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#### NORTHEAST METRO TECH TO **HOST 'A KNIGHT OUT ON THE** TOWN'

Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to share that Northeast Metro Tech is hosting the inaugural "A Knight Out on the Town" gala to support a scholarship that will benefit students with disabilities. The event will be held on Monday, March 18, from 5 to 8 p.m. at The Four Points By Sheraton, 1 Audubon Road, Wakefield

A Knight Out on the Town is a gala that will feature culinary delights from restaurants in each of Northeast Metro Tech's 12 sending communities, as well as music from Phil Carbone of Time of Your Life DJ Service and Entertainment. There will also be several raffles available.

All funds raised by the gala will be used by the Northeast Metro Tech Special Education Parent Advisory Council (Northeast SEPAC) to start a scholarship fund for Northeast Metro Tech students with disabilities who are heading to trade schools or post-secondary education.

The Northeast SEPAC provides education and support to parents, school personnel and the broader community on special education issues and services. The Northeast SE-PAC's mission promotes a supportive, innovative and respectful educational environment that ensures students with special ed-

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#### PROSPECT HOUSE RESIDENTS PHOTO DISPLAY OPENING AT CITY HALL



Pictured at the grand opening of the Prospect House's Photovoice exhibition at City Hall are, from left, School Committee Member Anthony Caggiano, John Davidson, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Betty Snell, Anthony Crawford, Sharon Gellis, Kathleen Taussig, Councillor-At-Large Juan Jaramillo, School Committee Member John Kingston, and School Committee Member Aisha Milbury-Ellis. See more photos on Page 8.

# Council looks to costs and funding options for building high school

By Adam Swift

The City Council approved several motions related to the funding and costs associated with the building of a new high school on the Wonderland property at its meeting last

Ward 5 Councillor An-Guarino-Sawaya introduced a motion requesting the mayor establish a program in which residents, developers, and corporations can purchase engraved walkway pavers for the purpose of raising funds to be deposited into the Revere High School

Stabilization Fund.

The councillor said the idea for the motion was brought forward by one of her constituents in response to conversations about how to ease the tax burden of the high school building project. Guarino-Sawaya said the program could offer pavers terials to coincide with a tiered donation level (i.e. red \$100, white \$250, blue \$500, gold \$1,000, glass \$5,000, metal \$10,000).

"I'm very excited about this motion, as I feel it can bring in a couple of million dollars and be inclusive to

all while taking some of the burden off taxpayers," Guarino-Sawaya said.

High school students could also be involved with the design of the pavers to highlight the diversity of the school and the community, she said.

"I'm certain that graduates from Revere High School will come back and be honored to purchase a brick to help build the new school, and all proceeds from the bricks shall be put into the high school stabilization fund," she said.

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# Traffic Comm. reverses direction, approves partial one-way on Harris St.

By Journal Staff

Confusion reigned at the Revere Traffic Commission's regular monthly meeting last Thursday regarding the controversial proposal by HYM, the developer of Suffolk Downs, to make Harris St. a one-way roadway (in the direction away from Winthrop Ave.) in order to alleviate the dual problems of cut-through traffic through the Harris St. neighborhood and traffic congestion caused by the five-way intersection where Harris St. meets the Revere Beach Parkway at Winthrop Ave.

The eventual vote by the Traffic Commission to deviate from the item that appeared on the pubagenda

(which proposed making Harris St. one-way for its entire length) in favor of making Harris St. oneway only from Winthrop Ave. to Sewall St. led one member of the audience to suggest that ihe commission may have violated the Open Meeting Law.

The proposal to make Harris St. one-way away from Winthrop Ave. is a small but important piece of the overall reconfiguration of the entire intersection that will feature the creation of a double left turn lane for traffic coming from Bell Circle that is headed toward Suffolk Downs, Beachmont, Winthrop, and East Boston. Motorists who wish to proceed from Bell Circle to those destinations either must use Harris

Ave. as a cut-through (via Beach Ave. at Bell Circle) or proceed about a quarter of a mile westbound down the Parkway to a U-turn light in order to reverse direction. The changes at the Harris St.-Winthrop Ave.-Parkway intersection is part of a larger overall project to reconfigure Bell Circle, which long has been among the most treacherous rotary-style intersections in the entire state, and also includes safety improvements at the end of Harris St. where it meets the American Legion Highway near Revere High School.

