons on charges of selling cocaine in the Shirley Street area.

Residents in the area of the former York Oldsmobile have remained adamant in their opposition to a Stop & Shop being located on the site, much as they did last year in opposing a Shaw's supermarket.

Mayor Robert Haas has re-appointed Andrew Bisignani as City Auditor, a post Bisignani has held since 1979.

The DPW has taken a major step to alleviate flooding in the city by replacing a flood gate at the eastern end of Diamond Creek. DPW Supt. John Barrett said the old, wooden floodgate was installed in 1920.

40 years ago
December 14, 1983

Mayor George V. Colella has announced that the city has found an additional \$642,000 resulting from the recent revaluation of real estate, that will pay for this year's pay raise for teachers. However, Colella said he is unsure of where the funds will come from to pay for next year's 11.5 percent pay raise. The mayor also said he is concerned about the \$542,000 deficit for this year that the School Department still is facing.

A Cabbage Patch doll donated by seven year old Revere resident Elizabeth Myers to WBZ radio's Dave Maynard's Auction raised \$1000 to benefit Children's Hospital. Though the winning bidder insisted on giving the doll back to Elizabeth, the youngster insisted on donating the hard-to-find doll to Children's Hospital. Her generosity during the holiday season has garnered national media attention.

A full house is expected for the ninth annual

Christmas concert at St. Anthony's Church to be performed by the 85-piece North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra and the 35 members of the St. Mary's Festival choir.

50 years ago
December 12, 1973

City carpenters Jimmy Fiatarone and Jim Smith have begun the work of transforming the City Hall auditorium into a replica of a 19th century Christmas village in anticipation of Santa's visit to City Hall on December 23.

The School Committee rejected the option of transforming the present Revere High School into a middle school and instead voted to construct a new middle school on the present location of the high school on Beach Street at a cost of \$6.8 million. The committee took the action after architects said that the cost difference between renovation and building a new school would be only \$1.19 million.

Revere Journal reporter Richard Powers described Monday night's City Council meeting as follows: "If you ever had any doubts about the authenticity of astrology, you should have attended the City Council meeting Monday night. You would have gone home a believer. A beautiful full moon was shining overhead, and this also is supposed to be the time we are looking for the Kohoutek Comet and comets are supposed to effect a strange behavioral pattern on many people. Council President Joseph J. O'Brien had a busy night with the gavel, banging both Election Commission Secretary Fred Sanella and Councillor Louis H. Ciarlone out of order. But the evening's Ace of Outer Space Award went hands down to William Bell, an unsuccessful candidate for the council. When Bell's discourse to the council went out of orbit, O'Brien tried to put Bell back on track. Even when the council was in recess, Bell continued his one-man show, staring straight into the cable television camera and talking to the viewers at home. After the recess, during which O'Brien had called for several police officers, he told Bell either to leave the meeting or be ejected. After both Bell and Ciarlone objected to O'Brien's statement, O'Brien allowed Bell to stay." The issue before the council was an allegation of alleged irregularities during the recent election and its aftermath.

A Newton resident, William Jacobs, has agreed to donate 500,000 square feet of marshland to the city for use as a recreational

park on the condition that the new park be named in honor of his parents, Eli and Anna Jacobs.

60 years ago
December 12, 1963

The School Committee has voted 5-2 in favor of a new contract for teachers that will raise the minimum salary for a new teacher to \$5000 and the maximum for a teacher with nine years of experience to \$7750. The new salary ranges essentially amount to a pay raise of \$300 across the board. Committee members Peter Brاندano and Mayor Frank G. Fiore Jr. voted against the raises, saying the city cannot afford the estimated \$190,000 for the raises.

Children of all ages are expected to be in hand at Paul Revere Stadium Saturday afternoon to welcome Santa Claus under the sponsorship of the Revere Moose Lodge. Santa will enter the stadium after parading through the city.

The Revere Journal has obtained a report from the State Auditor's office that reveals that the city has accumulated an operating deficit of \$520,000 over the past few years. The report also states that there has been an utter disregard of the municipal finances statute and that the city has engaged in long-term borrowing to pay for current expenses.

City Auditor Augustine Airola was tendered a surprise retirement party at City Hall this week.

70 years ago
December 10, 1953

City Manager Edward

P. O'Toole turned on the switch to light the holiday decorations along Broadway this past week.

Four firefighters with 112 years of combined service retired this week: George E. Mulcahy, Morris Maniff, John Santososso, and John Rice.

The seventh annual banquet of the Revere Memorial Hospital proved to be a huge social and financial success. The affair was held at the Frolic. The guest speaker was Lieut. Gov. Sumner Whittier.

80 years ago
December 16, 1943

The holiday season was saddened for Mrs. Theresa Richardson of 164 Hichborn Street this week with the notification she received from the War Department that her son, Pfc. John A. Conley, 26, was killed in action in Italy on



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The Journey of Brave and Beautiful Rya

By Melissa Moore-Randall

Every parent's worst fear is being told their child is sick. In the case of Rya Goodwin, the news that she was suffering from Costello Syndrome was devastating to her family. This began the journey of brave and beautiful Rya.

"Rya was born via Cesarean section at 38 weeks because her heart rate was dangerously high. She was not breathing at birth and was immediately taken to the NICU at Mass General where she spent the next 37 days undergoing numerous tests, scans, medication trials, and interventions before ultimately coming home with a feeding tube and two different medications to help her heart function correctly. We pushed for genetic testing to be done because we knew this was not a fluke thing," said mom Amanda, a Revere teacher at the Hill School in a grade 3-5 Substantially Separate classroom.

On April 21, 2023, my husband, Justin and I got a

diagnosis of Costello Syndrome. We were told Rya would never live alone, she would be in life skills classes, she would never get married or have children of her own, she will undergo many surgeries, therapies, and cancer screenings because she is predisposed to cancer especially in the first 10 years of life, and the personality of someone with Costello syndrome is pure happiness. We on the other hand felt everything but happiness after this news. Our world was shattered. We got all of this information while she was 8 months old. So we were standing in the office feeling like we had to start mourning her life before she even turned one."

Rya is one of only 300 cases of Costello Syndrome worldwide. Costello syndrome affects the body in numerous ways and can lead to developmental delays, heart defects, tumors, feeding and growth difficulties, coarse facial features, and more. Individuals with Costel-

lo syndrome also have a lifetime risk for malignant tumors including rhabdomyosarcoma and neuroblastoma in young children and transitional cell carcinoma of the bladder in adolescents and young adults.

Her diagnosis also began the journey of her young family. Rya's parents married in 2018. They welcomed their first child, a son Ronan in 2019. "Ronan is 4 years old and the absolute best big brother to Rya. He is her favorite person, down to having to FaceTime with him when she comes out of anesthesia because she responds so well to his voice. He showers her with love and praise every single day. "Mama she's getting teeth! Good job Rya! I'm so proud of you!"

According to Amanda, the future is scary. "The future is scary for us. I am not going to lie. She had tethered spinal cord surgery in September which was the second surgery she has had in her 16 months of life with another one

scheduled soon. Rya currently has early intervention, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, feeding therapy, and music therapy every week (sometimes twice a week if we are lucky to get an appointment). She has a team of 31 doctors at Massachusetts General Hospital. In addition, she is also seen by a teacher from Perkins School for the Blind because she suffers from Nystagmus (dancing eyes). She has cancer screenings every 3 months because of how fast her cells divide even when mutated or damaged. Her life truly depends on every single appointment, there is no room for rescheduling or postponing."

"I am eternally grateful for Jackie Singer and her amazing ability to bring a community together. I honestly do not think I could go to work every day if I was anywhere else but the Hill school. I am constantly reminded how kind people are and that has saved my life this past year. Last-



Rya and her brother Ronan.

ly, January 27 is Costello Syndrome Awareness Day so please keep Rya and any child like her in your thoughts and prayers and wear these shirts loud and proud so no one feels like they are fighting alone. We are extremely fortunate to be surrounded by so many family and friends who have rallied behind us during such a difficult time. We could not do this without the support of each and every one of

them."

When asked what people could do to help Rya, her mom simply replied, "Please just be kind to people. When someone cuts you off in traffic try to pause before reacting. You never know if that person just left an appointment that changed the entire course of their lives. Everyone has things in their life that they are dealing with, just be compassionate as often as possible."

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and find purpose in fulfilling our important mission of helping older adults live with purpose and joy," said

Linda Thompson, Hebrew SeniorLife chief people officer. "The survey data showed that working here

makes people feel like they're part of something meaningful, and that HSL operates by strong values.

RHS SPEECH & DEBATE AT LINCOLN SUDBURY



The Revere High School Speech and Debate team competed at the Lincoln Sudbury Warrior Showdown this past Saturday at Lincoln Sudbury High School. Dina Oufessa placed sixth in Declamation, Heba Maroune placed sixth in Novice Oral Interpretation, and Alex Gracias placed second in Program Oral Interpretation. The team will be competing Saturday in the Holly Tournament at Natick High School. Pictured from Left to Right: Dina Oufessa, Salsabil Mendoza, Adam Ouldzenagui, Matheus Freitas, Alexandra Gracias, Raihan Ahmed, Heba Maroune, Fatima Baoussouh, and Daniela Santana Baez.

We see this every day in the quality of care and the experience our employees provide, and the way we are looked to by the health and senior care industries as a standard-bearer. Our greatest strength is the people of Hebrew SeniorLife."

"The best employers are always striving to put their people first, whether they're honoring small individual accomplishments or adjusting company-wide policies to become more inclusive," said Katie Johnston, the Globe's Top Places to Work editor.

The rankings in Top Places to Work are based on confidential survey information collected by Energage (formerly WorkplaceDynamics), an independent company specializing in employee engagement and retention, from more than 137,000 individuals at 347 Massachusetts organizations. The winners are constantly working to improve their workplaces, from investigating how artificial intelligence can assist workers, not replace them,

to helping workers get to know each other in an increasingly hybrid world.

