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Council votes Wonderland as site for new high school

By Adam Swift

Following over a year of uncertainty, the future of the new Revere High School appears to once again be headed to Wonderland.

On Monday night, the City Council voted 10-1 to approve the latest Revere High School Building Committee recommendation to submit a plan to build a new Revere High School at Wonderland.

That option will now be headed to the Massachusetts School Building Authority this month.

This will not be the last vote on the project, as it is likely the council will vote on the funding agreement

and debt authorization for the project some time in June. That vote will need a two-thirds majority for the project to move forward.

Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto cast the lone vote against the building committee's recommendation.

"I know some people are looking at this as if it was everyone against Tony Zambuto," said Zambuto. "I don't take it that way. What I take it that I was fighting for the taxpayer."

Zambuto has stated that building at Wonderland would take substantial tax income off the books for the city.

"I think my facts are cor-

rect, but now at this point, now that the school is going to Wonderland, I've got to hope that I am wrong," he said. "I was always for a high school, everyone knows that, we just had a difference of opinion on taking property off the tax rolls to build it. I still feel the same way, I would still vote the same way, but I respect my colleagues, you looked at the facts as they were presented to you ... some people tried to discount my numbers, I think they were underestimated, but that is neither here nor there.

"The bottom line is we move forward from here and we do what's right."

The Wonderland site was the initial selection for a new high school by the building committee, school committee, and city council in 2022. The council later approved the appropriation of \$29.5 million for the eminent domain taking of the 30-acre-plus property. The city is still in litigation with the former owners of the property

However, early in 2023, there were not enough city council votes to move forward with the debt authorization for the project. The council then sent the project back to the school building committee and the project development team, asking them to look at building on

the current high school site.

Over the past several months, the building committee narrowed down the preferred option for submission to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) to two plans, a four-story new building on either the Wonderland site or at the current high school property.

The estimated cost of building on the Wonderland site would be \$522 million, which includes the \$29.5 million the city has already spent to take the 30-plus acre site by eminent domain. The estimated cost of building on the existing site

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RHS Robotics Club participated in a local competition.

RHS Robotics Team competes against other schools in event

By Melissa Moore-Randall

On January 13, six NUTRONS FTC teams, including Revere High School's Robotics Club, participated in the Battle of Lexington, a competitive event that saw these teams facing off against various others from

across Massachusetts.

RHS Senior Sergio Osorio who is handling the media portion of the club said, Throughout the competition, the students showcased their problem-solving skills, adeptly handling unexpected issues with their robots. In the qualifying

rounds, two NUTRONS FTC teams emerged among the top four seeds: FTC Team AEONs secured the number 1 seed, while FTC Team Cheesy Bots claimed the third seed. As the competition moved into the elimination phase, four NUTRONS FTC teams ad-

vanced to the elimination bracket. Notably, Team AEONs demonstrated remarkable performance, eliminating other NUTRONS FTC teams and progressing through the bracket without a single defeat. Ultimately, they faced three other NUTRONS FTC teams in the

finals, securing victory and maintaining an undefeated record throughout the entire event. In addition to their triumph, the NUTRONS FTC team BananaBots was awarded the Design Award, while Team AEONs

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A beloved resident

Council to honor Carol Tye with Certificate of Commendation

By Adam Swift

The City Council unanimously approved awarding a Certificate of Commendation to one of its most beloved residents Monday night.

Councillors Juan Pablo

Jaramillo and Robert Haas, III presented the motion to present the certificate to Carol Tye in recognition of her life-long dedication to the City of Revere, its students, civic life, and public education throughout her career as a school teacher,

union president, Superintendent of Public Schools, and School Committee-woman.

While the official presentation of the certificate will take place at the council's Feb. 12 meeting, Tye was on hand to hear the vote and to get a preview of some of the praise she has earned from the council and the public.

"What better day to do this motion in particular for someone who has dedicated her entire life to empowering the young people in the city?" said Jaramillo following the council's vote on the site selection for a new high school.

Haas, III said you would be hard pressed to find someone who is a better representative of Revere and what the city stands for.

Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky said he has known Tye since he was a



Former Supt. of Schools and School Committeewoman Carol Tye (left), who will be honored at the Feb. 12 Council meeting for her many years of public service, is pictured with Dr. Kathryn Schulte Graham at Monday's City Council meeting.

RHS HOOP ACTION



FULL EFFORT: Joshua Mercado gives an all out effort to pull down a rebound during the January 23 game against Chelsea. See Page 11 for more photos.

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THROUGH TIME 2004 EDITION

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Lee’s Trailer Park development proposal headed to subcommittee

By Adam Swift

The planned redevelopment of the dilapidated former Lee’s Trailer Park on Winthrop Avenue, consisting of 250 residential units with 10 percent of the units offered at affordable rates, is headed to the City Council’s zoning subcommittee.

The council opened the public hearing for special permits for the development at its meeting on Monday night before moving it to the Feb. 26 zoning subcommittee meeting.

The six-story building will have 36 studio, 106 one-bedroom, and 106 two-bedroom apartments, according to attorney Gerry D’Ambrosio, representing developer Helge-Gansett. There will also be parking spaces for 179 vehicles and the mixed-use development will have retail space on the first floor of the building on the five-acre site.

The proposed 25 affordable units at 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) will represent the first privately developed project in the city with an affordable housing component.

“You are being asked to consider one thing, is the project that is being proposed more advantageous than what’s there now or what could be there,” D’Ambrosio said.

During his presentation to the council on Monday night, D’Ambrosio noted that the park was initially built in the 1940s, previous to the current zoning standards for the property. While Lee’s Trailer Park once served a useful purpose, D’Ambrosio said that over the previous several decades it fell into a serious state of disrepair and has been a hotbed for police and ambulance calls in the city.

The development will also include other benefits to the city besides cleaning

up the trailer park, including increased property tax revenues and other money to the city, including \$500,000 to help turn the former Beachmont fire station into a community arts center. The developers will also help clean up Green Creek and provide public access to the creek, according to D’Ambrosio.

According to a traffic study, D’Ambrosio said there would be a minimal uptick in traffic at the site compared to its use as a trailer park.

“I think this is a great project for the city,” said D’Ambrosio. “It really is a win-win and I really want to take the wind out of the sails of everybody who is going to stand up here and say, well, this project will be causing too much congestion, because it’s just not true.”

Several residents said they were concerned about the increase in traffic, noting that there will definitely be an increase in traffic as compared to the largely unused current state of the trailer park. There were also concerns raised about the density of the project and the impact it will have on the schools and city services, as well as the level of affordability being offered through the project.

Lor Holmes of the Revere Housing Coalition said the 10 percent affordable housing level is better than what the city has done in the past, but that it is nowhere near what the city needs. She noted that the developer has built elsewhere in the city and not offered affordable units in those buildings.

“You might like what you see because there are pretty buildings in Revere now, but the things we like about the character of the community, the diversity,

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Area police, officials gather for the Suffolk County DA announcement of the creation of the county’s first Animal Cruelty Task Force.

D.A.’s office creates animal cruelty task force

The Suffolk County District Attorney’s office has taken a major step in addressing the escalating issue of animal cruelty.

Last week, Suffolk County DA announced the creation of the county’s first Animal Cruelty Task Force.

Hayden, a dog owner, said the task force will improve the quality of information and methods used among the participating agencies in investigations of crimes against animals.

“Anyone who has ever loved or owned a pet knows the joy and happiness they bring to our lives,” Hayden said. “All these pets ask in return is to be sheltered, fed and cared for when they’re sick or hurt. Sadly, too many animals and pets end up getting hurt through malicious intent or conscious neglect.

“This task force will improve our ability to investigate, charge and prosecute these cases and, hopefully, reduce them.”

The task force will centralize the various agencies involved in animal abuse cases into a group of designated individuals with animal law knowledge. This streamlined approach will improve information flow, create a more proficient understanding of animal cruelty investigations and prosecutions, and identify necessary legislative improvements to the state’s animal protection laws.

The task force will be chaired by Assistant District Attorney Amelia Singh, chief of the DA’s office in Chelsea District Court, and will include members of the Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop and Revere police departments, the Massachusetts State Police, the Massachusetts Environmental Police, the Animal Rescue League of Boston, the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture and the animal control departments in Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop and Revere.

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA) handled 684 investigations involving animal abuse in 2023.

Last year, 17 individuals were charged in Suffolk County with at least one animal cruelty related offense. Sixteen of the defendants were adults and one was a juvenile.

The owner of a dog training and boarding facility in South Boston was charged last May following an investigation by the Animal Rescue League after three dogs lost significant amounts of weight and/or were injured during their stay at the facility.

A Revere man was charged with assaulting his roommate and killing his dog in August. First responders entering the man’s apartment found a dog covered in blood, suffering from at least five stab

wounds.

According to the Domestic Violence Awareness Project, up to 70% of domestic violence victims have pets and of those with pets, 48% to 71% report that their pets have been abused or killed.

A Boston man was charged after a neighbor noticed a strong odor emanating from his Chelsea apartment. A well-being check led to the discovery of a feces-covered apartment and a decomposing dog.

In November, a Boston woman was charged after multiple witnesses reported seeing her punch, kick, and strike her dog with a glass bottle in the Boston Common area.

Animal cruelty cases are increasing in Suffolk County and statewide. According to the Massachusetts Trial Court, animal cruelty cases have increased more than 70% from 2019-2022.

Board of Health meeting discusses lead in water pipes

center has been seeing 8-10 persons per night.

Wells presented the monthly ISD report. He said that during the past two months, the ISD issued 64 certificates of fitness and 27 certificates upon reinspection. He said the department responded to 26 residential interior complaints. The ISD conducted 19 food inspections and seven inspections; responded to four food-related complaints; conducted two pre-opening inspections; and responded to three complaints for rodent control.

He said the ISD issued the following number of violations: 159 for accumulation of trash and improper placement of garbage; nine for improper and bulky items; and four for snow, ice, and sump pump problems. “This continues to be an issue in the winter months when sump pumps drain onto city sidewalks and streets, causing serious ice buildup,” said Wells.

The guest speaker for the evening was Chris Ciarabella, the Acting Superintendent of the Revere Water and Sewer Dept., who spoke to the board about the pamphlets pertaining to lead in city water that are distributed to residents when lead is found in their pipes, which has become a regular occurrence as the city replaces its water me-

ters and tests for lead in residents’ water.

He acknowledged that the pamphlets “are alarming, but they are required by the state DEP. However, we have removed all lead surfaces that become known from replacement of water meters. The goal is to certify us as a lead-free community and Revere is among the leaders in the state in addressing this issue.”

Ciarabella reminded residents that if they do have lead pipes, “They should let the water run in the morning for a bit in order to allow the lead that has accumulated overnight to run out of the system. This is solely a problem of the service lines going into homes. The MWRA has one of the best water quality standards in the country and we have been one of the most pro-active communities in the state for detecting lead in the past five years.”

The board next spoke to Victor Mourre, the owner of Boston Cosmetic and Laser Center, who came before the board for a public hearing pertaining to his efforts to obtain a microblading license. (Microblading is the process of applying tiny, semi-permanent tattoos to the brow area to mimic the look of individual hairs.)

“We can’t move forward on your microblading license because your building has not been certified for occupancy by the ISD, Fire Dept., and Building Department,” said Buck. Mourre said that the snafu stems from combining the rental premises at 311 and 315


Broadway into one space and he hopes to resolve the issue shortly. Mourre also said he has canceled all microblading appointments until February 5 in the hope of obtaining all of the necessary permits by that time.

Katherine Peguero, the owner of Kat Beauty Co., also came before the board because of concerns about whether she performs microblading in her business. “The services that you provide are many, but microblading is the only one that the city has purview over,” said Buck. “We have to make sure that all of these facilities are licensed and we need to discuss what’s going on.”

However, Peguero said what she does is similar to microblading, but not the same. “I decided not to pursue microblading because of all the many requirements,” she said.

Buck then said that her Google search page needs to be updated to remove microblading services from her website. Buck also reminded Peguera that she needs to make sure that the space she is occupying has a certificate of occupancy.

In the final piece of business for the night, Buck asked the board to issue licensing renewals for various Body Art Licenses in the city. After Buck told the members that her department has inspected all of the applicants for license renewals and all are in compliance with the board’s rules and regulations, the board voted to issue all of the license renewals.



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SPOTLIGHT

In the newest episode of “The Wave,” watch hosts Erica Porzio and Anasha Girma as they dive into captivating conversations, first with Peggy Pratt, a Real Estate Broker and Team Lead of Pratt Properties at Century 21 NorthEast. Their second guest is Walkiria Delacruz, a Tax Professional and owner of WEA Tax Services. “The Wave” is a show produced by the Revere Chamber of Commerce that highlights members of the chamber who are local business owners or employees in Revere. Peggy Pratt starts the episode by sharing insights into her individual business practices, the values that drive her as a business owner, and the pivotal experiences that have shaped her journey. The compelling interview with Walkiria Delacruz is about Walkiria’s perspective on business and the impactful experiences that have molded her into who she is today. Tune in for a double dose of inspiration! “The Wave” is scheduled almost daily over the next month on the Community Channel.