When HYM first came before the Traffic Commission some months ago, it proposed making Harris St. one-way only from Winthrop Ave. to Sewall St. However, that plan was met with fierce opposition from the residents of the neighborhood, who suggested that it would redirect traffic onto the adjacent side-streets.

HYM withdrew that

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# Council to consider police record ordinance

The City Council's health and human services subcommittee is expected to take up a motion that would see the city make police data and records more readily accessible to the public.

Last week, Councillor-at-Large Michelle Kelley requested the council hold a public hearing on an ordinance requiring the publication of certain records of the police department.

"I did this motion to try to bring some awareness to the constituents who call me," said Kelley. "There used to be, in days gone past, the police blotter published in local papers. We no longer do that, and I just want to try to bring some awareness, even if it is general information regarding breakins or things like that."

Kelley said she would like to see the statistics and information on crime published on a readily accessible area of the Revere.org website.

She did request the ordinance go to subcommittee to make sure there is no risk of liability to the city from publishing certain information

Councillor-at-Large cial for the community.

Juan Pablo Jaramillo said he would like the health and human services subcommittee take up the ordinance, rather than the public safety subcommit-

"I would like us to really look at this issue with a human lens if we are going to be posting public information," he said.

Kelley noted that the intention of her ordinance is not to publish names and addresses from the department's police log.

"This would be more a very general classification of what is going on to bring people some awareness," said Kelley. "They would know if there was a break-in two streets over from (them) or if something happened. It seems like people in the community can't get any information like that at all.

"I am not looking to publish names or anything specific, it would be a more general type of data that I would want to bring awareness to."

Councilor-at-Large Marc Silvestri agreed that he would not want to see the names of public accused of crimes published, but that providing general crime statistics and information would be benefi-

#### REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE MARCH 5TH ELECTION



Paul Ronukaitus, the 3rd Suffolk Republican State Committeeman, is running for re-election to the position, and after long standing Republican State Committee member Joyce Kelly has stepped down from her post, Vera E. Carducci has taken up the mantle with Kelly's endorse-

Recently a Q&A, meet the candidate night was held at the East Boston Yacht Club for both Ronukaitus and Carducci. In the above photo, Republican Revere Councillor-at-Large Tony Zambuto addresses the crowd in support of both candidates. The election will be held on March 5th, and it is also the date of the US Presidential Primary in Massachusetts. In the photo below, Mike Palermo is shown with candidates for the 3rd Suffolk District Republican Committee Vera Carducci and Paul Ronukaitus at the East Boston Yacht Club.



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ucation needs have equal and appropriate access to opportunities and are encouraged to reach their full potential.

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ities that wish to continue

on to trade schools or post secondary education upon graduating.

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"I'd like to invite all of our parents and supporters to attend this gala to support our students with disabilities as they seek to move on to trade schools and post-secondary educa-

tion," said Superintendent DiBarri. "This is sure to be a fun and enriching night that will support those in

who need it most." "Sip, savor, and support

school community

education-because ery taste is a step toward brighter futures," said Special Education Administrator Victoria Colaianni

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proposal and came back with a new plan, which it presented to the Traffic Commission in the late fall, in which it proposed making Harris St. one-way for its entire length from Winthrop Ave. to Beach Ave. The plan also called for making a portion of Sewall St. (between Harris and Bixby Sts.) oneway. The Traffic Commission was supposed to take a vote on the new proposal at its January meeting, but it was announced at that time that "additional information would be forthcoming from the engineers." A final vote was continued until this month.