BOSTON UNITY SOCCER PARTNERS HOST COMMUNITY EVENT IN PREP FOR NWSL EXPANSION TEAM AND WHITE STADIUM RENOVATION

On Thursday, December 7, the Boston Unity Soccer Partners (BUSP) ownership group hosted nearly 100 fans and community members at the Round-

head Brewing Company as an opportunity to hear their passion, ideas, and feedback for the upcoming Boston NWSL team, which was announced earlier this year. Attendees were given the opportunity to speak one-on-one with the group, submit their team name ideas for consideration, and snag limited-edition merchandise. Hosted at Massachusetts' first Latino-owned brewery, the event was filled with sports fans excited for Boston's newest team!



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Boston Unity Soccer Partners Controlling Partner Jennifer Epstein addresses fans in attendance as managing partners Ami Kuan Danoff (far left), Stephanie Connaughton (middle), and Anna Palmer (far right) join in the remarks.



Group of fans, community members and NWSL Boston supporters gather for a photo at Roundhead Brewing Company in Hyde Park, MA.

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THANK YOU, GOV. HEALEY, SEN. WARREN, AND SEC. SANTIAGO

We wish to offer a sincere “Thank you” to Governor Maura Healey, U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, and Dr. Jon Santiago (Massachusetts’ first-ever Secretary of the Executive Office of Veterans’ Services) for affirming their commitment to veterans at last week’s ribbon-cutting for the new, state-of-the-art residential facility at the Chelsea Soldiers Home.

All three of our state officials -- who were joined by Denis McDonough, the U.S. Veterans Affairs Secretary in the Cabinet of President Joe Biden -- spoke eloquently and movingly about the renewed dedication to the welfare of our state’s veterans, who all-too-often have been neglected at the national level and, during the pandemic, were neglected at our state’s veterans homes.

Senator Warren spoke emotionally about how her brother, who served 248 combat missions in Vietnam, succumbed to COVID-19, as did so many other veterans, because of the lack of care that they were afforded.

However, last Friday’s ribbon-cutting in Chelsea writes a new chapter for veterans in our state. We have no doubt that under the leadership of Governor Healey and Secretary Santiago, and with the support of Senator Warren and Secretary McDonough at the national level, our veterans will be treated with the respect and dignity that they rightly deserve for the sacrifices they have made for our country.

YES, THOSE COLLEGE PRESIDENTS WERE WRONG

We never thought that we would find ourselves agreeing on anything with Elise Stefanik, the obnoxious Congresswoman from New York. But, as the saying goes, “Even a broken clock is right twice a day,” and we concur with the call by Stefanik (who appeared to be auditioning for the role of running mate with Donald Trump) for the presidents of Penn (who has resigned), Harvard, and MIT to step down after their widely-publicized testimony last week in Washington.

Stefanik tossed each of them what should have been a softball question:

“Does calling for the genocide of Jews violate your school’s rules or code of conduct, yes or no?”

The obvious answer was an unequivocal “Yes!” for the simple reason that calling for the genocide of any group should constitute a violation of their schools’ rules of conduct against intimidation or harassment of their students.

But all three presidents prevaricated, answering with a variation of, “It is a context-dependent decision, congresswoman.”

We wish to make two points:

First, there is no stronger advocate of free speech than this newspaper. However, that does not mean that if we received a letter to the editor from say, the Ku Klux Klan, the American Nazi Party, or a similar group, that we would print it on the pages of our newspaper. If someone wants to stand on a soapbox in their town square and give a hate speech, they are free to do so -- good luck with that. Hate speech is protected from government interference per the First Amendment (unless it incites violence), but it does not require private individuals or media organizations to allow the use of their platforms by someone who espouses hate. Similarly, universities have a right -- and an obligation -- to ensure that hate speech does not find an outlet on their campuses.

Secondly, universities such as Penn, Harvard, and MIT typically enforce rules against hate speech when it comes to statements against other groups. For example, every one of those schools would never give permission for students to organize a KKK group or allow the KKK to hold a rally on their campus. But there seems to be a double-standard when it comes to Israel and the Jews. If a student group wants to protest Israel’s bombing of civilians in Gaza, that’s a perfectly-appropriate discussion. On the other hand, demonstrations “cailing for the genocide of Jews” (or any other group) never should be allowed under any circumstances.

In the “context” of the current situation in the Middle East, two things can be true at the same time: It is appropriate to acknowledge that Israel has a right to eliminate the threat posed by the Iran-backed Hamas terrorists and also fair to criticize the Israeli government for its seeming indifference to the ongoing humanitarian disaster facing the people of Gaza.

But when opposition to the policies of the Israeli government veers into obvious anti-Semitism, good people on all sides of the issue must take a stand on behalf of basic moral principles. Those college presidents, who relied on the notes from their attorneys to parse what was a simple and straightforward question, flunked their oral exam. Their subsequent “apologies” have been feckless and meaningless -- and they should step down from their position as the heads of universities where moral leadership is as important as academic credentials.

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Council approves lease of parking spaces by VFW

By Adam Swift

The City Council approved a request that will allow the Beachmont VFW on Bennington Street to lease out 22 of its parking spaces during the day.

The council did limit the parking in those spaces from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. after concerns were raised about making sure there was enough parking at the VFW for evening events.

Representatives for the VFW previously stated that the spaces will be leased out mainly for construction workers and vehicles associated with the residential development project across the street on Bennington Street for the next several years. They also stated that the request is an attempt for the VFW to bring in additional income.

“I am not against this, I am just concerned that when they have an event,” said Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky prior to the request being amended. “If they are going to do 24-hour parking there, it’s going to be a problem.”

Councillor-at-Large and zoning subcommittee chair Anthony Zambuto

said he did not believe there was the intent to have 24-hour parking in the lot, and agreed to conditions to limit the parking hours.

Novoselsky said he also had concerns about the parking in the lot after the estimated three-year length of the Bennington street construction project.

“I don’t see the three years as being relevant,” said Zambuto.

Novoselsky said he was fine with there not being a restriction on how long the VFW would allow the parking spaces to be leased, as long as there

was a restriction on the hours.

Zambuto said that he did not expect that there would be any vehicles parked in the spaces past 5 p.m. He did agree to the 6 a.m. start time for parking because of the nature of the construction business.

Other conditions that were included in the approval include that the 22 parking spaces to be leased be clearly marked, the spaces not encroach on the travel aisles, and that the layout plan be approved by the city’s site plan review committee and the fire department.

Linda Sessa partnering with Revere Recreation to offer free sewing classes for Revere residents

Special to the Journal

Linda Sessa, founder of Outside the Box Learning Company, is delighted to unveil an exciting initiative in collaboration with the Revere Recreation Department. Made possible through a generous grant from the Revere Cultural Council and The Massachusetts Cultural Council, free sewing classes are set to launch, offering an empowering and engaging experience for Revere residents.

These classes are crafted to cater to beginners, providing an introduction to sewing using a machine. More than just skill-building sessions, these classes serve as a platform for individuals to cultivate new talents, foster creativity, and forge connections with fellow community members who share a passion for the art of sewing.

Classes are open to individuals of all ages, and family engagement is encouraged. Thanks to the generous grant from the Revere Cultural Council, we have been able to secure nine sewing machines, along with all the necessary notions and expenses required for the classes. This significant investment from the Revere Cultural Council reflects their dedication to the residents of Revere. Together, we are committed to enhancing the cultural life of our community by endorsing a diverse array of artistic and cultural activities.

The Sustainable Life Skills-FREE Sewing Classes, made possible by the support of the Revere Cultural Council and spearheaded by Linda Sessa, aim to empower individuals. The goal is to contribute to personal development, promote

sustainable living, and foster community building. These initiatives go beyond traditional skills, offering participants practical and creative tools that can help them save or earn money while flexing their creative muscles.

These classes stand as a tribute to the legacy of Emilio "Leo" Sessa, father of Linda Sessa and a distinguished master tailor hailing from Italy, who graced Revere with his vibrant presence. Leo, an esteemed citizen of Revere, left an indelible mark on the community, both through his exceptional tailoring skills, ice cream truck, and his unwavering commitment to fostering a more sustainable and interconnected community.

In honoring Leo's memory, these classes aim not only to impart the art of sewing but also to perpetuate his spirit of community engagement. Through this dedication, the hope is to carry forward the values of craftsmanship and community building that Leo so passionately embodied, ensuring that his positive influence continues to resonate within the heart of Revere.

The classes will begin January 4 and run on Thursdays from 3:45-5:00pm They will be held at the League for Special Needs at 200 Winthrop Ave. There will be 3 sessions of 3 classes each. The classes will cover a wide range of topics, including:

- Basic Sewing Techniques: Learn essential skills such as threading a sewing machine, stitching, and understanding different fabrics.
- Sewing buttons, hemming and making a pillow.
- Upcycling and Repurposing: Discover innovative ways to repurpose old clothes and fabrics, contributing to a more sustainable and eco-friendly lifestyle.

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• Community Crafting: Engage with fellow community members in a supportive and collaborative environment, fostering friendships and creativity.

After the classes were shared on social media, registration reached full capacity swiftly, leading to the establishment of a waiting list. This surge in demand underscores the widespread desire for essential life skills, particularly in sustainable practices like sewing. Traditionally imparted in educational institutions, these valuable skills have shifted to enrichment and recreation programs for today’s learners. Currently, accommodating everyone interested in this program is not feasible. However, with assistance, support and backing from community members, organizations, and local businesses, we can introduce more sustainable life skills classes to benefit local residents. Linda is enthusiastic about partnering with your agency to expand the availability of similar programs.