In case you missed it, catch replays of last week’s two “Games of the Week” for Revere High School basketball. The girls’ team continued to dominate in their win over Chelsea. Tune in to the Community Channel to get the results of the boys’ game versus Malden last Thursday. This week’s “Game of the Week” includes the girls’ special Senior Night tomorrow at 6pm. The senior ceremony will be followed by a game against Everett. This will air live on RTV Youtube and the Community Channel at the start of Senior Night. Watch the Community Channel for replays over the next few weeks.

Revere Beach Winter Wonderland is scheduled for this Saturday from 11am through 8pm. RevereTV is sending a crew to get the sights and sounds of the event which are said to include ice sculptures, hot chocolate, a local winter market, fire pits, and entertainment. RTV’s youth correspondent Manique Khessouane will be leading with the microphone so find her to say a few words on camera. This short video package will be posted to social media and the Community Channel by next week.

RTV GOV is replaying a few popular meetings from this week. Tune in to watch reruns of this week’s Committee of the Whole and Revere City Council Meetings from Monday night. Keep in mind that meetings get scheduled to the channel in a rotation and replay at various times throughout the day. The replaying meetings are from within the past few weeks. Some other meetings now scheduled include the Zoning Board of Appeals, Revere Board of Health, Traffic Commission, and License Commission. Meetings air live on RTV GOV and RevereTV’s YouTube page. RTV GOV is channel 9 for Comcast subscribers, and 13/613 on RCN.

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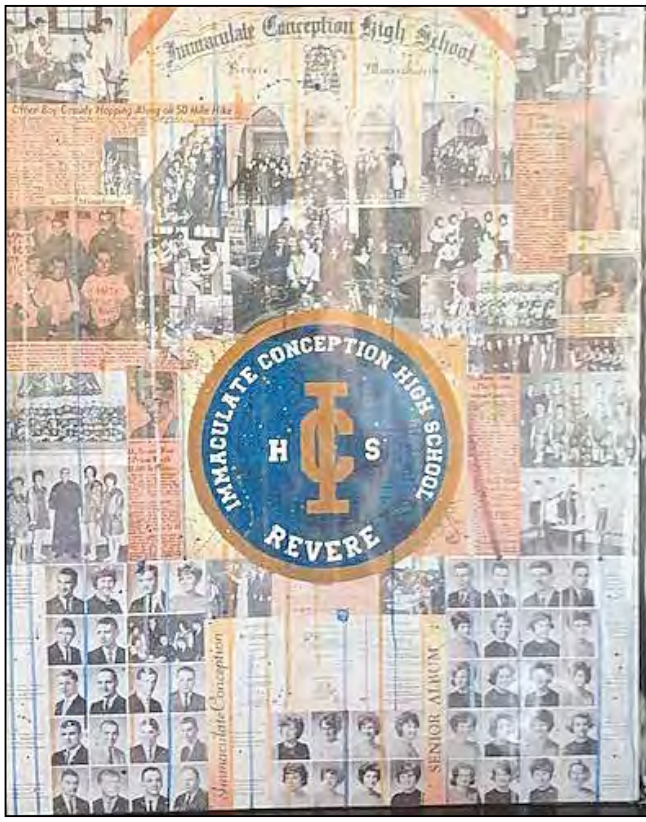
Shown at the reunion (left to right) front row: Peter Volpe. Second row: Sheila (Brook) Sacchetti, Eleanor (hilton) Chapman, Anita (Gesamando) Lalicata, Maureen (Pike) O'Donnell, Kathy (Burton) Zybur, and Joyce (DeSilva) Captao. Third row: Phyllis (Solaqua) Hurrel. Noreen (Flahive) Fiore, Janet (Duca) Callaghan, Joan (Brown) Iaconno, and Jack Butler. Fourth row: Ricky Ginsburg, Robbie Ginsburg, Jeanne (Ponticelli) Gregory, Dickie Fallon, Danny Buckley, and Maggie (Voke) Hamblin. Fifth row: Arthur Considine, Jimmy Fletcher, Ronnie Thornton, John Driscoll, and Eileen Buckley.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION'S HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963 CELEBRATES THEIR 60TH REUNION

Immaculate Conception's High School Class of 1963 celebrated their 60th Reunion at The Marina @ The Wharf Restaurant in Revere on August 18, 2023. About 50% of the original class were present. The friendship and camaraderie that existed 60 years ago was even more evident at the Reunion.

Revere Artist, Denise Boucher, created a 30x24 inch Mixed Media Birch Panel that featured Yearbook Pictures of each Graduate of 1963, as well as various Yearbook pictures depicting students in class, Football and Basketball teams as well as articles published in The Journal of various classmates. Frameable 8x10 copies were given to all attendees.

The IC Class of '63 is planning to donate the Mixed Media Panel to the Revere Historical Society.



Revere Artist, Denise Boucher, created a 30x24 inch Mixed Media Birch Panel that featured Yearbook Pictures of each Graduate of 1963.

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Dr. Kathryn Schulte-Grahame (right), who has been recommended by Mayor Patrick Keefe for appointment to the Library Board of Trustees, is pictured at Monday's Council meeting with her husband, Kristopher Grahame, their daughter, Evelyn, and their son, Isaac.



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ZBA approves variances for 20-unit apartment building on Lee Burbank Highway

Staff Report

The Revere Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) held its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, January 24, in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber at Revere City Hall. On hand for the session were chair Robert Tucker and fellow members Aklog Limeneh, James O'Brien, John Lopes, and Arthur Pelton.

The first matter on the agenda was a request from Joseph Ciampa for setback variances to enable him to construct a five-story, 20-unit, residential apartment building at 419 Lee Burbank Highway. The matter had been continued from the previous month in order for the developer to meet with the residents of the nearby neighborhood to address their concerns.

Atty. Gerry D'Ambrosio presented the application. He notes that the site is in the General Business (GB) district where an apartment house is allowed as a matter of right. The property had been the location of the former Three Yolks Restaurant in a building that is now condemned. D'Ambrosio pointed out that the site has no access to the neighborhood behind it, noting that the homes behind the site are located on a cliff 50 feet above the property.

Getting to the heart of the reasons for the variance requests, D'Ambrosio told the ZBA, "This is a stereotypical, irregular, triangular-shaped lot of 11,457 sq. of the sort for which variances routinely are granted. In addition," he continued, "the lot has a severe elevation challenge in the rear that also is important for zoning relief consideration."

D'Ambrosio further said that the soil conditions "will require a lot of topography work." Finally, he noted that there may be some contamination on the site that the owner will remedy.

"This is an exemplar lot for which the ZBA should give relief," D'Ambrosio added, also noting that his client has been seeking a commercial tenant for five years to no avail. D'Ambrosio said that all 20 of the units will be one-bedroom apartments for which there will be 22 parking spaces on the ground floor. All

traffic will exit and enter on Lee Burbank Highway.

"We lowered the height of the building by 11 feet after the community meeting so that it will cause no obstruction to any home behind it," concluded D'Ambrosio.

Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky spoke in favor of the proposal.

"I've been working with Mr. Ciampa on this land for five years," said the veteran councillor. "He initially wanted something commercial. When he wanted a residential building, I said it was too high and asked him to reduce it and he did. The houses in the immediate rear on Hopkins St. and Augustus St. are 50 feet above it -- it literally is a cliff. I know people want a smaller building, but I feel comfortable with this."

A number of residents spoke in favor of the project, including two persons who stated that the site presently is an eyesore and the project will be an improvement for the city, as well as a person who is a tenant in another property owned by Mr. Ciampa and who noted that he is "a wonderful landlord."

Attorney Craig Rourke, representing Michelle Mongiello and her family (who own a number of nearby vacant lots in the immediate area), said the developer has failed to meet his burden pursuant to the statute. Rourke said that the variance for parking will harm the public good because overflow parking will go onto a nearby side street. (It was noted later in the meeting that residents

of the building will not be eligible for the city's residential parking plan either for themselves or their visitors.)

"There is nothing unique or distinctive about this lot and nothing has been shown to prove that this is a substantial hardship," Rourke concluded, citing the language of the statute that governs zoning variances.

Newly-elected City Councillor at Large Michelle Kelley said she was neither supporting nor opposing the project, but asked, "Why is relief necessary? Why can't a building be built within the lot without the need for variances?"

Dr. Aida Padron, a resident of 25 Hopkins St., opposed the project.

"Why don't they build something that is more appropriate for the size and shape of that lot?" asked Padron, essentially echoing Councillor Kelley's question. "Why can't they build something that will make everybody happy, their side and our side?"

Another resident of Hopkins St. said the building "will interfere with my privacy because of its height."

In response to Councillor Kelley's query, D'Ambrosio said that the Revere zoning ordinances were drawn up decades ago, similar to those in other cities and towns, and are antiquated. "The Revere of 1950 is not the Revere of 2024," he said. "The costs of 1950 are not the same as the costs of 2024."

"After our last meeting,

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ENVIRONMENTALISTS: PUTIN’S ‘USEFUL IDIOTS’

Vladimir Lenin used the term “useful idiots” to refer to journalists, labor leaders, and politicians in the West who extolled the virtues of Lenin’s new Communist regime in Russia as a “worker’s paradise.” They were in the vanguard of the world-wide Communist movement who tried to import Lenin’s brand of Communism into their own countries.

The reason Lenin referred to them as “useful idiots” is because they were oblivious to what actually was going on in Russia during Lenin’s (and later, Stalin’s) transformation of that nation into a Communist regime: mass starvation, authoritarianism, political executions, and use of the Siberian gulag.

In short, the “useful idiots” for Lenin and Stalin were those in the West whose fervent belief in the ideology of Communism blinded them to the reality of what actually was happening in Russia in the 1920s and 1930s.

A century later, democracy and freedom are being challenged by another Vladimir, Vladimir Putin, whose invasion of Ukraine and genocidal campaign of executions, rape, bombings of civilians, and deportation of children poses a substantial threat to Western Europe and ultimately, the United States.

Western European nations stopped purchasing natural gas from Russia -- which had a pipeline directly into Western Europe -- shortly after the invasion began in order not to finance Putin’s war machine. These countries were able to do so thanks to a combination of sacrifice (lowering their thermostats and reducing industrial energy use), switching to dirtier forms of energy (coal and oil) for their power plants, and the ramping-up of the importation of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from the United States, with the promise that even more LNG will be forthcoming from the U.S. in the future.

However, President Biden, bowing to pressure from environmental groups, last week issued a directive that imposes new environmental rules on future LNG terminals that essentially has brought to a halt the construction of new LNG export facilities in the U.S. The move has alarmed our Western European allies, who have been able to withstand their embargo on Russian natural gas because of the promise of additional LNG from America.

There is no question that climate change, fueled by the burning of fossil fuels, represents a huge risk to the future of our planet. However, the threat posed by Putin and other dictatorial regimes, such as China and Iran, pose an immediate threat to our way of life today. An article in yesterday’s New York Times highlighted the fear of Western European leaders that they will be next in line if Putin succeeds in Ukraine.

In addition, the irony of Biden’s new environmental rules for future LNG plants in the U.S. is that Europe will continue to use oil and coal, which are far worse for the environment than natural gas. In addition, if the U.S. is unable to supply natural gas to Western Europe, those countries simply will turn elsewhere.

In short, the action by Biden at the behest of environmentalists accomplishes nothing (and even is a negative) in our battle against climate change in both the short and long terms. However, what it does accomplish is this: It encourages sociopathic dictators like Putin, who want to see the Western nations divided, to continue their campaign against democracies across the globe. The “inconvenient truth” for environmentalists is that the fight against Putin and his ilk requires that America must be united with our allies, no less than we were in World War II, when the free world similarly fought against the Axis of Evil at that time. The environmentalists whose rigid ideology regarding climate change blinds them to the reality of the immediate, existential threat posed by today’s Axis of Evil are the “useful idiots” of the dictators of the 21st century.

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true meaning of resilience and love of life. She taught me that the will to live is far more powerful than anything modern medicine has to offer. She never... gave....up.

So much of Janeen lives on in all of our hearts. Thank you Janeen. Love, Connie

Janet Cimmino (Paraprofessional at Hill School and friend)

Janeen and I met as young teachers at the McKinley School in the early 2000s. She was the type of friend that everyone should be lucky enough to have. No matter where we went, Janeen was a bright light that people were drawn to. Funny, bold, beautiful, spirited – her smile would light up a whole room. You could always count on Janeen to be brutally honest, to have your back or to make you laugh until you cried. Together we shared so many memories that I will cherish forever. She was one in a million and will never be forgotten.

Bianca Quirk (Assistant Principal at Paul Revere and friend)

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Melissa Lomas (Principal at Hill School)

Janeen was a dedicated educator. Her experience in early childhood education was evident each time I visited her classroom. Janeen had high expectations for her students and ensured they had what they needed to meet those expectations. She valued her students’ growth both academically and socially and designed a learning experience where students could thrive. We were fortunate that Janeen stepped out of her classroom role to support other early childhood educators in honing their craft. Anyone who had the opportunity to work with Janeen learned from her experience, she will be sorely missed.

Lindsey Pietrantonio (Teacher at Garfield Elementary and friend)

From the minute I met Janeen, she made me laugh. She was a great friend who made everything fun whether we were on a beach in Newport, out to dinner, or in a Revere High classroom learning ways to im-

prove our math instruction. She was a great support to me personally and professionally, and always knew exactly what to say when things got tough. She will be dearly missed.