For more information about getting on the wait-list and/or other programs or services offered by Linda Sessa, please contact:

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Linda Sessa believes in the power of education and skill building to transform lives and is committed to making these valuable skills accessible to everyone in the community especially children and families. She travels around bringing engaging, interactive, and fun classes to, communities, families, schools, organizations, homeschoolers, libraries, recreation departments, forests, beaches, parties etc. She is a homeschool mom, HiSET teacher, artist, naturist, cook, explorer and a lifetime student. The interactive classes offered are based around:

- Building Community/Social Skills
- Nature Appreciation and Symbiotic Living
- Building Sustainable Life Skills/Home Economics
- Stimulating Creativity and Problem-Solving Skills
- Embracing Neurodivergence
- Celebrating Diversity
- Encouraging Exploration & Outside the Box Thinking

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Raffaele G. Rizzo

Like so many of his generation, he had a tremendous work ethic

Family and friends attended visiting hours on Tuesday, December 12th in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Raffaele G. Rizzo, who died on Saturday, December 9th at the Kaplan Family Hospice in Danvers following a brief battle with prostate cancer. He was 94 years old. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere at 11 a.m., followed by entombment in Woodlawn Cemetery Versailles Mausoleum, Everett.

Raffaele was born in his native land of Chiusano, San Domenico, Italy. It was there he was raised along with his eight brothers and sisters. He was also educated there and, like many of his generation, he had a tremendous work ethic. Raffaele, worked as a train engineer for the railroad in Switzerland, being away for many months at a time. During this time, he married his wife, Maria G. (DiPierro) and had a daughter and a son while in Italy. Raffaele decided to make a change and moved to the United States in 1966, landing in Boston's North End, then moving to Revere in 1977. Raffaele worked as a butcher at Rodman's in Boston for over 10 years before retiring. He enjoyed being surrounded by his family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren, nothing mattered more to him than family. He was also a very good handy man repairing or replacing anything that needed to be fixed. His



passion was his garden. He loved growing vegetables, fruits and plants. His family always got to enjoy his harvest each year.

The beloved husband of 59 years of the late Maria G. (DiPierro) Rizzo, he was the loving father of Antonietta Picardi and her husband, Robert and Ermelindo "Lenny" Rizzo and his wife, Maria, all of Revere; cherished nonno of Amy Salvati and her husband, Joseph of Salisbury, Robert A. Picardi, Anthony Rizzo, Johnny Rizzo and Linda (Rizzo) Fillion and her husband, David, all of Revere and the late Raffaele "Ralph" Rizzo and his wife, Melissa Rizzo of Revere; adored great nonno of Julian, Mia, Melinda, Jeannett, Julia, Ava, Dylan and Ryder; dear brother of Ermelindo Rizzo of Italy and seven late brothers and sisters.

Please OMIT flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave. 17 Fl., Chicago, IL 60601. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertucciosmithvazza.com. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals.

Giuseppa Cunsolo

She lived her life devoted to her family

Giuseppa (Viola) Cunsolo of Revere died unexpectedly at her home on Saturday, December 9th. She recently celebrated her 82nd birthday on December 4th.

Giuseppa was born on December 4, 1941. Together with her husband, they moved from Pietraperzia to East Boston in 1973 and finally to Revere in 1995. She lived her life devoted to her family, who were always her top priority.

The beloved wife of the late Rocco Cunsolo, she was the loving mother of Vincenzo Cunsolo and his wife, Viviana of Peabody, Michele unsolo and Giuseppe Cunsolo, both of Casale, Italy and Filippo Cunsolo of Revere; cherished grandmother of Rocco Cunsolo of Revere, Vincenzo Cunsolo and his wife, Maria of Somerville, and the late Rocco Cunsolo; dear sister of Maria Viola, Sara Viola, and Calogero "Lillo" Viola, all of Italy and the late Salvatore Viola, the late Concetta Viola, the late Vincenza Salvaggio and the late Filippo Viola. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, in the United States and Italy.

Family and friends are



respectfully invited to attend visiting hours today, Wednesday, December 13th from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St. Revere. A funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Thursday, December 14th at 9 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere. Interment will immediately follow in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. In lieu of flowers please make a donation in Giuseppa's memory to a charity of your choice. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertucciosmithvazza.com. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals.

Joan Sposito

"Of Revere

Joan (Fenno) Sposito of Revere passed away on December 4 at the age of 89.

Born in Newark, NJ on January 27, 1934 to the late Armando Fenno and Mildred (Mastrangelo), she was the beloved wife of 49 years to the late Arthur Sposito, devoted mother of Carl Sposito and his wife, Trina of Billerica, adored grandmother of Nicole Sposito and her fiancé, Anthony Grasseti, and Samantha Sposito and dear sister of the late Marie Serafini and her surviving husband, Robert of Malden. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

A visitation was held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Re-



vere on Friday, December 8 followed by Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church in Revere. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Joan's name to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave, Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or at www.alz.org. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Jean Cabelus

Retired Registered Nurse

Family and friends attended a Funeral Mass on Tuesday, December 12 in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere, for Jean E. (McPherson) Cabelus, who died on Thursday, December 7 at her home surrounded by her loving family following a brief illness. She was 80 years old. In keeping with Jean's wishes, visiting hours were omitted and interment will be held privately.

Jean was born on January 6, 1943 in Boston to her late parents, William D. and Mary Ruth (Campbell) McPherson. She was one of four children raised and educated in Roslindale. Jean was a graduate of St. Clair High School, Class of 1961. Jean went to business school and next worked at MIT on the Apollo space program as a clerical assistant. Jean then switched career paths and pursued nursing as her career and calling. She graduated from Somerville School of Nursing and became an RN working at East Boston Neighborhood Health Center and the VA Clinic in Lynn.

In 1973, she married her husband, Richard Cabelus. The couple moved to Revere and shortly after began their family together. Jean was a proud mother of her two children and provided a loving home. She welcomed her grandchildren happily and proudly. She treasured her family, including her sisters.

Jean supported many charitable organizations, especially My Brothers Table in Lynn. Jean was a woman who loved the beach and water. She was an avid swimmer and would swim Revere Beach, the Paris Street Pool in East Boston, and then later the YMCA of Lynn. Jean enjoyed traveling, gardening, historical and political talks, and her political stance.



The beloved wife of the late Richard S. Cabelus, Sr., she was the loving mother of

Dianne M. Cabelus-Brale and her husband, Jason of Byfield and Richard S.

Cabelus, Jr. and his wife, Amy of Harvard; cherished grandmother of Christopher S.

Pierce of Byfield, Kayla Braley of Haverhill, Alexandria R. Cabelus and Jack

Walsh, both of Harvard; treasured sister of Theresa R. McPherson and Guy

Monestime of Torrence, CA, Margaret M. McPherson of Revere, Anne Marie

Hamman and her late husband, Edward. She is also lovingly survived by several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Please OMIT flowers. At the family's request, please make donations in Jean's memory to My Brothers Table, 98 Willow St, Lynn, MA 01901. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertucciosmithvazza.com. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals.

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Anthony Capano

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Anthony (Cap-py) Capano died peacefully at home on December 4.

Anthony was born on June 19, 1935. He was a lifelong resident of Revere. After attending Revere schools, Anthony enlisted in the US Navy. He traveled the world aboard aircraft carriers. He still would talk about his Navy days with great wonder and appreciation. Anthony then came home to reside in Revere for the rest of his life. He was a proud member of Teamsters, Local 25. He lived close to Revere Beach and loved long walks on the shore. Anthony also loved woodworking. He enjoyed building models with intricate detail, many of which he made for his children. He also loved his flower gardens and took great pride in his plantings. Anthony cherished his three grandchildren and was loyal and dedicated to visiting them every Sunday for the last 17 years.

He is survived by his daughter, Donna (Capano) Wells and her husband, Richard Wells of Chester, NH, his sons, Anthony Capano Jr. and his wife,



Sandra of Concord, MA., and his son, Michael Capano and his wife, Jaime of Derry, NH along with many nieces and nephews and friends. He was a loving grandfather "Papa" to Ariana M. Capano, Jordan A. Capano and Brody M. Capano. Anthony was pre-deceased by his late wife, Angelina (Spinale) Capano and his parents, Luigi and Rosaria Capano and the loving brother of the late Connie Pantano, Eugenia Russo and Albert Capano.

Family and friends gathered to honor and remember Anthony on Saturday, December 9 at Buonfiglio Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church and burial at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Paul Shaughnessy

Retired Machine Tool Technician

Paul J. Shaughnessy, 63, of Lynn, formerly of Revere, passed away on December 8th after a long illness at the age of 63.

Paul was predeceased by his beloved wife of 30 years, Linda M.; the cherished father of Joseph P. and his wife, Cindy and Matthew P. and his wife, MaryEllen, all of Lynn; devoted grandfather of Sophia Shaughnessy, Tiffany and Matthew; dear brother of Michael Shaughnessy and his wife, Jeannine of Revere and the son of the late Virginia Shaughnessy of Revere.

Paul was a machine tool technician. He worked all across the country and a former employee of Bridgeport, ANCA and Magellan Aerospace, retiring in 2019 to enjoy being a grandfather, golfing, gardening, wine making, and cooking.

Family and Friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours on Friday, De-



ember 15th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere, followed by Funeral Mass in Saint Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere at 12 Noon. Interment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertucciosmithvazza.com. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals.

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shared community and green spaces. The home is also fossil-fuel free and features geothermal wells and a rooftop solar array.

“Cutting a ribbon on a new community living center really resonates because today’s Department of Veterans Affairs traces its very roots to what were essentially community living centers for vets,” said McDonough. “The first one was in Maine ... the second one was in Massachusetts.”

McDonough said today’s community living centers offer a full spectrum of care that includes skilled nursing, rehabilitative services, mental health services and integrate support services

like physical therapy and recreational activities and social engagement programs.

“What hasn’t changed in that time is the courage, the character, and the dignity of the veterans who call this, and will call this, home,” he said.

Santiago said the mission of the new facility is to honor those who have selflessly served the nation.

“Although we can’t change the past, we can shape the future,” said Santiago. “The Veterans Home at Chelsea represents a pivotal juncture in our ongoing mission to honor our veterans through top-tier care and support.”