Lia Melon (C2C Colleague, Teacher at Paul Revere, and friend)

Janeen and I were both hired back in 2005 at the McKinley School. Although we did not teach together, I knew Janeen to be a feisty and fiery spirit. Her strong presence and personality could be misconstrued as abrasive or abrupt. For those of us that were fortunate enough to really know Janeen at her core, you would discover there was no pretense with her. In fact, she was one of the kindest, most genuine, loyal, caring and humble people I have ever known. I am grateful to have been able to call her my friend. She will be forever missed.

Sue McNamara (Social Worker at Hill School and friend)

Janeen was such a great friend and colleague. She was beautiful, thoughtful and made me laugh on so many days. She volunteered to run our sunshine club for so many years - putting so much care into the gifts or flowers she picked out for staff. She was also the strongest person I knew and the person who would be the most straight forward and direct with you. Even when things weren’t easy to say. She used that same boldness to advocate fiercely for her students. She remembered all of her students and would often check in with me about them as they moved on to the upper grades.

She had the biggest heart and I only saw her heart get bigger when she became a mom herself! Joseph and Ellie meant the world to her and she was so proud to be their mom.

Elena Todisco (Teacher at Hill School and friend)

Janeen came to McKinley School in the fall of 2005. When she first arrived, I thought her belongings needed a moving truck. To call her a Spitfire would be an understatement. J. Lo, as I referred to her, was one of the most passionate people I’ve ever met. She was loyal and fierce. I watched her transform from a young teacher to a mom, a wife, and a master teacher. We worked together for almost two decades. She was a lady with a 5-foot-2 stature who would back down from nothing. She fought her cancer diagnosis with a vengeance rarely seen! J. Lo taught me about all the best Netflix shows, gave me strength, and shared her humor and tenacity. When she left the classroom, she came in as my C2C consultant for two fabulous years! Some people have years in their lives; others have life in their years. She was always so full of life! It is a huge loss for Hill School and the community of people she worked with!

Victoria Vitale Bingham (My colleague, co-worker, mentor, teacher, and friend)

Oh Janeen, where do I begin! I have experienced Janeen in many roles in my 14 years of knowing her: she was a colleague, a co-worker, a teammate, a mentor, a teacher, a mother and most

of all a friend. When you first met Janeen she seemed intimidating! Ha-ha (she was always shocked when I told her that) but then once she got to know you and you got to know her and became friends she was the most loving and funny person. She loved gossip, she was the queen of it really. She wanted all the ‘tea’! She was a sassy and spicy lady! She always spoke up for what she believed in, she wasn’t afraid of confrontation because she was so strong willed. She was opinionated in the best way, although sometimes you just had to talk her off the ledge LOL. She loved talking about her kids. She was so proud of them. She loved showing everyone her daughters dance pictures and videos. She said watching her daughter dance was her favorite thing and made her so happy. And her son Joseph, she would always share how he was doing in baseball or basketball and how he was becoming a teenager who was interested in the newest croc fad (these shrek crocs he got for his 13th birthday she thought was absolutely crazy but got them for him anyway because that’s just what she did). During her last year at school, I worked very closely with her as we were consulting teachers together and we shared the same office space. She dubbed me her ‘watch dog’ because I was always checking in to make sure she was ok or ask her if she needed anything. She was so strong and resilient and persevered through the most darkest and dangerous storms she endured. She never gave up. She had a heart of gold and truly the most caring and courageous person.

To my friend Janeen, I will miss your kind soul and your sassy and spicy personality. You were strong and brave, yet humble. You were a great friend with the biggest heart. The QUEEN of gossip and so inquisitive, always needed to know everything! I will miss you my friend. Thank you for being you. You were truly one of a kind and that will always be remembered. Love you my friend.

Your forever ‘watch dog,’ Victoria

Nancy Martel (Assistant Principal at Hill School and friend)

My 19-year-old niece, Kayla Sarmanian texted me this today. I think it sums up Janeen.

“I hope you get the chance to tell Mrs. Miranda’s family how amazing of a teacher she was. I had her in 2nd grade and she’s one of the most memorable teachers I have had. She was so kind that I called her “mom” on more than one occasion. She always had that loving nature towards me.”

My thoughts:

Janeen was a fierce fighter for what she believed in. She loved teaching and had high expectations for all of her students. As a friend she would always have a story to make us laugh. She made me a better administrator. She held me accountable for my decisions and never let me forget what it was to be a classroom teacher. She will be truly missed by the McKinley/Hill School Community.

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FRESH AND LOCAL

Broth to warm and heal

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

The 2023 uproar over some pasta companies discontinuing tiny star-shaped “pastina” was actually about the disappearance of a brothy, healing comfort food— pastina in broth. The Boston Globe called it “Italian penicillin.”

Penny recalls the first time she had it. She was dealing with a head cold while visiting a college friend. As soon as she arrived, the family’s matriarch hustled around in the kitchen and quickly presented her with a steaming bowl of rich chicken broth studded with tiny pasta stars. It was warm and soothing and made her feel better.

Pastina in broth has long been on our menus whenever we feel off or need a quick, soothing meal. Depending on our mood, we may add a little or a lot of grated parmesan to the bowl. Fortunately, some companies still make it, and pastina is not the only tiny pasta. Next

to a jar of Prince pastina, we have alternatives like acini di pepe, orzo, and toasty fregola sarda.

Why Chicken Soup Works

Today, the medical community knows why foods like chicken soup help with respiratory illnesses. In an article for the science website The Conversation, Colby Teeman, Ph.D., assistant professor of dietetics and nutrition at the University of Dayton, discussed several factors.

Chicken is a complete protein to combat infection, and vegetables provide vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants. Adding pasta or rice provides the carbohydrates you need to recover. The water and electrolytes help with rehydration.

Chicken soup is also rich in umami, which can increase your appetite when you may not feel like eating. He adds, “Umami may also improve nutrient digestion which can reduce gastro-

intestinal symptoms.” Finally, sipping and inhaling warm broth vapor can do a good job of loosening mucus.

Teeman included a precaution that not all chicken soups are the same. He highly recommended homemade or at least one that is not ultra-processed and lacking in those essential nutritional factors that you would get from a minimally processed version.

Those who don’t eat meat can gain many of the same benefits from a rich mushroom broth filled with hearty vegetables and noodles.

World Broth Tour

We searched for dietary remedies from other cultures and found many broth-based ones. If you’re not up to making soup, you can find many options at local restaurants. Our first choice would be Vietnamese Pho. If you order this to go, you’ll receive a container of broth with the noodles, toppings, and seasonings



A steaming bowl of Vietnamese Beef Pho is the perfect take-out meal to bring to a sick friend. (Photo: Getty Images)

in separate containers. You can create your bowl of soup precisely the way you want. If you’d like a hit of sriracha to clear your head, add it. If you’re looking for simple soup, build it your way.

If you’re from Thailand, you might crave the hot and sour ingredients that balance out a spicy Tom Yum soup. Koreans agree! Their Dak Gomtang soup can be served unseasoned or with a big dollop of a spicy paste or kimchi.

Ramen or Miso soup are Japanese options, and you could enjoy a Chinese wonton or egg drop soup. Greek Avgolemono adds lemon and eggs to their comforting chicken soup.

The Irish and British have always depended on “Beef Tea,” a rich beef stock, to heal what ails them. These were once prepared in UK hospital kitchens and prescribed for digestive problems, fever, or weakness.

Consider brothy soups or plain broth when the doctor says to drink plenty of fluids. The more you add to it, the more nutrition you’ll have for that important job of healing or just feeling better.

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the families – we’re not going to have that in Revere if we continue to let this development get out of control,” said Holmes.

Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna said there is still work to do for affordable housing in the city, but said the Winthrop Avenue project is a good start.

“We are getting 25 affordable apartment units for the residents,” said McKenna. “This is the first time we are getting affordable housing. It is a start and we will get there.”

McKenna noted that the development will also bring other benefits to the city, including the clean up of Green Creek and money for the community arts center.

Councillor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo said the 10 percent affordable housing level was not ideal, but that it was a start.

Councillor-at-Large Michelle Kelley said she agreed that the proposal is better than what is currently on the property, but said she wondered if there were other ways the property could be developed to promote more of a neighborhood feel.

Robotics // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

received the Innovation Award, further highlighting their exceptional achievements.”

Revere High Principal Christopher Bowen continues to be amazed by the great work of the team. “Josh Miranda and his group of innovative Robotics Team members have done it again, and continue to make us proud at RHS. We should all be inspired by the countless hours that our students (and the adults that support them) give to making this program the success that it has become over the years.”

Last year, the team placed second at the 2023 FIRST World Championship in Houston, Texas. They were just one point shy of first place. The competition included 974 robotics teams from 59 countries competing across all levels of FIRST programs from grades K-12. Their second place finish was out of 619 qualifying teams from across the globe.

Founded in 1997, The NUTRONS are represented by thirty-three students in grades 7 through 12 from Revere High School, Brookline High School,

Boston Latin School and Noble and Greenough School with 71% of their diverse membership being minorities with 18 different languages spoken.

Yearly costs for competitions run from \$15,000 to \$20,000 which are usually covered out-of-pocket or grant funding. As a result, the program could use donations to continue to fund their competitions and programs. If you’d like more information about the NUTRONS or to find out how you can help, please visit www.nutrons.com or email: nutrons@gmail.com.

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A.C. WHELAN SCHOOL HOSTS COZY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

By Melissa Moore-Randall

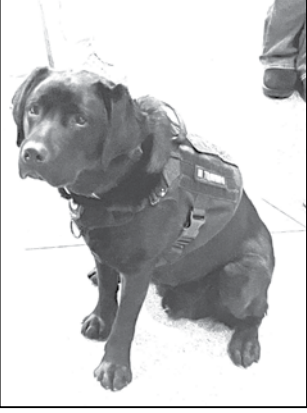
As temperatures dropped into the frigid zone last week, students and families of the A.C. Whelan School enjoyed a warm and cozy family night.

About 500 Whelan students and their families attended the first time event which took place in the auditorium and school cafeterias. Families were treated to free hot cocoa and popcorn. Whelan staff members, administrators, high school volunteers, the Revere Middle School girls’ basketball team and everyone’s favorite school personnel K9 Charlie, volunteered to make it a successful event.

Principal Rachel Shanley, “Our Family Engagement Committee in conjunction with our PTA worked really hard to plan

the Cozy Family Movie Night Event. It was really exciting that so many Whelan families were eager to attend. Families and students enjoyed popcorn and hot cocoa. Thank you to all of you that attended our Family Movie Night. It was a great event and so wonderful to see so many families enjoying time together. Thank you to all of our staff members that helped to make this event possible.”

Staff Coordinator Grade 4 Teacher Sara Glavas was extremely grateful for a great night and all of the volunteers. “Thank you everyone for such a smooth and successful event! It wouldn’t have happened without all of you; from sharing ideas, fine tuning plans, tallying RSVPs, picking up supplies, filling cups/ popcorn bags, problem solving tech, lending speakers, and manning the



K9 Charlie enjoying his first movie night.

tables, doors and hallways. It was truly a team effort and wouldn’t have gone so smoothly without everyone’s assistance. I couldn’t be more pleased or proud of the work that was put into tonight’s event. Thank you so much, I appreciate the effort, dedication, and problem solving that went into making tonight happen.”



A.C. Whelan Families enjoying Cozy Movie Night.



RPS Middle School lady hoopsters volunteering at the Whelan School Cozy Movie Night.



RPS Middle School lady hoopsters volunteering at the Whelan School Cozy Movie Night.

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there was a concern about the height of the building and the height has been adjusted,” said Tucker at the conclusion of the hearing. “We also will be imposing a parking restriction, so that residents will not be eligible to participate in the city’s resident parking permit program.”

With that stipulation added to the usual conditions for the granting of variances, the board unanimously approved the application.

The second agenda item was a request from Basilio DiFlumeri for three variances to enable him to convert an existing single-family dwelling into a two-family dwelling at 22 Sullivan Street (which is in the neighborhood bordered by Conant, Fenley, Ensign, and Malden Sts.) The present structure consists of a modest, one-family, split-level residence. The variances DiFlumeri requested were:

1. Revised Revere Ordinance (RRO) Section 17.24.070 (A) (1) with respect to the requirement that no parking shall be allowed within the front yard in front of the house for a two family use within the RB District;
 2. RRO Section 17.24.070 (A) (4) with respect to the requirement that at least 40% of the front yard shall be landscaped for a two-family dwelling;
 3. RRO Section 17.28.050 (F) with respect to the requirement that no driveway shall be greater than 20 feet in width for a two family dwelling.
- Mr. DiFlumeri represented himself. He said he has owned the property for 10 years as a rental home and the present tenant is moving out. “We’re looking to improve the property and turn it into a two-family,” DiFlumeri said.
- There was one opponent, who was speaking on be-

half of his mother, who is a resident next door at 30 Sullivan St. “My real concern is for my mother, who has lived there since the 1950s and is in her 90s,” he said.

“She has no parking on her property, but she has her spot in front of her house and she has a handicap placard,” he added, suggesting that the additional unit being sought by the applicant will result in more on-street parking (though Tucker pointed out that his mother can resolve that problem if she applies for a handicapped parking spot to be placed in front of her house from the Traffic Commission).

After some questions for the applicant from the board pertaining to the parking issue, the board voted 3-2 in favor of granting the variances, with Lopes and O’Brien voting “No.” However, since variance requests need a two-

thirds majority vote from the ZBA, the application failed.

The final matter on the agenda was a request from Olympia Development for an additional six-month extension of the one-year exercise period for the variances that the ZBA granted

last year to enable Olympia to construct a new, five-story, residential development at 791 Broadway.

Atty. Nancy O’Neil, representing Olympia, told the members that two old oil tanks on an adjacent property have been found to be leaking and clean-up of

the contamination may be necessary by Olympia. The board unanimously voted to grant the six-month extension.

The next meeting of the ZBA is set for March 27. (There will be no February meeting.)

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Janeen Guiliano-Miranda

A woman of grace, strength and ceaseless compassion who left a lasting legacy in the field of education

Janeen Guiliano-Miranda, affectionately known to her friends and family as “Neenie,” was a beacon of light to those who had the privilege of knowing her. Born on August 14, 1975, in Everett, Janeen was a woman of grace, strength and ceaseless compassion. She embraced life with open arms and a radiant smile, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of those she encountered. As a beloved teacher for 25 years, she profoundly impacted the lives of countless students, leaving a lasting legacy in the field of education.

Janeen’s life was a testament to the famous quote by Henry Adams, “A teacher affects eternity; she can never tell where her influence stops.” She poured her heart into shaping young minds, a role she carried out with unwavering dedication. Janeen’s love for learning was evident in her personal life as well; she was a proud holder of a Master’s Degree, a remarkable achievement that embodied her commitment to intellectual growth. Her passion for teaching was only rivaled by her love for her family and friends, as well as her fondness for the Cape, a place she often escaped to with her loved ones.

Janeen’s vibrant spirit and nurturing heart touched everyone she met. She is survived by her loving parents, Joseph and Christine Guiliano, her devoted husband, Joseph Miranda, and



their three wonderful children, Jojo, Ellie and Gianna, who were the center of her universe. Janeen also leaves behind her loving brother, Richard Guiliano and his wife, Karen, her dear sister, Donna Wortman and her husband, Scott D, and her cherished nieces and nephews, Anna, Scotty, Kevin and Lauren. Janeen’s infectious laughter, her unwavering courage, her immense strength, and her relentless optimism will continue to live on in the hearts of her family and friends.

A Visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home 128 Revere St, Revere on Thursday February 1 from 3 to 8 p.m. Funeral Mass from St. Anthony of Padua Church in Revere will be on Friday February 2, at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery.

As we remember Janeen, we encourage you to share your memories, photos, and stories on her memorial page at Buonfiglio.com.

Carrie Aresco

Family was paramount to her and she will be forever missed

Carrie L. (Deleary) Aresco, a resident of New Hampshire, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, at 61 years of age.

Her family and friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours today, Wednesday, January 31st, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere. Her funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Thursday, February 1st, at 10 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere, at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Carrie was born in Winthrop and raised in the Beachmont section of Revere. She graduated from Revere High School and married William “Billy” Aresco. The couple raised their children in Revere and later moved to New Hampshire over 20 years ago.

Carrie worked as a professional caregiver for many years at the Kimi Nichols Center in Plaistow, New Hampshire, where she provided care and support for adults with developmental and physical disabilities. Her nurturing nature helped make many residents feel loved and respected and enhanced the lives of everyone she cared for. Carrie was known to all as loving and selfless, often putting others’ needs before hers. This was exemplified as she continued to show her strength working throughout her illness.

Family was paramount to Carrie, and she loved being surrounded by them, especially her four grandchildren. When Carrie was not working or spending time with her family, her passion was her love for animals. She enjoyed being outdoors, especially with her horses and dogs and she leaves behind her four-legged family,



her dogs, Rocky, Coco and Sasha. Carrie’s charismatic personality would turn any situation into joy and laughter. To know Carrie is to love her; she will be forever missed and always in our hearts.

Carrie is survived by her cherished mother, Antoinette (Fiore) Deleary of Saugus and she was the daughter of her late father, Richard E. Deleary. She was the beloved wife for 40 years of William Aresco of Londonderry, New Hampshire and the devoted mother of Jennifer Medugno and her husband, Joshua of Londonderry, New Hampshire, Michael Aresco and his fiancé, Kayla Roberts of Rowley and Diana Aresco of Plaistow, New Hampshire. She was also the cherished grandmother of Jayden, Bianca, Anthony and Adriana. Carrie was the dear sister of Richard E. Deleary, Jr. of Daytona Beach, Florida, Michael Deleary and his wife, Cheryl and Joann DeVito and her husband, Domenic, all of Danville, New Hampshire. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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.

Kim Louise Pappalardo

She had a kind heart, dedicated her life to her daughter and her family and was a lover of all animals

It is with great sadness that Kim Louise Pappalardo, 61, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on January 25th at 11:02 p.m. from complications of Covid.

Kim was the youngest of five children born in Cambridge on November 21, 1962 to the late Anthony and Beverly (McAler) Pappalardo.

Kim was raised in Chelsea and graduated from Northeast Regional Tech in 1981.

She had been a resident of Revere for the past 20 years. Kim was a devoted mother who dedicated her life to her daughter and her family.

Kim and her daughter Amanda were best friends who had an unbreakable bond.

She had a kind heart and was a lover of all animals. Kim especially loved Robert Downey Jr, and her fur baby, Camus. She was an avid Marvel fan. Above all, she was caring and protective of those she loved. Kim truly adored her family and enjoyed spending time with them. She was a loving mother, sister, aunt, and friend who will be missed

by all who knew her.

Kim was a cherished mother and best friend to Amanda Pappalardo, dear sister of Nanci Pappalardo and her husband, Ron Gior-dano and Leanne

Pappalardo, all of Revere and her little sister, April Connors of Connecticut, along with the late Anthony and Kenneth Pappalardo; loving aunt of Jaclyn Gior-dano and her great niece, Jaylani Santiago and beloved niece of Michael and Maureen Harris, as well as beloved cousin to Scott McAler.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend a visitation at Vertuccio Smith & Vazza Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St, Revere on Thursday, February 1st from 5 to 7 p.m. followed by a celebration of life at The Brown Jug, 1014 Revere Beach PKWY in Chelsea at 7:30 p.m.

Frank Schettino

Outstanding Athlete and Northeastern University retiree

Frank T. Schettino of Revere, formerly of East Boston, has passed away.

He was the beloved husband of 64 years to Carmella (Milly) Pellegriti Schettino, the son of the late Frank and Susie (Ruggerio); loving father of Frank Jr. and his wife, Kristen of Atlanta, Georgia, loving grandfather of Aidan and Siena Schettino; brother of the late Vincent Schettino and his late sister, Jeanette Constantine. He is also lovingly survived by many nieces and nephews.

Frank graduated from English High School where he lettered in football and baseball. Two of his memorable accomplishments were scoring the winning touchdown against arch rival Boston Latin on Thanksgiving Day at Harvard Stadium to win the Boston City Championship and representing the Boston City Baseball All-Stars at Fenway Park against the Catholic High School All-Stars. In 1986, Frank was inducted into the Boston English High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

After High School and before attending college, Frank played football for the East Boston Tornados of the Boston City Park League. That year he was selected as East Boston’s Outstanding Sandlot Athlete.

Frank attended Northeastern University where he earned both Bachelor and Masters degrees. He also lettered in football and baseball. In his football senior year, he was selected to the All City, All New England, and All ECAC East teams. Voted the Most Valuable Player on the football team as he led the team in receptions, kickoff returns, and scoring.

After a brief tryout with the Boston Patriots, he played with the Boston Sweepers of the Atlantic Coast Football League. In 1988 Frank was inducted into the Northeastern University Athletic Hall of Fame. Frank served as President of both the Northeastern Varsity Club and Alumni Association.



After graduation, he worked for Raytheon Corp, and then began work at Northeastern University, a career that spanned over 40 years. Frank has been a Trustee of the Revere Public Library since 1993 serving as Chairman for the past 12 years. Frank was an active member in Revere’s St. Anthony’s Holy Name Society serving as past President. He was the recipient of both the Holy Name Spirit Award and Lifetime Achievement Award. For many years, he served as an usher at St. Anthony’s Sunday masses.

Frank and his wife loved traveling especially to visit their son and his family in Atlanta. Members of the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center, they enjoyed the vast array of programs and activities especially the indoor bocce competition.

Family and friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours on Friday, February 2nd from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere. His funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Saturday, February 3rd at 10 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere at 11 a.m. Interment will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. Remembrances may be made to the American Heart Association, PO Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692.

To send online condolences, please visit www.vertucciosmithvazza.com.

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C.G.

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OBITUARIES

Gladys Francis Munroe

Her radiant spirit and loving presence will be deeply missed and remembered by her family, friends, and those whose lives she touched

It is with profound sorrow and a sense of loving remembrance that we announce the departure of a truly remarkable woman, Gladys Francis Munroe, on January 29, 2024.

Born on August 7, 1942 in Revere, Gladys remained a proud resident of her birthplace throughout her life.

Gladys was an embodiment of generosity and love, a woman who could effortlessly light up a room with her funny anecdotes and witty banter. Her laughter was infectious, her spirit indefatigable, and her heart, a boundless ocean of love. As an adored mother, cousin, and friend, she lived a life that was a testament to her kind nature and selfless devotion. Gladys was a shining beacon of positivity, always ready with a comforting word or a cheerful smile. Her impact was felt by all who had the good fortune to know her. As George Elliot once said, “What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?” Indeed, Gladys lived this motto through her generous actions and warm disposition.

Gladys was the beloved widow of Thomas Munroe, and she is survived by her step-son, Peter Munroe and



her cousin, Shirley Doyle, along with numerous other cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, Francis and Gladys Ventola. Her radiant spirit and loving presence will be deeply missed and remembered by all her family, friends, and those whose lives she touched.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in honor of Gladys on Thursday, February 1 at 11 a.m. at St. Michael’s Chapel, 91 Crest Avenue, Chelsea. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

We invite you to join us in celebrating Gladys’s life by sharing your favorite memories and photos of her on the memorial page. Her life was a tapestry of love, generosity and joy and we wish to honor her by remembering the happiness she brought to us all.

Leona M. “Leigh” Orlando

A woman of great integrity and Godly character

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend visiting hours on Thursday, February 8th from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St. Revere for Leona M. “Leigh”(O’Hara) Orlando who entered fully into the presence her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, January 28th. A Funeral Service will take place in the funeral home on Friday, February 9th beginning at 10:30 a.m. followed by the service at 11 a.m. Interment will be held privately.

Leigh was born in Boston to her late parents, Boston Police Detective James E. O’Hara Sr. and Dorothy M. (Breault) O’Hara on September 8, 1949. She was one of seven children who were raised and educated in East Boston.

Leigh was a graduate of East Boston High School, Class of 1967. Following high school, Leigh began to work as an Administrative Assistant for the Bethlehem Steel Corporation in East Boston until her retirement upon its closing in the fall of 1982.

Leigh married her cherished husband, John A. Orlando on September 21, 1984. They first lived in Everett for several years, before moving to Revere in 1987.

Leigh loved life, she was always smiling and making harmless jokes that made everyone all around her happy, safe and comfortable to be in the moment together. Leigh had a deep and loyal love for family and enjoyed caring for those she loved, including the 4-legged ones. She was also a lover of the beach and would often be seen walking Revere Beach, no matter the season. Her gift of writing was one of great



excellence and her gift of administration was over the top.

Leigh had a very prominent Christian faith. She was a woman of great integrity and Godly character. She had an incredible gift of intercessory prayer and was a very proud leader of Insight Ministries United States Prayer Force a national prayer group, who has said, “That She was the fire that ignited the flame in each of us. More precious than much fine gold.”

Leigh had a special call and gift that encouraged pastors and leaders to believe in a God who says, “All things are possible.” She was a worshiper who loved to study and share the Word of God. Leigh looked for beauty in all things and tried to make a difference where needed.

She was the beloved wife of 39 years to John A. Orlando of Revere, the beloved sister of Patricia A. O’Hara – DiGenio and her husband, Joseph of Newmarket, NH., and the late Dorothy M. McGrath, James E. O’Hara Jr., Richard F. O’Hara Sr, Kevin P. O’Hara Sr. and Carol L. Pepi and her surviving husband, Gerald Pepi of Winthrop. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to The Tunnel to Towers Foundation www.t2t.org. For online condolences please visit: www.vertuciosmithvazza.com

10 years ago
January 29, 2014

The Whelan School Library served as the backdrop for Gov. Deval Patrick to sign an Executive Order last Thursday morning calling for a state task force on school safety and security.

Mohegan Sun announced the launch of a new Jobs and Business series for Revere and other regional communities that will provide local residents and businesses with detailed information on potential career and vendor opportunities in the resort gaming industry. During the Jobs Forum, which takes place in the Topsider Room at Suffolk Downs on February 3, attendees will hear from current Mohegan Sun HR executives and employees who will discuss careers with the company, which is seeking to build a hotel casino on the Revere side of Suffolk Downs.

Payments for police details and overtime for Department of Public Works (DPW) watches are nearing \$400,000 this week at the Winthrop Avenue sewer project that seems to be dormant and stalled.

20 years ago
February 4, 2004

The Revere Journal’s annual list of the top-paid city employees shows that as usual, members of the Police and School Departments top the charts. Police Chief Terence Reardon received the highest salary at \$134,915, followed by School Supt. Paul Dakin at \$129,558. Mayor Thomas Ambrosino was 28th on the list with a salary of \$97,845.