U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Denis McDonough, Gov. Maura Healey, and State Secretary of Veterans Services Jon Santiago are pictured as they tour the new facility before the ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Chelsea City Council President Leo Robinson (left) and Revere City Councillor and Soldiers Home Trustee Ira Novoselsky (right), both of whom are veterans of the Vietnam War era, greet U.S. Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough (center) at the ribbon-cutting ceremony last Friday for the new long-term care facility for veterans at the Chelsea Soldiers Home.



Governor Maura Healey (center) is flanked by U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren and Dr. Jon Santiago, the Mass. Secretary of the Executive Office of Veterans’ Services, as they cut the ribbon for the new long-term care facility for veterans at the Chelsea Soldiers Home last Friday. Among the other officials on hand for the ceremony were Chelsea City Council President Leo Robinson (far left), State Senator Sal DiDomenico (second from left), Acting Soldiers Home Supt. Robert Engell (third from left), Revere City Councilor Ira Novoselsky (who is to the left of Santiago), and Chelsea State Rep. Judith Garcia (who is to the left of Novoselsky).

Currently, 22 residents have moved into the new home, and all residents are expected to be fully moved into the new home by early 2024.

“This is a chance to show just how much we care about our veterans,” said Warren. “This is not just about words, this is about putting those words into action.”

Warren thanked the Healey-Driscoll administration and Santiago for ensuring that the Veterans Home in Chelsea provides first-rate care to all veterans. She also thanked McDonough for coming up to the ribbon cutting to help celebrate the progress that is being made for veterans in Massachusetts.

“A very special thank you to Senator (Sal) DiDomenico and Representative (Judith) Garcia who are champions for their community every day and helped get the funding so we could do this,” said Warren.

The Healey-Driscoll administration utilized federal funding in its Capital Improvement Plan to construct new veterans homes in Chelsea and Holyoke. The federal government is offering up to 65 percent reimbursement for the projects, with the state contributing a 35 percent match, resulting in a total five-year state investment of \$280.1 million. The cost of the Chelsea Home is approximately \$200 million, with a significant

portion covered by the federal investment.

Representing the families of the veterans families, Mary Bender spoke about the experience of her family and her brother, who lives at the home.

“My brother Jim, a proud Army veteran, has been a resident here since April of 2022,” said Bender. “Jim had a long career as an ATF investigator when he first began having strokes. He soon became disabled.”

When her brother was first accepted into the Chelsea home, Bender said she and her four sisters were on hand to make sure he was well taken care of.

“When we first got here, this building was standing, but not yet open,” she said. “We were not impressed by the (old) building at all, but it did not take us long to realize that Jim had a host of dedicated caregivers. So we would look longingly at this building, waiting for the day when the building would be as wonderful as his staff.”

“On Oct. 18, that day



C. Andrew McCawley, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the New England Center and Home for Veterans, and U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren were among the many dignitaries on hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremonies last Friday for the state-of-the-art, long-term care facility for veterans at the Chelsea Soldiers Home.

arrived, Jim moved into a clean, bright room with breathtaking views and a new TV,” said Bender. “As family members, we

were also glad to see all the safety features ... but most importantly to us, this place is so welcoming and open.”



The Bender Family. Left to Right Back Row: Mass. Secretary of Executive Office of Veterans Services Jon Santiago, Governor Maura Healey, U.S. Secretary of Veteran Affairs Denis McDonough, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Mary Bender, Helen Bender and Cathy Patton. First Row: Resident Veteran Jim Bender and Carol Bender. Resident Jim Bender with four of his five sisters gets a visit, and has the honor of hearing his sister, Mary Bender, speak during the ribbon cutting about the family’s experience at the Veterans Home at Chelsea.

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Sports

RHS SPORTS *Roundup*

SUPERB PERFORMANCES FOR RHS BOYS TRACK AT MSTCA WINTER FESTIVAL

The Revere High boys indoor track and field team turned in a number of tremendous performances at Sunday's MSTCA Winter Festival Meet at the Reggie Lewis Center.

Senior JV Cunha placed second overall in the 600 meter dash, the highest placement of the day for the Patriots, with a clocking of 1:27.27. Teammate Kenan Batic ran a strong second in his heat, which was Kenan's first time running the 600 in an invitational as he moves to shorter distances.

A trio of Patriots achieved personal records (PRs) in the 1000 meter event, led by Youness Chahid, who placed fourth overall (and first in his heat) with a new PR

of 2:50.09. "This was a breakout performance for Youness," said RHS head coach David Fleming.

Edwin Alarcon, running in the 1000 for the first time, took first place in his heat; beating a runner from Somerville. "Edwin moved into the lead with about a lap to go," said Fleming. "He looked smooth and comfortable and is ready to run faster."

Teammate Mo Fares also ran a strong race, turning in a PR by seven seconds.

The Revere shot-put contingent also earned three PRs, recording two throws over 40 feet, paced by Allen Hou, who set a PR with a toss of 41'-5". Kevin Purcifull established a PR with a throw of 40'-5" and Nico Aguirre, fresh from the football season, also PR'd with his throw of 38'-9.5".

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Revere boxers showcased at local boxing event

By Melissa Moore-Randall

Boxers from Revere Boxing Outreach Program participated in the Winter Warfare Boxing Competition at Bernardo Boxing in Fall River. The USA Boxing sanctioned event paired Revere's Pedro Rodriguez Bedoya and Elias Ruiz with some strong competition. "We may not have come home with a W, but our Revere boys stepped up and fought two great fighters without any hesitation. We will continue to develop and improve, brick by brick, day by day," said Joe Singer, one of the founders of the program and one of Revere's School Resource Officers. The program will be highlighted again in the New England Silver Gloves Tournament on December 16th and 17th in Winthrop with Jamil Orchi representing Revere.

Revere Boxing Outreach is a nonprofit organization designed to uplift the youths and families in the city of Revere. Revere Boxing Outreach creates a safe and welcoming environment under the guidelines of the USA Boxing Athlete and Non-Athlete Code of Conduct and USA Boxing's Safesport Police Handbook, which focuses on recognizing, reducing, and responding to misconduct in sport. In collaboration with USA Boxing, Revere Boxing Outreach endeavors to teach all participants the character, confidence, and focus they need to become resilient and diverse champions, both in and out of the ring.

If you would like more information about the boxing program, you can email them at Revereboxingoutreach@gmail.com.



Revere's Pedro Rodriguez Bedoya and Elias Ruiz with trainer and RPD Resource Officer Joe Singer.

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RHS Tide members, Frankie Annunziata, Ollie Svendsen and Matthew Lacroix.

Tide Coaching Staff: Jamie Branzell, Kirk Toomajian, Ryan Cerrato and Head Coach Craig Richards.

Head Coach Craig Richards with the combined varsity Tide Hockey Team.

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District Attorney Hayden launches multi-agency effort to help residents spot, avoid scams

Special to the Journal

District Attorney Kevin Hayden has announced the formation of Suffolk County Fraud Fighters, a multi-agency external effort designed to help Boston, Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop residents identify and avoid scams, schemes and other nefarious efforts to gain their trust—and their money.

“Scammers have been with us since there’s been money to scam. But today’s technology has opened up many more methods for these predators to reach unsuspecting members of our society, gain their trust and then fleece them out of every dollar they have. They’re constantly coming up with new frauds, and we need to stay current with

them— or better, a step ahead—to keep our residents from getting drawn in,” Hayden said.

The first Fraud Fighters presentation will take place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 14 at the Kroc Center at 650 Dudley Street in Roxbury. The program will include a multi-media presentation and speakers from the various participating organizations.

Fraud Fighters presentations will be scheduled in other venues throughout Suffolk County, Hayden said.

“We’re going to reach as many people as possible as often as possible, because that’s exactly what the con artists are doing. They’re doing it by every means available, including emails, telephone calls,

texts, physical contact and urgent, phony pop-up messages on computers. Our goal is to update our presentation whenever they update their scams,” Hayden said.

Several units in Hayden’s office are involved in Fraud Fighters, including the Civil Rights/High-Risk Victims Unit, the Special Prosecutions Unit and the Community Engagement Unit.

Also involved are the Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop and Revere police departments, the Boston Housing Authority, the Vine Street Community Center, Hebrew Senior Life, Central Boston Elder Services, Metro Credit Union, Mystic Valley Elder Services and the US Secret Service.

Hayden said the effort

is aimed at education and awareness regarding the methods and tactics of scams and scammers, such as the telephone scam earlier this year featuring callers claiming to be representatives of Hayden’s office, and the recent case of an elderly woman in Winthrop who paid out \$35,000 to a bitcoin scam.

“We and our Fraud Fighters partners are committed to giving older adults and all other community members the information and awareness necessary to spot a scam before they fall victim to it. The people that conceive and execute these scams are cunning, convincing and ruthless. Education is the best weapon against getting fleeced by their ever-changing schemes,” Hayden said.

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In the 55 meter dash, Hou broke the seven-second mark with a sprint of 6.99, a strong early-season time, and just missed the finals by .02 (6.97 was the cut-off).

In the 55 meter hurdles event, the Patriots were missing their ace hurdler, Isaiah DeCrosta, who is injured, but Farj Riazi made the finals with a PR clocking of 9.88. In the high jump, Richard Vilme took sixth place with a strong early-season jump of 5’-8".

A quartet of underclassmen shone in the 4 x 200 relay. Youcef Benhamou, Oliver Escobar, Geo Woodard, and Jeremy X, three sophomores and a junior (Benhamou and Woodard played football), won their heat and placed sixth overall with an outstanding time of 1:38.86, which was less than a half-second behind last indoor season's best time (1:38.47).

Fleming and his Patriot squad will open their 2024 dual-meet indoor season this Friday when they trek back to the Reggie Lewis Center to take on Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Somerville. All of the GBL's dual meets will be held at the Reggie this season. Revere will meet their other six GBL opponents (Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Lynn English, and Lynn Classical) in three tri-meets in January.