The Festa Construction Company is marking its 50th anniversary this year. Festa Construction got its start by constructing homes in the Ward 6 area of the city, which had been farmland for many years. Festa Construction built 280 homes in that area in the 1950s and 60s.

Mayor Thomas Ambrosino sharply criticized the state budget proposal by Gov. Mitt Romney, stating that Romney’s budget will mean \$400,000 less in local aid for the city in FY 2005.

Police nabbed two homeless persons who allegedly were grabbing the purses of mostly-elderly customers at area supermarkets.

An eighth grade student at the Beachmont School has been charged with selling marijuana.

40 years ago
February 1, 1984

The Special School Committee has hired outside legal counsel to review the contract of School Supt. William Hill and advise the committee what rights both the committee and Hill have pursuant to the tenure provisions of his contract.

REVERE Through the Years

Ohio U.S. Senator and former astronaut John Glenn, who is running for the Democratic nomination for U.S. President, visited Revere Saturday. The senator was well-received at a speaking engagement at the Revere House and during a handshaking autograph stop at Kelly’s Roast Beef.

Dorothy Hart, 75, and her son, Paul, 53, were rescued over ladders from their second floor apartment at the corner of Agawam Street and No. Shore Rd. Dorothy Hart has operated Dot’s Shoe Store, which occupies the first floor of the building, for more than 40 years. Damage to the structure was estimated at \$60,000.

James J. Corbett, 56, the brother of retired Revere Police Chief George Corbett, has been charged with murder in the shooting of his nephew, Joseph Anderson, 42. The shooting occurred in mid-afternoon Tuesday in the apartment the two shared at 847 No. Shore Rd. Corbett told firefighters on the scene, “I’m not going to lie. I shot him twice.” Corbett said he’d been drinking heavily the night before, drank some more in the morning, and then took a valium. Anderson reportedly said he was going to tell Corbett’s brother of his drinking and when Corbett said he wanted to be left alone, he said Anderson tried to punch him. After Anderson retired to his own room, Corbett followed him and shot him twice.

50 years ago
January 30, 1974

For the second week in a row, a motion filed by Ward 2 City Councillor Sydney Dubchansky to block the sale of a 1.4 million square-foot parcel of city-owned marshland in No. Revere to the Grandview Heights Realty Trust was defeated by a 5-5 vote. Ward 3 Councillor Arthur Nigro was not present for the second straight week for the vote.

Astronaut Alan Bean thrilled the students of the Lincoln School with his tales of his journey to the moon in 1969. Bean was the lunar module pilot on the second lunar landing in November, 1969. Bean landed on the moon with fellow astronaut Charles Conrad. They explored the lunar surface for about a mile and installed a nuclear-powered generator on the moon. Bean also was commander of the Skylab II mission that spent 59 days in space last July.

What undoubtedly is the most modern building ever built in the city will have its grand opening Monday when the new Atlantic Bank headquarters opens to the public at 385 Broadway across from the Central Fire Station. The building

is owned by Joseph Festa, who bought the previous building, the landmark Selya Block, which previously housed numerous small businesses and apartments, and tore it down.

The City Council has approved changing the name of one of the two Norman streets in the city to Moretti Street, in honor of the slain Revere police officer who was shot last year responding to a burglar alarm. The Norman Street being changed to Moretti Street is the one between Oakwood Ave. and Savage St.

Two North Shore men, one from Marblehead and one from Lynn, were killed in an explosion and flash fire at 136 Lantern Lane. The State Fire Marshal’s office is investigating the cause of the blaze.

A second fire within 48 hours of the first one gutted the interior of JoJo’s Room on Revere Beach Blvd. Fire Chief Anthony Mastronardi is asking the state to conduct a full investigation of both blazes, as well as the two that occurred in the same week at the Cyclone Roller Coaster on the boulevard.

60 years ago
January 30, 1964

Four bills seeking to change Revere’s city government from the current Plan E form with a city manager to either a Plan A or Plan B with an elected mayor are pending before the legislature and will be heard by the Committee on Cities next week. The Plan A bill was filed by State Senator Harry Della Russo and City Councillor George V. Colella and calls for an elected mayor and nine councillors, four at-large and one from each of the city’s five wards. If the legislature approves the bill, Revere voters would decide the issue at a special referendum in the fall. This would be a reversion of what voters did in the late 1940s when they decided to change from a mayoral form of government to the present city manager government.

The School Committee has gone on record as favoring construction of a new Lincoln School with 24 classrooms on the present site of the burned-out school that was mostly destroyed by a fire last year that was set by a student. A new school, with financial assistance from the state, would cost less than attempting to renovate the present building.

Gabriel I. Ash, 47, prominent local attorney, died of a heart attack this week. He had been defense counsel in the recent Superior Court case in which School Committeeman Antonio Abbene challenged the count of the recent election and was

awarded the sixth and final seat after a recount and decision by Superior Court Judge Harry Kalus, who determined that there had been irregularities with the counting of ballots.

A 4-3 majority of the City Council approved a motion by Councilor Frank Fiore Jr. to express a vote of confidence in new City Manager Melvin Taymore. The motion and subsequent vote caused an uproar among the council members and the audience in attendance.

Joseph C. DiCarlo of 81 Pearl St., a teacher at the Garfield Junior High for the past six years, has announced his candidacy for one of the city’s two State Representative seats in the upcoming November election.

70 years ago
February 4, 1954

The cherry sheet figures released by the state this week show that the city will receive a net decrease of \$6,617 from last year. Revere will receive \$480,766 as its share of the state corporation and income tax receipts, but will be assessed \$351,324 for such items as the MTA deficit and the MDC. Revere’s share of the purchase of the Boston Arena by the MDC will come to \$4,518, according to the cherry sheet figures. The MDC bought the arena last year for \$325,000.

Joseph C. DiCarlo, 17, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter DiCarlo of 257 Crescent Ave., won first place honors in the finals of the CYO oratorical contest held at Boston College Sunday. DiCarlo, a senior at Immaculate Conception High School, spoke on the topic of Catholic youth and the Pope’s Christmas message. He also gave an extemporaneous talk on the subject of “A Just Wage.”

The Mothers March held Sunday yielded \$4300 in donations from Revere residents. Some 400 volunteer local women canvassed the city door-to-door to raise funds for polio (also known as infantile paralysis) research.

80 years ago
February 3, 1944

The City Council this week unanimously, and with little discussion, approved the budget for 1944 submitted by Mayor Ray Carey.

The parishioners of the First Baptist Church will welcome their new pastor, Rev. Harold Campbell, this Sunday.

Revere is lagging far behind in its quota for the Fourth War Bond effort.

The Navy took the largest share of men inducted this month by Draft Boards 128 and 129.

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RHS UNIFIED BASKETBALL TEAM COMPETES AT TD GARDEN IN THE ANNUAL ANDREW JAMES LAWSON FOUNDATION INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT.

The RHS Unified Basketball Team was at TD Garden last Sunday morning, competing against the Everett High Unified Basketball Team.

A scheduled 9am start time got both teams on the floor and ready to play. Revere's Director of Parks and Recreation, Michael Hinojosa was in stripes to officiate the game.

Special game rules allow all participants to be able to play and feel the excitement of the game. The RHS Cheerleaders were along the sidelines to cheer them on as well. The crowd

screaming from the seats along the parquet floor added to the thrill of the event, including the Boston Celtics logo center court. Revere had a great turnout for both games that morning at TD Garden, including Mayor Patrick Keefe, who was cheering from the sidelines. When the game ended, the score didn't matter, although Everett can out on top, everyone had a great time. Watching a game like this brings a huge smile to your face, seeing absolute joy in playing a game for the sake of fun.



The RHS Unified Basketball Team at TD Garden.

SCENES FROM THE TOURNAMENT



RHS Athletic Director Frank Shea was at TD Garden to the tournament, joined by Revere School Committee member John Kingston.



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Sports

2024 RHS BOYS IN HOOP ACTION AGAINST CHELSEA

Revere’s offense turned ice-cold just as Chelsea’s heated up in the fourth quarter, and the Patriots fell 62-47 at Chelsea High on Tuesday, January 23.

PHOTOS BY BOB MARRA



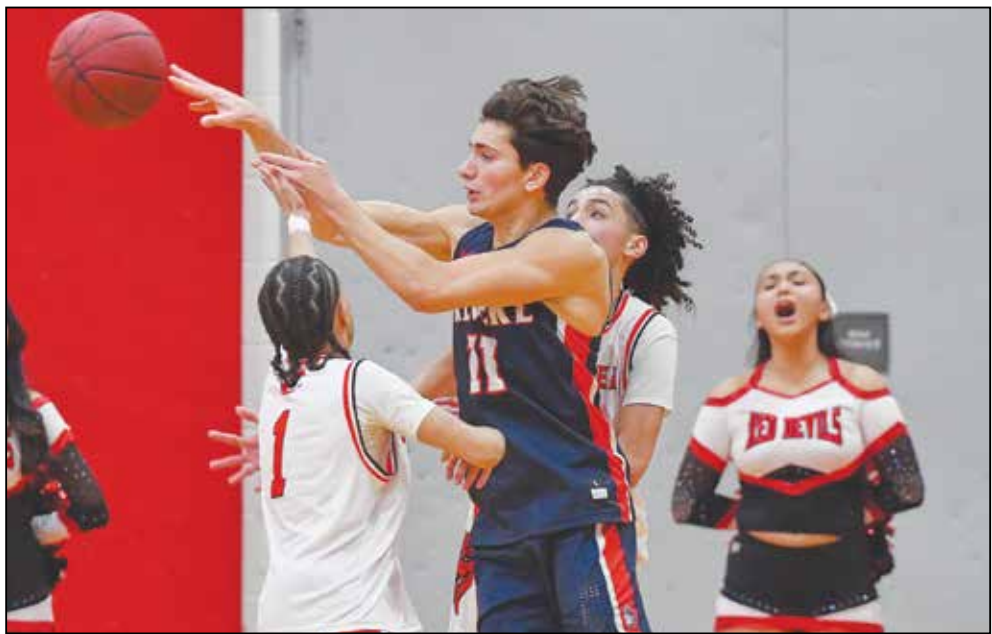
DOUBLE TROUBLE: Revere’s Ryan El Babor (10) and Sean Burnett (5) come from both sides to keep a rebound from Chelsea’s Noordin Abdi (20).



GRIP TITE: Ryan El Babor has both hands on the ball as he tries to wrestle a rebound from Chelsea’s Abdi Mohamed.



BENDING OVER BACKWARD: Amir Yamani leans backward as he lays up a shot.



PASSING IN TRAFFIC: Andrew Leone is double-teamed as he passes after pulling down a rebound.



REBOUND BATTLE: Revere’s Ethan Day (13) reaches over Chelsea’s JD Arias (4) in the battle for a rebound.



MOVING IN: Ryan El Babor bulls his way past Chelsea’s Abdi Mohamed.

RHS SPORTS Roundup

RHS GIRLS TRACK FINISHES AT 7-0 TO WIN GBL TITLE

The Revere High girls indoor track and field team defeated Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals Everett and Medford in a tri-meet last Tuesday to finish their regular season with a perfect 7-0 dual-meet record and capture an undisputed 2024 GBL title.

“The girls absolutely crushed it, defeating Everett and Medford. This makes us the GBL regular-season indoor champions!!!!” said their jubilant head coach, Racquel MacDonald Giambelli, whose squad now will compete in the All-GBL Meet this Friday at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center.

Both Revere and Medford had entered the tri-meet with perfect 5-0 records, which meant that the GBL title hinged on the outcome of the competition between the Lady Patriots and the Lady Mustangs. As expected, the meet was a close battle, but in the end, Revere prevailed by the slim margin of 52-47. (In the portion of the meet with Everett, the Lady Patriots ran away with a 75-17 victory.)

The top scorers for Revere vs. Medford were junior Liv Yuong and sophomore Gemma Stamatopoulos, both of whom scored 13 points with a pair of first-place finishes plus a second-place per-

formance. Yuong captured the high jump with a leap of 5’-10” and the 55 meter hurdles with a clocking of 9.86 and took second in the long jump, while Gemma took first in both the 600 meter dash in a time of 1:51.74 and the 2-mile run in 14:40.63, and second in the high jump.

However, in a meet full of heroines for Revere, it was Stamatopoulos’s winning effort in the 2-mile event that stood out. “Gemma ran the 2-mile for the first time this season in an especial-

ly strategic manner to give us that extra five points to beat Medford,” noted MacDonald-Giambelli of Stamatopoulos’s performance in which she edged her closest Lady Mustrang rival by less than seven seconds. Gemma’s five points in the event, which was the last individual race before the two relays, gave Revere an insurmountable lead, 52-37, which made the outcome of

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the relays a moot issue.

Other notable performances for the Lady Patriots came from sophomore Olivia Rupp, who smashed her 1-mile personal record (PR) by seven seconds to break the six-minute barrier with a time of 5:55.47. “Olivia ran an incredible and strategic race and I know she will finish the season getting that time down even further based on her workouts,” said MacDonald-Giambelli.

Francoise Kodjo scored five points vs. Medford with her winning effort in the shot-put with a throw of 24’-5”.

Ashley Cabrera Rodriguez won the long jump vs. Medford with her flight of 14’-4.5” and grabbed third in the 55 meter dash. She scored 11.25 points vs. Everett with wins in the 55m dash, the long jump, and as a member of the 4 x 200m relay quartet.

Hiba El Bzyouy also hopped into the 2-mile along with Stamatopoulos to help secure a third place and add another point to the team total. “This was a new event for Hiba that she ran for the team,” noted MacDonald-Giambelli.

A number of Revere girls established a personal record (PR) in the meet: Genieve Zierten in the 1-mile, Rania Hamdani in the 300m, Daniela Santana Baez in the 2-mile, and Giselle Salvador in the 55m dash.

“This team really stepped up,” said MacDonald-Giambelli. “We knew Medford would be our biggest competition this year due to their strength in the distance events. The girls geared up with some intense speed workouts last week and showed their strength in the field events to get us this last win. Their willingness to jump into new events for the team to secure some critical points truly shows that they recognize that track is still a team sport. I am so proud that this team will get a banner in the high school gym. It is so well-deserved.”

In addition to the point-scoring efforts noted above, the other Revere point-scorers vs. both opponents were:

55 meter dash: Giselle Salvador, 2nd vs. Everett;

300 meter dash: Rania Hamadani, 3rd vs. Medford and 1st vs. Everett; Danni Hope Randall, 2nd vs. Everett;

600 meter dash: Giselle Salvador, 3rd vs. Everett;

1000: Hiba El-Bzyouy 2nd vs. Medford and 1st vs. Everett; Yasmin Riazi, 2nd vs. Everett;

1-mile: Olivia Rupp, 2nd vs. Medford and 1st vs. Everett; Genevieve Zierten, 2nd vs. Everett;

2-mile: Hiba El Bzyouy, 2nd vs. Everett;

55 hurdles: Yara Belgue-nodouz, 2nd vs. Medford and 3rd vs. Everett; Basma Sahibi, 3rd vs. Medford;

4 x 200 relay (Giselle Salvador, Ashley Rodriguez, Danni Hope Randall, Jaliyah Manigo): 1st vs. Everett.

Long-jump: Hiba El Bzyouy, 3rd vs. Everett;

Shot-put: Ashley Chandler, 2nd vs. Medford; Francoise Kodjo, 3rd vs. Everett.

RHS GIRLS BASKETBALL TOPS MALDEN, QUALIFIES FOR TOURNEY

The Revere High girls basketball team enjoyed a successful week, winning both of its contests against Greater Boston League rivals Chelsea and Malden. The double victories achieved two goals for the Lady Patriots -- punching their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney and keeping pace with Lynn Classical

in the battle for the GBL championship.

First-year head coach Ariana Rivera and her crew, who now stand at 10-5 on the season with five games to play, are assured of finishing with the .500 record that is needed to automatically qualify for the MIAA’s post-season state tourney. They sport a 9-2 mark in the GBL, tied for first place with defending champ Lynn Classical. The two teams split their head-to-head contests with both games being decided by a single point. Classical’s other loss came to Lynn English, while the Lady Patriots fell to Medford.

In the 61-23 victory over Chelsea last Tuesday, Belma Velic led Revere with 15 points and snared six rebounds. Nisrin Sekkat reached double-figures with 10 points. The RHS bench made a nice contribution, chipping in with 22 points.

The Lady Patriots engaged in another defensive struggle last Thursday with Malden -- Revere prevailed by a score of 25-22 in their first encounter earlier this season -- and once again came out on top by the narrow margin of three points, 35-32.

Velic led the way in the scoring department with nine points to go with five rebounds. Alisha Jean hit for seven points and snared eight boards. Rocio Gonzalez came through in a big way, chipping in off the bench with seven points.

“This was a hard-fought win,” said Rivera. “We had trouble offensively and struggled with turnovers in the first half. However, our second half play was more our style and up-tempo. Smart play and valuing the basketball during the final minutes are what got us the victory.”

Revere was scheduled to host non-league opponent Greater Lowell this past Monday night and then will close out their 2024 GBL season with three contests against GBL rivals, starting with Everett tomorrow (Thursday) evening in the RHS gym for a 6:00 opening tip.

They will travel to Lynn English next Tuesday and to Somerville next Thursday before wrapping up their regular season at non-league opponent Gloucester on February 9.

RHS BOYS BASKETBALL DEFEATS MALDEN, 60-47

The Revere High boys basketball team earned a split in its two contests this past week against Greater Boston League (GBL) opponents Chelsea and Malden.

Coach David Leary and his squad made the short trip down Broadway last Tuesday night to try to avenge their one-point loss to the Red Devils of Chelsea in late December. The Patriots came out flying, playing an uptempo style of basketball. Junior guard Avi Lung (6 points 4 steals) got things going with a three-pointer from the corner, senior co-captain Andrew Leone made a layup, and junior guard Ethan Day (15 points in the first quarter) hit a few fast break layups, made a few tough floaters in the lane, and sank three free throws, propelling Revere to a 22-12 at the end of the first quarter.

The second period proved to be another story however. Chelsea adjusted to the frantic Revere pace and the Red Devils’ defense slowed the Patriots down. In addition, Chelsea’s aggressive defensive pressure created turnovers that led to easy buckets.

As half-time approached, the Revere lead had completely dissipated with

only a free throw by Patriot forward Erick Mayorga providing the Patriots with a one-point lead, 27-26, at the half.

Chelsea kept up its momentum after the intermission and scored the first eight points of the third quarter to go up by seven. Leary called a timeout and made a few adjustments to get his squad back on track. The Patriots switched to a zone defense and got going on offense. Junior guard Josh Mercado (5 points, 3 assists) made a layup, plus the free throw, and a jump shot, senior center Amir Yamani scored in the post, and Day (who finished with 27 points and 6 rebounds) got to the basket twice more, allowing Revere to claw back to trail, 37-36, with 2:11 remaining in the third quarter.

Chelsea coach Cesar Castro then called a timeout to try to stop the Revere run and it worked. The Red Devils made a few baskets and tightened up its defense to take a 44-39 lead into the final quarter.

The fourth quarter belonged to Chelsea. Revere sophomore forward Sean Burnett made an athletic finish on the fast break and a nice put-back rebound, but the Red Devils found their touch from behind the three-point arc. There was very little Revere could do to match it and Chelsea ran away with the victory, 62-47.

Two nights later the Patriots hosted the Golden Tornadoes of Malden. The teams already had met twice this season, splitting the two tilts, so Thursday night’s meeting was their rubber match. Revere, which was hoping to end a four-game losing skid, came out fast once again. The Patriots featured a balanced attack, as senior center Amir Yamani (who had a nifty double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds) scored inside, junior guard Avi Lung (9 points, 5 assists, 2 steals) drained a wing three, senior forward Ryan El Babor (4 points) drove to the hoop for two, and senior co-captain Andrew Leone (7 points, 7 rebounds) made two free throws. Day made two layups and a free throw and Revere led 14-11 to end the opening frame.

The second quarter also was played very evenly, as both teams picked up their intensity on defense and on the boards. Yamani scored twice more inside, Lung had a nice finish on a break and sank two free throws, and Day made a floater.

However, a Malden bucket as time expired at the half left the teams at level, 24-24, at the intermission. The third quarter was all Patriots on both ends of the floor. The Revere defense made it tough for Malden, limiting the Golden Tornadoes to just one point over the eight minute period. After Andrew Leone sank a corner trey on a fast break, Day (23 points, 5 rebounds) decided to take over. The junior guard made a put-back on an offensive rebound in traffic; hit a smooth, spinning layup; made two of his patented floaters; and drained a three-pointer to open up the lead for Revere to 42-25.

Malden was not going to go away easily and trimmed the Patriots’ lead down to 10 points with four minutes left in the game. However, the senior trio of El Babor, Yamani, and Leone each hit a basket, Day sank another floater and a trey from the corner, and Revere again extended its lead. Senior guard Domenic Belmonte got a fast break layup, sophomore forward Sean Burnett hit a jump shot, and then, after a Malden technical foul, Leary substituted recently-promoted junior Jayden Balo-



CURVE BALL: Ethan Day (13) contorts himself to avoid a Chelsea High School defender and get off a shot.



NOW WHAT?: Avi Lung (4) looks for an outlet as he is closely guarded by Chelsea’s Abdi Mohamed (2) during the January 23 game.

gun and sophomore Devin Berry to shoot the technical free throws. Both sank their techs to score their first varsity points and the Patriots emerged victorious, 60-47.

Leary expressed his happiness for his team after the game. “It’s been a tough few weeks for these guys, with injuries, illnesses and losing some really close games,” said the coach. “We needed this one tonight. Everyone on this roster contributed, which is great, and obviously Ethan (Day) put us on his back there for a little bit in the third quarter. We can definitely see the improvement and hopefully that leads to more wins here down the stretch.”

Revere is now 4-9 on the season and was scheduled to travel to non-league opponent Greater Lowell this past Monday night. The Patriots then will take on the two top teams in the GBL in back-to-back contests: They will make the short trek to Everett tomorrow (Thursday) evening and will host Lynn English next Tuesday. Both of those contests will tip off at 7:00.

BOYS TRACK TOPS EVERETT, MEDFORD

The Revere High boys indoor track and field team concluded its dual-meet season on a high note with victories over Greater Boston League rivals Medford and Everett in a tri-meet last Tuesday at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Boston.

In the Medford portion of the meet, the Patriots corralled the Mustangs by a score of 57-43.

Winners in their individual events vs. Medford were: Allen Hou in the 55 meter dash with a sprint of 6.78 seconds to lead a Patriot sweep of that race; JV Cunha in the 600 dash with a time of 1:33.17; Oliver Escobar in the high jump with a leap of 5’-6”; Isaiah DeCrosta in the 55 hurdles with a time of 8.43; and Kevin Purcifull in the shotput with a toss of 42’-3” that paced a Revere sweep.

The Patriots also won both relays. In the 4 x 200, the quartet of Yousef Benhamou, Oliver Escobar, Geo Woodard, and Jeremy X came across in a clocking of 1:39.01, four seconds ahead of their Medford rivals, and in the 4 x 400, the foursome of Isaiah DeCrosta, Medy Bellem-sieh, Kenan Batic, and JV Cunha finished in a time of 3:44.17, which was six seconds faster than their Mustang counterparts.

In the Everett part of the tri-meet, the Patriots handily swept past the Crimson Tide, 68-32.

First-place finishers for Revere vs. Everett were: Hou in the 55 dash; JV Cunha in the 600; DeCrosta in the 55 hurdles; Purcifull in the shotput; Edwin Alarcon in the 1000 with a time of 3:01.39; and Youness Chahid in the mile with a clocking of 5:03.44.

Both of the relay teams also defeated their Everett counterparts.

The full results of the tri-meet with all of the Revere point-scorers are as follows:

-- 55 meter dash: Oliver Escobar, 2nd vs. Medford and 3rd vs. Everett; Jeremy X., 3rd vs. Medford;

-- 300 meter dash: Jeremy X, 3rd vs. Medford and 2nd vs. Everett; Geo Woodard, 3rd vs. Everett;

-- 600 meter dash: Medy Bellem-sieh, 2nd vs. Medford and Everett; Kenan Batic, 3rd vs. Everett;

-- 1000 meters: Edwin Alarcon, 2nd vs. Medford; Mohamed Fares, 3rd vs. Everett

-- 1-mile: Youness Chahid, 2nd vs. Medford; Adam Assour, 3rd vs. Medford and 2nd vs. Everett;

-- 2-mile: Mohamed Fares, 2nd vs. Everett;

-- Long-jump: Medy Bellem-sieh, 3rd vs. Medford and 2nd vs. Everett; Kepler Celamy, 3rd vs. Everett;

-- 55 meter hurdles: Fajr Riazi, 3rd vs. both Medford and Everett;

-- Shot-put: Allen Hou, 2nd vs. both Medford and Everett; Glenn Kule, 3rd vs. both Medford and Everett;

-- High jump: Isaiah DeCrosta, 3rd vs. Medford.

Coach David Fleming and his squad, who finished with a 5-2 dual-meet record, will compete in the All-GBL Meet this Friday at the Reggie and will be looking to make a run (pun intended) at Malden and Somerville, the two teams who defeated Revere earlier this season.

STUDENT SENATE STAR

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the student senate star

The Student Senate Star (S.S.S) is Revere High School’s very own spot in the Revere Journal, where student voice shines bright! Submissions will be open for our editions sent out during the last week of every month as we hope to increase visibility of youth voice in Revere. Whether its op-eds, poems, stories, or any other form of writing, we hope to showcase the unique perspective of students across the city. Some pieces will be signed by writers, while other pieces may be signed “Student Senate Star” to preserve anonymity. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, email studentsenaterhs@gmail.com and/or reach out to our Instagram, [@rhs.studentsenate](https://www.instagram.com/rhs.studentsenate)! Enjoy our fifth edition!

PETITION TO CITY COUNCIL URGING FINAL SUPPORT OF THE WONDERLAND SITE

Dear Revere City Council,

Starting 3 and a half years ago, with 7 sites and over 100 public meetings, the Revere High School Construction process has been long in the making. We hope that the City Council’s vote on January 29th will cement this hard work with the right decision: Wonderland. As this decision has been long overdue, muddled by litigation and rising prices, it is necessary the City act now to save cost; in order to save both financial and social cost, we call on the City Council to finally choose Wonderland, once and for all.