STRONG SHOWING FOR RHS GIRLS TRACK AT MSTCA WINTER FESTIVAL

A contingent of the Revere High girls indoor track and field team turned in some outstanding performances at this past weekend's MSTCA Winter Festival to kick off the indoor season.

"We're excited to be back out on the track," said RHS head coach Racquel MacDonald. "We had 11 girls from the track team compete and overall we saw some great times, jumps, and throws for the first invitational.

"It really shows how hard the girls were working in the off-season to come back just as strong as they ended last year," MacDonald added.

Junior Liv Yuong had an outstanding meet and placed highest among all of the Lady Patriot athletes. Liv took home fifth place overall in the 55m hurdles with a time of 10.07 and placed second overall in the high jump with a leap of 5’- 5", which already qualifies her for the D1 State Meet in February.

Senior captain Giselle Salvador opened up her season in the 55m dash with a personal record (PR)-tying time of 8.29. Sophomore Olivia Rupp ran the mile in 6:09.19, which is only seven seconds off Olivia's PR from last year. Danni Hope Randall also landed close to her last year's PR in the 300m with a time of 48.31. Gemma Stamatopoulos, a newcomer to the Lady Patriot indoor track

team, had a great first meet with a clocking of 1:53 in the 600m and a leap of 4’- 6" in the high jump.

"We're looking forward to opening up our GBL season on Friday versus Somerville," said MacDonald, whose full squad will return to the Reggie Lewis Center this Friday to open their 2024 dual-meet indoor season against Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Somerville. All of the GBL dual meets will be held at the Reggie this season. Revere will meet their other six GBL opponents (Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Lynn English, and Lynn Classical) in three tri-meets in January..

RHS GIRLS BASKETBALL HOSTS ENGLISH TOMORROW

The Revere High girls basketball team will host Greater Boston League rival Lynn English tomorrow (Thursday) at the Merullo Fieldhouse at Revere High.

New RHS head coach Ariana Rivera's squad dropped their season-opener last Thursday at Northeastern Conference foe Marblehead, 33-24. Haley Belloise topped the Lady Patriots's scoring column with eight points, while Alisha Jean pulled down a team-high nine rebounds.

"We competed hard with Marblehead," said Rivera. "It was clearly a defensive game on both ends. We struggled to take care of the basketball, committing 18 turnovers as a team. We are looking forward to starting GBL play this week."

Rivera and her crew hosted GBL opponent Lynn Classical last night (Tuesday). After tomorrow night's encounter with Lynn English, they will trek to Medford next Tuesday and to Chelsea next Thursday.

RHS BOYS BASKETBALL OPENS SEASON THIS WEEK

The Revere High boys basketball team opened its 2024 season last night (Tuesday) with a contest at Greater Boston League (GBL) foe Lynn Classical. The Patriots will travel to Lynn English tomorrow (Thursday) evening and then will come home to face Medford next Tuesday and Chelsea next Thursday. The opening tip for all of the contests is set for 7:00.

Coach David Leary's crew, who will be led by senior captains Andrew Leone and Luke Ellis, will meet all seven of their GBL rivals (Lynn English, Lynn Classical, Chelsea, Everett, Medford, Malden, and Somerville) twice each. Revere will round out its 20-game schedule with contests against four non-league opponents in the Patriot Christmas Holiday and President's Day vacation tournaments, plus home-and-home encounters with Greater Lowell.

RESIDENTS ON HONOR ROLL AT ST. JOHN’S PREP

St. John’s Prep recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the first quarter of the 2023–2024 school year, which ended

on March 24, 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 First Quarter 2023–2024.

- Principal’s List**
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Mejia-Villalta, Melkim A	Buccilli, Paula M	83 Vane St	\$760,000
Hadjidi, Mehdi	Garbarino, Patricia A	86 Crescent Ave	\$625,000
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Cano-Velez, Isidoro D	Trickett, Paul F	282 Squire Rd	\$525,000
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Revere's Mayoralty Foursome Promises Sensational Finish Next Tuesday

SOLICITOR RULES AGAINST SALARY ORDINANCE PLAN

The Revere City Council conducted a brief and uneventful regular weekly meeting Monday night, with Council James Robertson acting as president pro-tem.

City Solicitor Wendell P. Murray sent in a communication to the Council in which he disapproved the proposed new ordinance of the salaries of city officials. This ordinance calls for a reduction of \$1500 in the mayor's salary and of \$500 in the salary of the city engineer, all others remaining unchanged as presented in last week's JOURNAL.

In his communication, which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, Mr. Murray said:

"I acknowledge the receipt of proposed ordinance establishing salaries for certain elective and appointive officers and employees of the City of Revere, and requiring my ruling thereon.

"This proposed ordinance is, as I understand it, precisely in the same language as that of a similar proposed ordinance on which I was requested to send an opinion in November, 1931, and with reference to which I did write my view in a communication to the City Council dated November 30, 1931, which is doubtless on file.

"May I respectfully refer you to this communication for my view of such proposed ordinance."

In summing up a seven-page type-written opinion, the city solicitor says "In my opinion, the jurisdiction of the council is limited to passing upon the items of salary by way of approval, omission or diminution of items as they originate in the budget which proceeds from the mayor, and that the proposed ordinance is not within the power of the municipal council of the city of Revere."

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REVERE TRUST CO. TO PAY SECOND DIVIDEND DEC. 14

A second dividend of 10 per cent will be paid to the depositors of the savings department of the Revere Trust Company on next Wednesday, December 14, it was announced this week by John W. Corcoran, liquidating agent.

The first dividend, one of 15 per cent, was paid on July 27 last. The second dividend will call for the payment of a total of \$90,337.57 to the savings depositors. No dividend has yet been paid to the commercial depositors.

Recount for State Offices To Take Place Here On Sunday

The recount of the votes cast for Lieutenant-Governor and Secretary of State in the recent State election and the votes cast in the Senatorial contest in the First Suffolk District will be held on Sunday in the Revere City Hall. The count will start at 9:30 a. m.

Miss Markell Accompanies Talented Chelsea Violinist

At a Salvation Army Home League concert given last evening in Chelsea by Harry K. Bittell, talented violinist, of that city, at the citadel, Chelsea square, Miss Edith Markell, of this city accompanied him at the piano.

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'SPOOKY TAVERN' TO BE GIVEN BY TRINITY CHURCH

Trinity Church parishioners will present "Spooky Tavern" at the Revere High School auditorium on next Tuesday evening. "Spooky Tavern" is one of the very latest mystery plays. The following cast of characters are well chosen for their several abilities:

Lon Hacker, the owner of Spooky Tavern, Lawrence Reed; the Ghost Woman who haunts Spooky Tavern, Dorothy Eells; Lucy Hacker, a spiritualist medium, Madeline FitzGerald; Joyce Wingate, a resourceful college girl, Myra Boddington; Florabelle Wingate, her younger sister, Elizabeth Appley; Bedilla, the two girls' colored mammy, Emeline Edwards; Ralph Channing, a senior, in love with Joyce, Ernest Deacon; Terry Tanner, a junior in the same fix, Frank Reed; Willie Worgle, a stuttering freshman afraid of ghosts, Frank Meharg; Blackie Simms, Faron's former henchman, Herbert Barnes; Faron, known as the Creeper, John Lane.

This play is presented to help defray the expenses of the publication of the weekly paper, "The Trinity Times."

An added attraction will be the appearance of Miss Zylpha James, well known stage dancer. Miss James will give several selections between the acts.

Presentation Club Here Monday Meets Ramblers at Lincoln Gym

The Presentation Club of Brighton will be the next opponent of the Ramblers in the Greater Boston Basketball League schedule. The Presentationists come to the Abraham Lincoln School gym on next Monday evening to meet the Ramblers in a league game.

Among the many stars to be found in the lineup of the Presentation Club are, Romano, Tosi, Downs and Maloney, all former Boston College stars. This team is a new member of the league this year and is expected to be in the running for the championship right through the league season.

The Ramblers, after shifting their lineup considerably, feel that they are now ready to give even the best teams in the league a stiff battle for honors.

On Sunday evening a bridge was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Litwalk, Bickford avenue. Mrs. A. Kipnis and Mr. A. Meyer were the winners. Refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Litwalk.



CHARLES H. WHITE

All Candidates Confident of Election As Quietest Yet Most Thorough Local Campaign Draws Near A Close; Republican Committee Members Bolt Party; Threatening Letters Circulated; Important Rallies Ahead; City Serene Withal

By CARLETON B. HOVEY

But three days more, then comes the grand finale to probably the quietest, yet beyond all question of doubt one of the most thorough local campaigns ever to be conducted in the city of Revere. Unique to practically all preceding incidents, there are four able candidates in line for the office of mayor of this city, as well as plenty of office-seekers for all openings, in this campaign.

The new well-known "every man for himself" battle is rapidly drawing to a close. There has been no real "cut-throat" action on the part of any of the many candidates. The customary "hurrah" of the contests seems to be lacking—so far, at any rate. Between now and next Tuesday there are a number of rallies scheduled, and excitement may ensue in that time.

Republicans Bolt Party

In the course of the week's events, politically speaking, probably the most spectacular was the resignation of members of the Republican city committee from their party affiliations in order to support the present mayor, Andrew A. Casassa, who, defeated in the City Primary for the Republican nomination by Charles H. White, president of the City Council, is now endeavoring to retain his position on the Independent slate. Acting under the policy made by the State organization, Peter F. Conley, chairman of the local committee, severed his connections with that group, one of the first, and has been followed by many others. He states that "practically half of the seventy-five members of the city committee are for Mayor Casassa" and will follow in line to support him if necessary.

The position taken by the State organization under the present chairman, Amos L. Taylor, and with which the Revere group complied is that while individuals have the right to their own person choice of candidates, they should not as a group support others than duly nominated candidates and that before they back independent aspirants they should resign from party organizations, whether city, town or ward committees or Republican clubs or societies acting under charters authorized by the State committee. Resignation is the only "honorable thing" under such circumstances, according to the State committee's view.