We continue to stand by the Wonderland’s site’s state-of-the-art design, opportunity for expansion, and safety. Not only would the use of the City-owned land be more fiscally responsible, accessible for students (especially athletes), and create less distractions to on-site learning, but it would also create additional space and resources the current site cannot afford. With the obstacle of a \$40 million culvert, as well as field and parking relocation, the current site proves to be more expensive, more obstructive, and more wasteful.

As the School Building Committee’s presentation to the School Committee on January 16th proved, MSBA’s additional coverage of the cost this year proves especially promising. This, paired with the fact that the current RHS site was found to have “no pros”, directly shows that the Wonderland decision is not only more cost-effective, but also more safe of a choice. Even then, given the city’s acquisition of the Wonderland site, as well as the limitations of the culvert in West Revere, the current RHS site has proved too costly, too unsound, and too careless.

Our original letter – and subsequent march with over 100 students in attendance – was underscored by the urgency of MSBA funding and the need to rebuild outdated and dangerous sports fields. That same necessity still exists and has been exacerbated. Athletes have dealt with subpar and dangerous field conditions for years, being told that the possibility of construction at the existing site will continue to postpone necessary changes. Not only does the postponement of a decision harm students, but also the existing site construction project as a whole, especially given its removal of accessible fields for the entire City of Revere. With the fact that the cost of the high school project rises an additional \$25 million with every year added to the process, the January 29th decision proves especially crucial.

On March 27th, 2023, students of all ages and backgrounds poured out of Revere High School and marched to City Hall, chanting “Where is Wonderland?” and bearing signs in multiple languages calling for immediate attention. Students came together, giving multilingual speeches about how they wished their siblings could be afforded more opportunities and safety within a new high school. And yet, despite the overwhelming demand, the City Council voted against our wishes, citing cost as the main reason. Now, as the RHS Building Committee has affirmed that the current site would be more expensive, we rise again to urge your support of the new RHS’ construction at Wonderland. We have been told it is our civic duty and responsibility to reach out to our elected officials and express our concerns. By doing so, we faced disappointment. We hope that now, nearly a year later, we will be met with a glimpse of hope and change that every student, past, present, and future in this city deserves.

Sincerely,
RHS Student Senate & Revere Community



Over 100 students, supported by Revere staff and residents, attended the rally last March, demanding a new RHS be built at the Wonderland site. (Photo Credits: Raihan Ahmed @5thorbit)

FIN LIT FOR ALL!

What’s Brewing with the Student Representatives?

Two things in life are guaranteed: death and paying taxes. Remember complaining about how school doesn’t teach you about taxes? The RHS administration listened and consequently, guaranteed us financial literacy. Today, RHS students are guaranteed to leave high school with a basic understanding of micro and macro-level economics through financial literacy classes at school or through dual enrollment. At a time when consumer debt is at its highest, mortgages far outpace wages, and student debt is higher than all social welfare programs combined, every student transitioning into their adult life must be able to navigate the financial challenges they will inevitably face successfully.

Unfortunately, Revere is an exception, not the rule. For the many communities across our state, there is still much more that remains to be done. As a pioneer in education, Massachusetts falls behind states like Alabama, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, and others in terms of financial literacy education in schools. As Rep. Hamilton, sponsor of House Bill 4199, An Act Relative to Personal Financial Literacy, put it, the only time a Massachusetts loss against Alabama can be accepted is on the football field. That’s why we took to the State House on January 10th to change the status quo for every student in this Commonwealth.

As one of the only districts with a gold standard in financial literacy education (i.e. financial literacy as a graduation requirement) in the state, we upheld the impact this course has on our students. Considering our demographic, primarily low-income first-generation students, we highlighted the urgency for Revere’s standard to be the norm across the state, because the primary beneficiaries of financial literacy will be those who come from a similar background.

HB. 4199 is a win-win for all. Not only will students learn about managing their finances in a trusted environment through reliable sources, but districts will also be equipped with the resources needed to implement this programming for all students. The Financial Literacy Trust Fund created under this bill will ensure that students in underserved communities beyond Revere can experience the transformative effects of financial literacy without overburdening districts or widening the gaps that already exist.

Revere stood alongside more than 20 other student representatives to draw support for this bill. We want to thank our Representatives Giannino and Turco for co-sponsoring this bill, school committee members, administrators, student senate, and various financial literacy educators for helping provide additional perspective on HB. 4199!

- Raihan Ahmed, RHS Senior Student Representative

THE C WORD

You’ve heard about it in the news, possibly even modern television or books. You’ve without a doubt seen warning signs, flyers, and alerts. But, most importantly of all, you’ve experienced it firsthand: COVID-19. While for many, and most likely the majority of people, this word is one that would be rather ignored, it’s important we give it the understanding – and attention – it deserves. While we may think of COVID-19 and cringe at the changes we underwent during the Lockdown, or feel pain for what has been lost, we must shift these feelings towards action, and we must push through it, even if it proves hard.

In all honesty, it is hard for me to remember the past 4 years with the same clarity as before. Muddled by a Pandemic, and subsequent shifts at school/home, understanding who we were before and after 2020 can be challenging. Still, I am not alone. With over half of the population being infected at least once

according to Harvard in 2022, many have dealt with the same difficulties. Furthermore, COVID-19 is unique in its ties to “Long COVID”, an understudied illness that has been said to impact every organ, as well as greatly differing from patient-to-patient. Earlier in January, the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions held testimony regarding the issue, hearing about the experience from Long COVID patients, frontline doctors, and researchers. Michelle Harkins, MD, Professor of Medicine at the University of New Mexico, noted that there must be “multidisciplinary clinics to address the myriad of symptom complexes that these patients face.” While many of us may want to “move on”, it is unwise – and unsafe – to do so given the people still impacted and undermined.

As rates of infection increased over the winter, many think of it as “inevitable”, or simply a sign of the weather. And yet, COVID is not as simply understood as the Flu, which similarly reached Pandemic status more than a century ago. While the Flu largely impacts respiratory cells, COVID-19 impacts neurological and cardiovascular cells much more, weakening energy production in the mitochondria of many organs. According to a Nature Medicine paper from 2023, reinfection leads to increased risk of developing diabetes, kidney disease, and mental illness. While many may also have the ability to withstand infection, this proves especially dangerous for people with disabilities and people that are immunocompromised, who already deal with much more than many imagine.

If we want to afford everyone the same opportunities, safety, and healthfulness moving forward, we should be more than willing to make the necessary adjustments, changes, and even sacrifices. On a basic level, this includes increased testing and reporting of infection/Long Covid rates. Looking at the Massachusetts COVID-19/Respiratory Illness Dashboard, just under half of reported cases are “probable”, yet not confirmed. Concerns of underreporting limit our ability to effectively combat infection and lessen the curve.

In this regard, how do we lessen the curve? Not only is it a local and state government responsibility to support vaccination, but also a personal responsibility, too. The COVID-19 vaccine should operate similarly to the Flu vaccine, with many (including myself) receiving them in tandem. To that effect, the COVID vaccine must be afforded the same apolitical attitude and necessity that the Flu vaccine is met with each coming winter. Still, possibly the most contentious of them all, is masking. Many are tired of doing so in public spaces, or simply don’t understand the need. If you’d understandably want to make strides in doing so, start somewhere: the train, bus, and/or crowded environments. While it may seem negligible, it can make a world of a difference, not only keeping you safe, but creating a safer and more accessible environment for others as well.

We all share fatigue with dealing with COVID-19, even exactly 4 years after the public health emergency was called in the United States. Still, this “fatigue” many face in simply hearing about the term is nothing in comparison to the debilitating experiences of many across the country. For the people enduring Long Covid in isolation, as well as the many people with disabilities, the fears of COVID proliferate so long as people forget. Especially for those of us with family members that we must keep safe, we understand the need for compassion; while their voices go unheard, the stigmatization of the “C Word” prevails. If we want to truly create more accessible experiences for all and enact substantial public health support systems, we must instead embrace and act on the ultimate C Word: community.

- Erta Ismahili, Student Senate Vice-Chair



Revere High School Student Senator Leah Zuniga, Vice-Chair Erta Ismahili, Chair Matthew Terrell, Sr. Student Representative Raihan Ahmed, and Jr. Student Representative Salsabil Mendoza attended and testified in favor of House Bill 4199.

REVERE HOCKEY HONORS SENIORS



Senior Matthew Lacroix with his parents.



Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe (2nd from left) with Kelly Svendsen, Malden Mayor Gary Christenson, and MHS AD Charlie Confrey were on hand for the combined Tide Hockey Senior Night from Revere High, Malden High, Everett High and Mystic Valley Regional High Schools.



Mayor Patrick Keefe with seniors, Jacob Lacroix, and Senior Captain Ollie Svendsen.



Senior Captain Ollie Svendsen with his parents and family at the Tide's Senior Night Saturday at the Allied Veterans Memorial Rink in Everett.

RHS SPORTS Through the Years

10 years ago
January 30, 2014
The Revere High School (RHS) hockey team, which was likely bound for the state tournament in only the second year under head coach Joe Ciccarello, is on the verge of having to forfeit all of its eight wins due to a paperwork snafu for one of the team's best players, who was a fifth-year senior unbeknownst to many in the school. Superintendent Paul Dakin and Athletic Director Shaun Hart confirmed that the team was found to have an ineligible player last Friday and self-reported the potential violation to the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletics Association (MIAA).
Mike Dreeszen drained a clutch three-pointer with 30 seconds to play to cap a late-game comeback that propelled the Revere

High boys basketball team to a 66-62 triumph over Swampscott. Dreeszen made two other treys down the stretch and Ravi Ryland then forced a big turnover by tipping a pass, corralling it, and sending it down-court to Jason Seigal for the uncontested layup to give Revere a four-point lead that sealed the game.
The Revere High girls basketball team won a 43-38, come-from-behind triumph at Swampscott. Tiphani Harris was a force all game, leading the Lady Patriots with 13 points and 18 rebounds for a powerful double-double. Meaghan Gotham almost achieved that feat with nine points and 10 rebounds.
The Revere High hockey team skated to a come-from-behind 4-2 triumph over Northeastern Conference South Division rival Swampscott Saturday eve-

ning at Cronin Rink. Marco Mazzarelli, Anthony Ceca, and Brandon Mastropietro (two goals) provided the offense.
20 years ago
February 4, 2004
Revere High's record-holding shot-putter Brad Evans added to his growing list of laurels by capturing the gold medal at the State Coaches Meet Saturday at the Reggie Lewis Center with a toss of 54'-9.75". The meet also saw Merzudin Ibric set a school mark in the 300 dash with a clocking of 36.32, topping the previous record set in 1997 by Jason Marino. The RHS boys indoor track squad recently completed a 7-1 season under head coach Steve Pavey with season-ending wins of 58-28 over Malden and 60-25 over Arlington, the program's best record

in 25 years. The Pats' lone loss came to undefeated Peabody.
40 years ago
February 1, 1984
After dropping a 7-1 decision to Arlington, the RHS hockey team bounced back to defeat Chelsea, 12-8. Andy Restiano and Ed Mathews scored four goals each in the win for coach Dick Champa's squad.
50 years ago
January 30, 1974
The RHS hockey team still is winless after a 5-3 loss to Chelsea. Fred Piccini, Marty Grasso, and Sal Indorato scored for the Patriots.
The girls basketball team defeated Everett, 51-26. Joyce Hittinger scored 15 points for the Patriotettes and Doreen DiRenzo added 14.
Joe Festa, the 6-0, 205 pound star running back this season for the Revere High Super Bowl football team who was named an all-scholastic by both the Boston Globe and Herald, has announced that he will attend Boston College. Festa rushed for 1149 yards and scored 102 points. He is a cousin of B.C.'s current fine running back, Mike Esposito.

60 years ago
January 30, 1964
Coach George Horner's Revere High hockey team turned in a superb performance, but came up on the short end of a 1-0 decision to Lynn English. Vitale, Revere's goalie, made a number of hard-to-believe saves.
The RHS basketball team continues to play great ball, improving to 7-2 in league play, racking up a pair of dramatic victories over Chelsea and Medford. Ronnie Paul sank two free throws in the closing seconds to give Revere a 55-54 win over Medford. In a 62-59 victory over Chelsea, Paul hit the first of two free throws with three seconds to play to give Revere a one point lead and then Archie Mellace grabbed the rebound of Paul's missed second free throw attempt and converted the shot to make for a 62-59 final score. Mellace paced Revere with 30 and 33 points respectively in the two contests. The Chelsea-Revere game was played before a standing-room-only crowd and it is regrettable that the Lincoln School gymnasium cannot accommodate more fans.

The Immaculate Conception High basketball team kept alive its hopes for a league title with a 30-point victory over St. Columbkille. St. Patrick's of Watertown, which presently is in first place, comes to town Friday for a big showdown at Fr. Brennan Hall. However, a big question mark for IC is whether leading scorer Ed O'Hara will be able to play. O'Hara was injured in the closing minutes of a non-league contest with Winthrop last week which IC lost by seven points.
Revere's Edgar Dane, the international speed skating champion who skates under the colors of the Holy Name Skating Club, earned another speed skating title last week with a victory in the Middle Atlantic Outdoor Speed Skating Championship. Dane won both the one-mile and the half-mile races and came back to take the three-quarter mile race on Sunday. He then concluded his championship weekend by capturing the title in the three-mile event. Dane now is headed to the upcoming North American Championships in Pittsburgh.