Working on a program of protecting his administration, Mayor Casassa has been chiefly conducting his campaign on the basis of the following statement:

"During my administration as your mayor, I have given efficient, honest service, based on sane, sensible economy. I have watched over our city as though it was my own private business. The tax rate has been reduced, and the City debt has been reduced to the lowest point in the last twelve years. This type of service should be continued for the sake of the taxpayers of our City."

Threatening Notes Around

During the past week, a number of threatening messages were reported as received by voters in all parts of the city. Twelve of these were turned over to Chief Postal Inspector Park D. Colvin last weekend. These all threatened the receivers' lives if they continued to support the candidacy of Charles A. White, Republican mayoralty candidate. No trace of their origin has been found as yet, however.

These twelve letters in only two instances were addressed in handwriting. Otherwise the addresses were typed on the envelopes. The contents were all made up from words evidently clipped from newspapers and pasted into crude sentences.

They threatened recipients with death and violence and warned them to stop aiding the White campaign in any way. The letters were on paper of a cheap variety and pasted in with the words, were pictures of guns and bullets.

White Club Formed

At a meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Andreottola two weeks ago a Charles H. White Club was organized. Seventy-five members were present at that time.

The following officers were elected: President, Connie Andreottola; vice-president, James Havey; secretary, Doris Gustafson; treasurer, Frank Andreottola.

The following meeting which was held Thursday, December 1, at the Charles H. White headquarters on Broadway, a membership of 140 were present. The age limit for those joining is from 19 to 40 years old.

This organization met again yesterday evening, at 8 o'clock, at which time a sorority of 66 ladies between the ages of 19 to 21, was present.

In addressing his various rallies, Mr. White has stressed the need of lowered expenditures in the city's governing. He has primarily maintained that "Since lower expenditures mean a lower tax rate, my election has been found as yet, however."

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Total Number of Fires So Far This Month 62, Says Chief

In a statement yesterday afternoon, Chief Thomas J. McCarrick of the Revere Fire Department pointed out that the number of fires, though none serious, in the first eight days of December totaled to 62, out of which 40 were grass fires occurring in the first five days.

Chief McCarrick stressed the seriousness of such a decided increase in fires in the city, especially in so brief a period of time. He said that many of the grass fires had been set by youngsters playing with matches in the fields. It is very urgent, he declared, that parents and all other adults co-operate and keep the children from setting any more grass fires, which so easily might become serious.


Husband Breaks Window Attempting To Enter Home

Mrs. John De More, 33 Grand avenue, complained last night that her husband, who had been ordered to stay away from her, went to the house earlier that evening and attempted to get in.

Mrs. De More refused to allow the man entrance and, according to the police, he proceeded to break a pane of glass, slightly cutting the woman by flying glass, before he disappeared.

It is said that the corn husks are tighter than ever this year and we have noticed that the same thing is true of the banks. All of which indicates a cold winter.

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HON. THOMAS A. NOONE

TRIO HOLDS UP STORE DARINGLY IN DAYLIGHT

Three men held up and robbed Manager James Franklin, 18, in his chain grocery store at 1616 North Shore road early yesterday morning in a daring daylight robbery, getting \$86 and making their escape.

Franklin, after being struck in the face and robbed, was forced into the cellar of the store and imprisoned. The robbers placed four 100-pound bags of potatoes on top of a trap-door in the floor to prevent his escape until they had made their getaway.

The manager was released a short time later by another employee, who came into the store to begin his day's work. Hearing Franklin's cries, he removed the potatoes and let Franklin out of the cellar.

Sergeant Henry Tracey went to the robbery scene, on receipt of a telephone message. The police searched the city for the robbers and sent an alarm over the teletype to surrounding cities.

Franklin said he had just opened up the store and was in the rear when the trio entered. Two came up to him, one striking him a severe blow in the eye, while the other took \$52 from his pocket. The third man rifled the cash register, at the front of the store of \$14 in silver.

The men then put the manager in the cellar. He says none of the men displayed pistols. He could not tell whether they had an automobile, as he saw none.

Guest Artists Assist In The Success of Fall Choir Concert

Before a large and very appreciative audience in the High School auditorium Tuesday evening, the choir of the First Methodist Church conducted its annual Fall Concert, under the able direction of Thomas Brown, Jr., choir conductor.

A number of guest artists assisted the choir with special selections, and several pieces were rendered by the Revere Junior Ensemble, consisting of Miss Dorothy Kaplan, violin; Miss Selma Olsen, piano; Miss June Hamblin, cello; and Miss Janet Collins, bass violin. Mr. Brown, Miss Hester Mattfield, Cecil Sheridan, Mrs. Florence Lyden, and C. J. Connell offered vocal selections.

The Choir, which sang "Festival Song," "Recognition of Lord," "Cribbribin," and assisted many of the soloists, includes the following: Mrs. Mary Stowers, Mrs. Janet Noel, Mrs. Lora Bailey, Mrs. Florence Lyden, Mrs. Alice Smith, Mrs. Ethel Graham, Miss Hester Mattfield, Miss Jeannie Brown, Miss Myrtle Smith, Miss Helena Snow, Miss Edna MacLeod, Miss Helen Graham, Miss Carrie Bowman, Mrs. Evelyn Tolstrup, Mr. G. J. Connell, Mr. Cecil Sheridan, Mr. Russell Gabriel, Mr. Roy Larabee, Mr. Phinias Currier, Mr. Thomas

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C. W. BELLOWS STRESSES SCOUT FINANCIAL NEED

Charles W. Bellows, chairman of the Revere Boy Scout Finance Committee reports that contributions to the Scout Program have been received by him recently, and he stresses how greatly the work of the Boy Scouts of America needs assistance.

"The City of Revere will benefit greatly if the citizenry of our City will get behind this noteworthy cause," he said. "Never before in our history have we felt the need for men trained for citizenship responsibilities. It is hoped that many more men and women will volunteer their contributions."

The finance committee does not plan to actively campaign but Mr. Bellows will be glad to accept any contributions at his home, 22 Campbell avenue, Revere.

It will be of interest to many to note that recently the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, launched a ten year program. The ten year program calls for Scouting to influence the lives of one out of every four boys. In addition to reaching this many boys the program calls for the boys' participation in Scouting for a period of four years. This means that in 1942 we shall look upon one of every four new male citizens as a "four year Scout trained man."

In order for Revere to co-operate in making this forward looking program effective many men will have to be enlisted to serve the Scout troops as leaders and officials. Plans are already underway to apply the ten year program locally. A committee of men is being appointed to make way for this growth.

The following are the names of those who have already sent their contributions to Mr. Bellows for their part in the present drive:

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BEACH ST. BRIDGE CLOSED, BUT CAR SERVICE GOES ON

Yesterday morning at 9 o'clock the Beach street bridge over the Boston and Maine railroad tracks was officially closed to all vehicle and electric car traffic in preparation for the new bridge which is to be constructed in place of the old one for the new State highway. The bridge will be closed for at least three months.

Electric cars will continue to run, however. A foot-bridge across the old bridge will remain there, and passengers will be requested to cross the bridge from one car to another on the other side. The Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway guarantees as best service as possible during the time this necessary work is being one.

Local Brothers Nominated To Lead Chelsea Sons of U. V.

Charles P. Russell, a native of Revere, and his brother, James P. Russell, were nominated Monday night by members of Sons of United Spanish War Veterans, William G. Newman Camp, No. 10, Chelsea, president and senior vice-president, respectively.

The other officers nominated were Edward P. Kennedy and John Newman, junior vice-president; Russell Winham, chaplain, and John Tripp, officer of the guard.

The election of officers will be held on December 19.

The regular meeting of the Current Events Club was held this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Silas Bates on Winthrop avenue.

BANK BOOK LOST

Lost:—Bank Book No. 1661 of Revere Co-operative Bank. Finder return to Revere Co-operative Bank, 325 Broadway, Revere.

Protect Your School Children

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Give him one of your votes on Election Day, December 13

(Signed) HARRY A. SKIRBALL, 155 Crescent Avenue. THOMAS M. J. TIBBETTS, 55 Bellingham Avenue. JOSEPH PORCELLA, 132 Crest Avenue. ANNA M. CREEDON, 196 Audubon Avenue.

REVERE HIGH SCHOOL JROTC PATRIOT BATTALLION COLOR CUARD AT TD GARDEN

By MAJ (R) Deborah A. Bowker

On Friday, December 8th, 2023, the Revere High School Army JROTC Patriot Battalion Color Guard team presented the Colors at TD Garden for the NBA game between the New York Knicks and the Boston Celtics. The RHS JROTC Color Guard was commanded by Cadet Christopher Guerrero, (National Colors), Paris Peguero Pena (Massachusetts State Flag), Karla Leal (RHS Organizational Colors) with cadets Brianna Restrepo, Ambra DeCicco-Clyne serving as the guards.

The Color Guard is a ceremonial unit dedicated to upholding the highest values and traditions. Members of the Revere High School JROTC Color Guard are committed to representing the City of Revere and their community both locally and nationally. The Color Guard forms the core of the Color Guard's activity by proudly displaying the National Color and State Color at various events. The presentation of colors is customary at the opening of various sporting events and is often accompanied by the playing of the National Anthem.



RHS JROTC cadets pictured (left to right): Ambra DeCicco-Clyne, Christopher Guerrero, Paris Peguero Pena, Karla Leal and Brianna Restrepo are displayed on the big screen.



Pictured (Left to Right): Cadets Ambra DeCicco-Clyne, Christopher Guerrero, Paris Peguero Pena, Karla Leal and Brianna Restrepo.



Shown above left to right: Ms. Afton Dean, MAJ (R) Deborah A. Bowker, Cadets Karla Leal, Paris Peguero Pena, Brianna Restrepo, Ambra DeCicco-Clyne and Christopher Guerrero.



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Revere man sentenced to five years in prison for drug and firearm possession

Staff Report

A Revere man was sentenced last week in federal court in Boston for possessing cocaine and fentanyl as well as receiving a firearm while under indictment for felony charges.

Cesar Rivera, 24, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Richard G. Stearns to five years in prison followed by three years of supervised release. In December 2022, Rivera pleaded guilty to one count of possession with intent to distribute cocaine and fentanyl and one count of receipt of a firearm while under indictment for felony charges.

In December 2020, Ri-


vera was wanted on outstanding warrants on multiple state gun cases for which he had failed to respond to court summonses or appear in court for over a year. On Dec. 22, 2020, Rivera was located at a carwash in Malden and subsequently arrested.

At the time of his arrest, Rivera was carrying approximately 28 grams of crack cocaine, fentanyl and a Glock firearm, according to the U.S. Attorney's office.

In October 2020, two months prior to his arrest, while wanted on the outstanding warrants, Rivera and Phillips Charles had a brief encounter with a ri-

val gang member, his girlfriend and their one-year-old child at the Square One Mall in Saugus. After the encounter, Rivera and Charles pursued the victim and his family and fired at least seven rounds into their vehicle. Following Rivera's arrest, ballistics examination of the Glock firearm recovered from Rivera in December 2020 revealed that it had been used in the October 2020 shooting.

In September of 2022, Charles was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Nathaniel M. Gorton to 78 months in prison and four years of supervised release.



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THE REVERE LEAGUE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS
WITH ANNUAL KIWANIS PARTY

The Revere League for Special Needs was always a favorite place for the Revere Kiwanis Club, and they sponsored an annual party, the Kiwanis Club no longer exists, but a fund was left to continue this event for the clients of the league, which includes a special visit from Santa. Special thanks to the Beachmont VFW Post for the hall donation for this event, it was very much appreciated.

DJ Alan LaBella was on hand to keep the party on the dance floor, before and after a buffet dinner from DeMaino’s Restaurant.



Kathy Froilan, Cheryl Zawaski, and Cindy van Moorhis serve a tasty buffet to the clients.



Fist bump from Santa to Mark Schneider.



Anthony and Joe Padova head over to see Santa.



Dennis Gefteas led the Chicken Dance.



DJ Alan LaBella with Kara Abruzzitan.



Gerald Capurso and Amanda Leone.



Kim Snook with Santa.



Lois Flynn is on Santa’s nice list for sure.



Patty Rotondo and Geralyn Hughes.



The Revere League for Special Needs wishes you all a Merry Christmas.



Serving salad before the buffet, Pamela M. Anderson, and Linda Allwood.



Special thanks to Pamela M. Anderson for her help with the party, nice list for sure.



Tommy Stack and Sandy Duncan head to the buffet.



The Tufos, Ralph and Nancy with David.



Santa arrived right on time.



Visiting Santa, Stephen Prizio and Margo Johnson.



Stevie Gallant aka Elvis with his bestie Santa.



Cranberries

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FAMILY FEATURES

Whether you’re looking to add something sweet to salads, baked goods or seasonal dishes, cranberries pack a lot of flavor, as well as important nutrients and antioxidants, and can be added to a variety of dishes, from muffins and cookies to salads and even quesadillas. Due to their sweet taste, healthful benefits and versatility, cranberries continue to be increasingly popular. The tiny berry, one of only three fruits native to North America, is grown in several states around the country, but Wisconsin-based growers alone produce more than half of the world’s entire supply of cranberries.

Cranberry Health Benefits

- These tasty berries score among the highest of all fruits in antioxidants, which may help support memory function, coordination, prevent certain types of cancer and ulcers, as well as a healthy immune system.
- Naturally-occurring hippuric acid provides antibacterial effects and other natural antibiotic ingredients.
- Though cranberries pack a lot of flavor, they’re cholesterol free, fat free, low in sodium, and help maintain heart health.

For cranberry recipes, health facts and more, visit the Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association online at www.wiscran.org or on Facebook and Twitter.

Wilted Spinach Salad with Dried Cranberries, Pecans and Feta Cheese

Serves: 6

- 1 small red onion, sliced vertically
- 8 to 9 cups spinach leaves, washed and patted dry
- 1/2 cup pecan pieces, toasted
- 4 ounces feta cheese, crumbled
- 1/2 cup sweetened-dried cranberries
- 1 tablespoon mint leaves, chopped
- 2 tablespoons sherry vinegar
- Pinch of salt
- 6 tablespoons olive oil
- Black pepper, freshly ground

Quarter and thinly slice red onion. Place slices in cold water; soak for 30 minutes. Drain; pat dry. Place soaked onion slices, spinach, pecans, feta, cranberries, mint and vinegar in large mixing bowl. Toss together with large pinch of salt. In saucepan, heat olive oil to just below smoking. Pour hot oil over salad in bowl, tossing well. Taste and correct seasoning with salt, pepper and vinegar.

Cranberry Oat Bran Muffins

Makes: 1 dozen muffins

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup oat bran
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup fresh cranberries, chopped
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 teaspoon orange peel, grated

Preheat oven to 400°F. Mix flour, oat bran, salt, sugar and baking powder. Set aside. Beat together eggs, vegetable oil and milk; add to dry ingredients. Add cranberries, walnuts and orange peel. Stir all together, batter may be lumpy. Pour into muffin tins and bake 20 minutes at 400°F.



Storage Tips for Fresh Cranberries

Stocking up on fresh berries is easier than ever. Use these tips from Wisconsin’s cranberry growers when storing this delicious berry.

- Remember fresh cranberries are only available seasonally from October through December. However the berries freeze well.
- Don’t be afraid to place fresh cranberries into the freezer for up to a year. For maximum freshness, use a second airtight storage bag.
- If you’re planning to freeze your cranberries, do not wash beforehand. Rather, wash upon thawing.



Turkey, Cranberry & Brie Quesadillas

Makes: 8 quesadillas

Chive Topping

- 1/2 cup sour cream, low fat
- 1 ounce (1/2 cup) chives, thinly sliced
- 1 teaspoon fresh garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper, ground

Quesadillas

- 2 cups Brie, rind removed
- 8 8-inch flour tortillas, low fat
- 1 pound turkey, cooked and shredded
- 1 cup sweetened-dried cranberries
- 1/2 cup walnuts, toasted and chopped
- 1/2 cup chives, thinly sliced

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Chive Topping

Purée topping ingredients in food processor until smooth. Refrigerate.

Quesadillas

Spread 1/4 cup Brie over half of tortilla. Layer 1/4 cup turkey, 1/8 cup cranberries, 1 tablespoon walnuts and 1 tablespoon chives. Fold tortilla in half. Bake quesadillas on baking sheet 8 to 10 minutes until cheese is melted. Serve with chive topping.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

COUNCIL KEEPING EYES ON CASINO

CHELSEA - Plans for a new 25,000-seat soccer stadium in Everett across from the Encore Casino look to be on hold for the immediate future, but Chelsea officials want to make sure the city has a seat at the table if any future plans do move forward.

The state Senate had advanced the proposal by inserting special language in a supplemental budget bill that would have detached 43 acres for the stadium and a waterfront park from the city's Designated Port Area. But leadership in the House did not include the special language necessary for the proposal in its version of the spending bill.

Still, several Chelsea City Councilors want to make sure the city stays in the loop about future development in its neighboring community.

Council President Leo Robinson introduced a motion asking that the council request a meeting with its state legislative delegation regarding the proposed soccer stadium at Encore and what potential benefits it would bring to Chelsea.

The motion was referred to the council's subcommittee on government regulations.

"This one goes to something I have been talking about for awhile among people in the community about how the building of the soccer stadium in Everett is going to negatively affect Chelsea," said Precinct 1 Councilor Todd Taylor.

Taylor noted that Everett got a sweetheart deal in getting their industrial zones changed to residential, giving it the ability to recoup millions of dollars of tax revenue.

"It is very important, there are a lot of things that Chelsea is footing the bill for that we are not being properly compensated by the state," said Taylor. "It is incumbent on our delegation to also represent those needs to the General Court so that Chelsea can get the financial aid that it needs and we don't always have to foot the bill for things that we really can't afford while other wealthier communities are getting off scott-free."

Robinson added that while the soccer stadium appears to be off the table at the current time, the city still needs to be on the table for whatever happens on the casino property that could impact Chelsea.

"We need to be paying attention to what is going on over there," he said.

EVERETT STADIUM FAILS TO PROGRESS

EVERETT - The plans for a new professional soccer stadium being built across Route 99 from Encore Boston Harbor are on hold for the immediate future.

The state Senate had advanced the proposal by inserting special language in a supplemental budget bill that would have detached the 43 acres for the stadium and waterfront park from the Designated Port

Area (DPA). However, leadership in the House of Representatives did not include the special language necessary for the proposal in its version of the spending bill.

And just like that, Everett's hopes for a state-of-the-art 25,000-seat professional soccer stadium (that was to be the likely home of Bob Kraft's New England Revolution franchise) are dashed.

Sen. Sal DiDomenico, who has championed the stadium proposal in the Senate, expressed his disappointment with the decision by the House of Representatives.

"I'm disappointed this language wasn't included in the final bill," said DiDomenico. "We have worked so hard on this issue because as an environmental justice community we deserve something better than a polluted power plant on our waterfront. This is a transformational project and an economic catalyst for our area. I want to thank President Spilka and Chair Rodrigues for including it in the Senate version and I am hopeful that we can find a resolution in the very near future."

Mayor Carlo DeMaria, whose vision resulted in the five-star Encore Boston Hotel locating in Everett and bringing thousands of jobs to area residents, issued a statement, saying he was not pleased with the roadblocking of the stadium project.