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Malden Catholic High School welcomes Ndaba Mandela

Story & Photos by Marianne Salza

Over 800 students, board members, Xaverian brothers, previous headmasters, and local officials stood in the Malden Catholic High School (MC) gymnasium, extending their arms with conviction, as Leadership Series speaker, Ndaba Mandela, urged them to. Confidently, they repeated Mandela's affirmation in unison, "I am a leader. What I dream, I can achieve."

Like his "granddad", Nelson Mandela -- a resilient humanitarian and 1993 Nobel Peace Prize recipient -- Ndaba Mandela believes that youth are the leaders of a hopeful tomorrow. Mandela's January 24 presentation fostered inclusion, love, and equality.

"Young people need to take lead today. You are more powerful than you think you are," said Mandela, who urged students to choose a cause that speaks to their hearts. "Your parents want you to be diamonds and shine."

Mandela encouraged listeners to stand up for the marginalized, explaining that leaders allow others to become champions. "Leaders serve their community. Be a voice for those who are voiceless," Mandela advocated. "Engage with people you want to help. God gave us two ears and one mouth for a reason: so you can listen more than you talk. The first thing you do when you want to help people is listen. Often, the people who are experiencing challenges also have solutions."

Mandela is confident that youth will lead the nation, amplifying a message of peace and equality.

"My grandfather said if a person can be taught to hate, then a person can be taught to love, because love comes more natural to the human condition," Mandela recognized. "Do not make your choices out of fear. Make your choices out of hope that you will achieve unity."

Mandela asserted that fellowship is strength. Kindness and patient attentiveness are necessary to uplift voices.

"The future of this school is in diversity. There is power in diversity. We learn how to do things in a different, more efficient, and innovative way," acknowledged Mandela to the student body that is 40% diverse, including international students.

"When we have an open heart, we are able to learn and become better," expressed Mandela, who implored students to apply his grandfather's principles in their own communities. "My grandfather had a lot of compassion. Compassion is what we need in this world."

His grandfather's wisdom and gentleness bolstered Mandela's belief that he could make a difference. Mandela encouraged students to vote and be aware of who represents them in their district so their concerns can be heard.



Malden Mayor Gary Christensen presenting a citation to Ndaba Mandela in appreciation of his continued mission for social justice and equality.

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Ndaba Mandela was born in 1982, during the apartheid regime in South Africa. He described the system as so brutal that if a child was born from a mixed race couple, he or she would be removed and placed in a separate area of mixed race people.

Ndaba Mandela's grandfather, Nelson Mandela, was the leader of an anti-apartheid movement that brought liberation and peace to South Africa. Mandela -- who had a sense of humor and enjoyed dancing -- raised his grandson to be understanding, passionate, and genuine.

Now Mandela promotes positive change through collaboration, tolerance, and respect. He is co-founder and chairman of the African community-based foundation, Africa Rising. Mandela was involved in creating the International Day of Happiness at the United Nations. His book, "Going to the Mountain: Life Lessons from my Grandfather, Nelson Mandela," chronicles his life, telling the story of Nelson Mandela from his grandson's perspective. Mandela is presently organizing the 95th Nelson Mandela International Day on July 18, in celebration of his grandfather's birthday.

Principal Jeff Smith felt that one of the most important topics that Mandela discussed was about "dreaming big."

"It reinforced working hard, and continuing to push yourself out of your comfort zone," explained Principal Smith.

Malden Catholic President John Thornburg feels that Nelson and Ndaba Mandela's story is a new level for students, faculty, and staff to aspire for.

"His message about compassion and understanding others fits well with our school mission," noted President Thornburg.

Senior, Jackson Norales, concurs that Mandela's presentation reinforced Malden Catholic's Xaverian values of simplicity, compassion, trust, and zeal. Norales is the secretary of the National Honor Society, and the key spiritual leader of his grade's community service organization.

"When I started at MC, courage was something I



Africa Rising Co-Founder and Chairman Ndaba Mandela explaining to Malden Catholic students what it means to be a civil rights leader.



Yolandy Vargus and Sixtine Masek, Class of 2024 applauding Ndaba Mandela.

struggled with -- trust in myself that I could be a leader in this world," revealed Norales, a Malden resident. "Community and group work will lead to the most change."

Mandela's pride in his country, and his grandfather's courageousness resonated with Norales, who enjoyed learning about personal narratives, like attending soccer games.

In addition to service and charity, Norales and senior classmate Sachelle Sterlin agree that coming together as a group is one of the most vital lessons they learned from Mandela's lecture. Sterlin is a member of the African American Policy Forum, which supports human right and the expansion of racial justice and gender equality.

"We did research to promote legislation that improves the conditions in America for black women," described Sterlin, of Malden, about her Young Scholars Program internship. "The message that impacted me the most today was Mr. Mandela's message about youth being the catalyst for social change, and us picking up the movement from the older generations."



Christopher Torres, Class of 2025, extending his arms to recite, "I am a leader. What I can dream, I can achieve."



Former MC Headmaster Brother Richard Cook (far right) performed the South African and United States nation anthems with his capella chorus, Blue of a Kind, a Melrose-based band that has been singing together for some 20 years.



Declan Kelly, with Robert Gregory, MC Boys Division Leader, addressing Ndaba Mandela.

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Revere High head hockey coach Jim Palumbo (above) notches his 100th career victory. **IN SPORTS.**

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Introducing the North East Legislative Caucus. **PAGE 7.**



PARTY TIME

Raina Morgan cooks up some tasty ideas for your Super Bowl party. **PAGE 15.**



A WINNING PAIR

Dave and Ann Montani (above) coach the RHS gymnastics teams side by side — but not together. **PAGE 17.**

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An unforgettable story

Revere family featured in groundbreaking PBS documentary

By JOSHUA RESNEK
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In 1990, life changed irrevocably for the tightly-knit, fiercely proud McKenna Family of Revere.

Isabel McKenna, mother of four daughters, had always been a strong and vital woman, full of life and fun until her family started to notice a change.

She lost weight and looked tired all the time. She started getting up in the middle of the night and dressing for work as if it were morning.

She'd lose track of simple things she was doing. She'd make toast, and when the bread came out of



Maureen (McKenna) Guanci and her mother, Isabel. The McKenna family is featured in a stunning PBS documentary entitled, 'The Forgetting: A Portrait of Alzheimer's.'

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Out of town; out of bounds?

Longtime ZBA member lives in Lynnfield

By SETH DANIEL
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A member of the Revere Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has apparently been living in Lynnfield for several years while serving on the ZBA and voting in Revere city elections, according to records on file at Revere City Hall and at Town Hall in Lynnfield.

Knowingly falsifying one's voter registration is against state law and can be punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 and/or five years imprisonment.

Alfred V. Buccilli, 75, has served on the ZBA for many years and was most recently reappointed by Mayor Tom Ambrosino and approved by the City Council in 2002.

"When I got reappointed, I was grandfathered in," said Buccilli during a phone call made earlier this week.

He said his term expires in 2006. Buccilli acknowledged that he lives in Lynnfield but said he was permitted to do so as a result of his seniority on



ALFRED V. BUCCILLI

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PHOTOS BY MIKE LAYHE (ABOVE) AND RICH BAILLIE (RIGHT)

Fire on Bellingham Avenue

'They lost everything. There wasn't anything left except one tenant found her pocketbook on a table intact and virtually untouched,' Revere Fire Chief Eugene Doherty said following Friday's four-alarm fire on Bellingham Avenue. The blaze destroyed a multi-family home, displacing 17 people. The house was demolished by crane on Monday. Story, Page 4.



THE PATS AIM FOR ANOTHER SUPER BOWL TITLE

No tickets, no problem

For many Patriots fans, the first priority is getting to Houston

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Getting to Houston for the Super Bowl has become quite a gamble for many of Revere's legions of loyal Patriots fans, according to local travel agents.

At Travel Reports on Broadway owner Mark Drago and agent Pam Zilonis have been booking several people on flights to Houston - and

many of them don't even have tickets to the game yet.

"You'd be surprised [at] the majority of people who are buying travel packages to Houston and don't have tickets yet," said Drago. "They feel they'll get them when they get there."

While Super Bowl tickets are resting at a firm \$3,000 per seat, airline tickets are skyrocketing, too. The average cost of a round-trip

ticket to Houston the day after the Patriots won the AFC Championship was around \$875.

Many are flying into Dallas or San Antonio, then driving to Houston to save on airfare.

Drago and Zilonis said they had eight gentlemen who gambled on their team's talent and bought a travel package to Houston four

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SUPER BOWL XXXVIII

Super Bowl contest and recipe ideas. Pages 8 and 9.

GO PATS!

FOUR DAYS TO GAME TIME

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LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC NOTICE TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (EJ) COMMUNITIES
PROJECT: Route 1A South Bound Ramps and Roundabout Project
LOCATION: Route 1A North Shore Road, Revere MA 02151
PROPOSER: City of Revere
Per Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act Environmental Notification Form/Environmental Impact Report and submittal requirements for the above-mentioned project, all environmental justice communities must be notified within one mile of the project area adjacent to Route 1A North Shore Road.

The Route 1A South Bound Ramps and Roundabout Project seeks to promote local connectivity to minimize traffic impact in the Point of Pines neighborhood and improve access to Gibson Park which is adjacent to the project. The existing ramp system connecting the Lynnway to Route 1A is not effective for circulation to the adjacent neighborhood and is challenging for emergency vehicles to access the area. This project also includes the addition of a shared use pathway for pedestrian and bicycle use. The overall project size is approximately 9.5 acres. A public meeting to discuss this project is

scheduled for February 7th, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the Revere City Council Chambers, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151
The anticipated date of MEPA filing is on or before March 17th, 2024 (Day 90)
For questions regarding this project, please reach out to Devin Herrick with Weston & Sampson at 978-532-1900 or by email: herrick.devin@wseinc.com between the hours of Mon-Fri 8AM - 4 PM.
By City of Revere
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INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR SEWER AND STORMWATER MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION
Bid No: MUN-2024-1004
Separate sealed bids will be received by the City of Revere Purchasing Agent, Michael Piccardi, at his office, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, prior to 10:00 am, Thursday, February 15, 2024, at which time they will be opened and publicly read. This bid is for maintenance and rehabilitation of various size sewers as per specifications at various locations in the City of Revere. The project consists of Sewer

cleaning, Television Inspection, Sewer pipe lining, Pipe point repair, Service connection rehabilitation, Manhole rehabilitation, Catch basin cleaning, etc. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained electronically from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, beginning Thursday, February 1, 2024 at purchasing@revere.org. Revere City Hall office hours are Monday 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Tuesday thru Thursday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Friday, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Each bidder must deposit with their bid, a Bid Bond or a Certified or Treasurer's check from a

Bank or Trust Company or Money Order of not less than five percent (5%) of their bid. The selected contractor shall provide Performance and Payment Bonds in the full amount of the contract price. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or any part of a bid, which in the opinion of the City Purchasing Agent is most advantageous to the City of Revere. Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract that the contractor must ensure the employees and applicants for

employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin under Executive Order 11246, as amended. The successful bidder shall be required to comply with Section 3 of HUD Regulations relative to the project area and local concern when applicable and all pertinent Federal and State Laws. The City of Revere is an Equal Opportunity Employer. It is the Policy of the City of Revere to take positive steps to maximize the utilization of Minority Business Enterprises. The City of Revere has established a goal of ten percent (10%) participation of Minority

Business Enterprises in all construction projects. No bidder may withdraw their bid within thirty (30) business days after the actual date of the opening thereof. This invitation for bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30 §39M. Michael Piccardi Purchasing Agent
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LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Section 40 Chapter 131 of the Massachusetts General Laws (Wetlands Protection Act) that the City of Revere Conservation Commission will hold

a Public Hearing, on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chamber of Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 upon the application of Mr. Gregory Olson to construct an addition to an existing single family dwelling and associated site work at 175 Rice Avenue (Tax Map 14 Block 192A Lot 6). A copy of the Applicant's "Notice of Intent" application will be available at the Department of Planning & Community Development at Revere City Hall Monday through Thursday 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM.
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REVERE HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES HOST A CIVICS ACTION PROJECT SHOWCASE

On Tuesday, January 16, Revere High School sophomores hosted an impressive Civics Action Project Showcase at the high school's Learning Commons.

Dozens of other students, staff, administrators, as well as Mayor Patrick Keefe, school committee members, and many others walked through the showcase throughout the morning and afternoon sessions.

Civics is the study of the rights and obligations of citizens in society. The term derives from the Latin word *civicus*, meaning "relating to a citizen." The term refers to behavior affecting other citizens, particularly in the context of urban development. Civic education is the study of the theoretical, political, and practical aspects of citizenship, as well as its rights and duties.



City Hall officials stopped by the event to check on the students' work.



Staff and administrators also stopped by to hear about the different projects during the showcase.



Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lourenco Garcia speaks with students during the Civics Showcase.



A teacher checks out the students' work.



RHS Library Media Specialist Mia Morgan (right) with students during the showcase.



School Committee members Anthony Caggiano and John Kingston talk with students.



A RHS teacher looks on as his students take him through her civics project.



Mayor Patrick Keefe talks with students.



RHS sophomores check out each other's work.



Mayor Patrick Keefe poses for a photo with a student.



A RHS student explains her civics project.

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