"I continue to maintain the position that a privately-funded professional soccer stadium, which would invest millions into an historic remediation effort of a defunct power plant, provide economic mobility opportunities for our Everett residents, advance the region's multi-modal transit network, and create much-needed access to the Mystic River would be the best use of that portion of Everett's waterfront," said DeMaria. "As the leader of an Environmental Justice community, plagued for decades by the detrimental health impacts created by giant industrial polluters, I am disappointed that the legislation has not advanced. I am going to continue to advocate to State leaders that a lower income, minority-majority community like Everett deserves the chance to explore such a transformational economic development opportunity."

"While I have stated this before, I feel the need to reiterate: the removal of the parcel from the DPA, which was the focus of the legislative amendment, would not approve a stadium project on the site. It would simply allow a proposal to be put forward locally, at which point a robust public engagement process would commence," concluded DeMaria.

HVNA HEARS ABOUT PROJECT

EAST BOSTON - The Harbor View Neighborhood Association (HVNA) held its monthly meeting in which it heard the second presentations for two projects, one on Wordsworth Street and

the other on Bennington Street, and subsequently voted on each, supporting the former and opposing the latter.

The project at 531 Bennington Street, presented by Attorney Richard Lynds, entails demolishing an existing three-unit dwelling on the site and replacing it with a five-unit multi-family residential building standing four stories tall.

According to Lynds, the existing building is not in structurally sound condition. He actually referred to the existing structure as Bennington Street's Leaning Tower of Pisa.

At last month's meeting — when this proposal was initially presented — Lynds read from an engineer report that concluded it would be safer to demolish the building and rebuild on its current footprint.

He referred to this report again on Monday, underscoring the need for the existing building, which leans, to be demolished.

"I don't think there's really any dispute that taking this building down probably makes the most sense," said Lynds.

Additionally, Lynds explained that the project was designed to align with zoning recommendations from the Boston Planning and Development Agency's (BPDA) neighborhood planning initiative, PLAN: East Boston.

"The larger metrics of height, lot coverage, and permeable surface are all met for this proposal," said Lynds, referring to proposed zoning recommendations.

It should also be noted that with this project, the footprint of the building is not proposed to be changed.

Further, during the presentation, an updated rendering of the proposed building was shown to respond to feedback given at last month's meeting.

When the presentation was open for discussion, an abutter had several questions about rodent control measures and the impact of demolition.

"I'm going to be very honest because I can see what goes on in the back on a constant basis. The structure as it stands right now has a multitude of mice and rats," said the abutter.

"I'm also concerned about how you're going to tear this down. Are my walls going to crack? Is my roof going to be affected," they later added.

Regarding the rodent concern, Lynds explained that rodent control measures must be in place before a building permit is issued. A member of the presenting group also communicated that baiting has already occurred at the site.

Lynds also spoke about the city inspectors relating to rodent control and said, "If they determine that the issue is broader than what's typically encountered for demolition, they will require further steps that will be taken before any demolition can commence."

Concerning the demolition, Lynds described it as "relatively simple," citing that the structure does not

ANNUAL EAST BOSTON THANKSGIVING DINNER HOSTED BY STATE REP. ADRIAN MADARO



Volunteers Daniela Blinken, Elsa Flores, Erika Aguirre and Marta Polanco during the annual East Boston Thanksgiving dinner at Salesian Boys and Girls Club.



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Boston Mayor Michelle Wu helps volunteer Asgie Burnett With the production line.



Massachusetts State Rep Adrian Madaro (right) with his wife Ariel with former State Rep. Carlo Basile.

attach to anything on either side. He also indicated that existing site condition surveys would be completed.

Other topics covered during the discussion included parking, stormwater management, the design, and more.

In the end, a majority of HVNA members were not supportive of the project, as a vote of 16 to 10 opposed it.

While the project on Bennington Street was opposed, the proposal at 41 Wordsworth Street received unanimous support from the HVNA in a vote of 23 to 0.

The project on Wordsworth Street, which Attorney Jeff Drago presented, proposes to add a roof deck and egress stairs to an existing three-unit building.

Drago explained that there is one pre-existing zoning violation for the sideyard and another violation for roof structure restriction due to the proposed roof deck.

Moreover, he explained that the roof deck is set more in the middle of the building, and its access is exclusive to the top floor unit.

During the presentation, Drago called the proposal "straightforward" and went through floor plans for the building, which is undergoing renovations.

Finally, he showed some photographs of the ongoing renovations to close out the presentation. In the end, there were no questions from those in attendance regarding the project, and as mentioned, it had overwhelming support. The HVNA is scheduled to meet again on January 8.

ONLINE TROLL HURLS ANTISEMITIC SLUR AT COUNCIL MEETING

WINTHROP - It was a chaotic end to an already emotional Town Council meeting as a masked, online troll hurled vulgarity and an antisemitic slur during public speaking over Zoom at the end of the meeting.

Much of the meeting had been dominated by a

discussion of the town's flag policy, specifically relating to the potential raising of the Israeli flag and a subsequent motion for the council to support a proclamation in solidarity with the Jewish people introduced by Councilor Rob DeMarco.

The council typically holds two public speaking portions of its meetings, one toward the beginning and another near the end.

While there were varying opinions expressed during both public speaking portions of the meeting and during debate among the councilors, the discussion had largely remained within the bounds of public meeting decorum.

At about 8:40 p.m., resident Todd Sacco was addressing the council over Zoom, criticizing the council for approving an unwieldy flag policy earlier this year and then not moving forward with a vote on DeMarco's proclamation.

At that point, another participant watching the meeting through Zoom broke in and shouted "Say her name you ____," using a vulgarity and an antisemitic slur.

In the confusion, several councilors shouted to shut down the Zoom video while others tried to identify who made the comment, one noted that it was an online troll and that he was masked during the online outbreak.

Following the online attack, Rabbi Benjamin Flax of Temple Tifereth asked to address the council.

"I live in Beachmont and I realize I am not represented on this council," said Flax. "But as a religious leader in our community, I just want to make clear that it is situations like that that have made what Mr. DeMarco has brought up tonight as a necessity, to draw this attention and to make this statement that that is unacceptable dialogue and that the violence and vitriol that has been spewed continually, not just since Oct. 7, but continually. We liked the public statements people made of their experiences, but what about the student who got harassed in Harvard Square in 2016 and jumped getting a beer after school? That was me. "Or the Jew who was

on the train and getting yelled at about The Protocols of the Elders of Zion in 2017?" Flax continued. "That was me. This is not just an issue that we are saying is out there; what Mr. DeMarco is bringing up are issues that are facing us now, and having outbursts like that. I did not want to speak tonight, I recognize the order of how this goes, but hearing that, that is the reason why Mr. DeMarco needed to bring this up and why it needs to be a limited scope."

Earlier in the meeting, DeMarco had offered up a proclamation in support of the Jewish community in the wake of the Oct. 7 terror attack by Hamas in Israel.

After speaking to members of the community and other councilors, DeMarco said he was only going to offer the proclamation and not ask for the Israeli flag to be flown at the town's flagpole at the E.B. Newton Cultural Center.


Following DeMarco's motion, there was debate among the councilors, some requesting new motions to include the hardships of the Palestinian people within the motion.

Precinct 3 Councilor Hannah Belcher used her council privilege to postpone the motions, which will be back on the agenda for the next council meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

Following the meeting, state Representative Jeff Turco issued a statement condemning the display of anti-semitism at the council meeting.

"I am horrified to have witnessed the disgusting display of anti-semitism at the Winthrop Town Council meeting," Turco stated. "The displaying of the swastika is always offensive but to see it at our Town Council meeting is abhorrent. In light of the events of October 7th, this is no time for equivocation and so I proudly join my voice in condemning the rising tide of anti-semitism in our world, our country and now on the zoom screen of Town Council."

Council President Jim Letterie said he believed there was a swastika on the screen, but that everything happened so fast that he couldn't be 100 percent sure.



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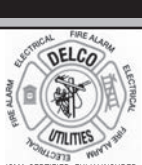
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BIZZY WOMEN SOCIAL HOLDS WONDERLAND HOLIDAY MARKET

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BIZZY Women’s Social, a Revere-based networking organization, hosted Wonderland Holiday Market Dec. 2 at SpringHill Suites By Marriott on Ocean Avenue.

Amanda Schepici-Portillo and Lauren Maloney, leaders of BIZZY, welcomed several Greater Boston women-owned businesses to the show-case.

The many guests enjoyed an afternoon of shopping at the various tables, enjoying the hot cocoa bar and baked goods, and a visit by Santa Claus.

Erica Porzio, executive director of the Revere Chamber of Commerce, led a delegation from RCC supporting BIZZY at its festive event.



The sign welcoming the many guests to the BIZZY Market.



BIZZY Network Social founder and CEO Amanda Schepici-Portillo and Creative Director Lauren Maloney.



Tracy Yemma, licensed registered dietician and personal trainer, representing her business, The T Life Nutrition and Wellness.



Revere Chamber Executive Director Erica Porzio, RCC Vice President Niles Welch, Ward 5 Councillor-Elect Angela Guarino-Sawaya, and Toni DePaolis.



RCC Vice President Niles Welch and Kori O'Hara, representing her business, Untapped Coffee Company, at the BIZZY Holiday Market.



Makeda Brown (center) leads the Johari bridal accessories, veils, and jewelry table at BIZZY Holiday Market.



The Oven Love By Kelly baked goods table consisting of Jim Pastore, Toria Bianco, business owner Kelly Mattera, and Jodi DiLorenzo.



Representing Revere Karate Academy, from left, Patricia Carr, Roger Blais, RKA owner and world champion Doreen DiRienzo, and Karate Black Belt holders Amy Morris, Charleigh Novoselsky, and Emma Beaupre.



The Nonni, Debbie Colleran, with her grandchildren, Roma Bianco, Luciana Penta, Fiona Gonzalez, and Carmela Penta, enjoying fun-filled day at the BIZZY Holiday Market.



Pictured at The Revere Beach Retail clothing and accessories table are Jayna Kulis, Regina Olivieri, and Sofia Visconti, with Tiffany the Mannequin.

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