The actual language of the item on the agenda for last week's meeting was as

"Continued discussion regarding traffic improvements for the Suffolk Downs development in Revere. The following pedestrian and traffic safety improvements will be discussed and voted on:

"The length of Harris Street between Winthrop Avenue and Beach Avenue will be converted from two-way to one-way Northbound, and a single block of Sewall Street from Harris Street to Bixby Street will be converted from two-way to oneway Westbound. These changes are proposed to improve signalized intersection operations and reduce neighborhood traffic

(Amend Schedule V of Title 10, One Way Streets). The Suffolk Downs development proponent will be installing traffic control signage, deriving from the improvements, at the Harris/Sewall, Harris/Butler, Harris/Beach, and Harris/ Eustis intersections and provide the City of Revere an allowance, to be used at the City's discretion, for potential future traffic improvements in the area."

Ian McKinnon, an engineer with Hudson Stein Hudson, a traffic engineering firm that has been hired by HYM, explained to the commission the goals of the improvements to the intersection, which he said will be of benefit not only to the residents of the Harris St. neighborhood, but also for the entire Revere community.

"This is a five-way intersection that suffers from severe congestion and is unsafe," said McKinnon. "There also is no left-hand turn for motorists coming from Bell Circle onto the Revere Beach Parkway, which means that they have to use Harris St. in order to do so."

McKinnon noted that the reconfiguration of the Winthrop Ave.-Parkway intersection is just the first phase of a larger plan for reconfiguring traffic in the Bell Circle area. There will be another round of directed improvements toward the Beach St.-Bell

Circle interchange will feature the addition of a "slip lane" approaching Bell Circle that will enhance safety and simplify the intersection. The full cost of the improvements is \$7 million.

Tom Skwierawski, Revere's Chief of Planning and Community Development, spoke in favor of the proposal. "The city is in favor of this project," Skwierawski said. "This will improve the signalization at the intersection and be of benefit to the residents of the neighborhood. This is just one step of a broader process that we will have to tweak as time goes along, though this is not a silver bullet to our city's traffic problems." He suggested a six-month trial period for the plan to give city officials and residents an opportunity to see how it goes and then come back to the Traffic Commission with further suggestions,

if any. In response to a question from Acting Traffic Commission Chair Frank Stringi, who is the Revere City Planner, McKinnon said that about 2500 vehicles presently use Harris St. from Monday-Friday, but wth the implementation of the proposal, about 1500 vehicles will be diverted everyday onto the Parkway. He said the remaining 1000 daily users are neighborhood res-

idents. Among the opponents Christine Robertson, a Charger St. resident, who expressed her view that the changes are designed only to benefit HYM's Suffolk Downs project. "Our infrastructure is so inundated with traffic now, it is insane," said Robertson, who made note of the traffic congestion problems she confronts on a daily basis in her neighborhood. "This project will only benefit your project, but you do not live here."

Skwierawski replied Robertson's concerns. "This project has undergone a rigorous review before MEPA, the state, Mass DOT, city officials, DCR, and a city advisory board comprised of citizens and business members of the Revere community," he said "The idea behind this project is for regional traffic to stay on regional roads and to be taken off the local roads." Harris St. resident Zach

Babbo, who is the city's Parking Director, discussed the existing backups on Beach St. during the evening commute and wanted to know when the proposed changes will be happening. He also noted that area residents will be forced to travel on adjacent roads in the neighborhood, increasing traffic on those streets. Finally, he said, "Things are not as bad as they make it sound in terms of the volume of traffic. The real problems are speeding and people ignoring the stop signs."

McKinnon said that the time frame for the first phase of the overall project is for work to begin in the middle of this year, with a completion date in 2025. The next phase, which will address Bell Circle directly, will come thereafter. "The new proposal is

better than the prior one," said Cindy Evans of Butler St., "but I still have concerns, particularly regarding the one-way for a portion of Sewall. In addition, Harris St. already is like the Indy 500 and will become even worse if it's one-way." Evans suggested that speed bumps be placed on Harris St. in order to slow down traffic.

It was at that point in the hearing that Stringi said the commission was considering making Harris St. one-way only between Winthrop Ave. and Sewall St. The plan presented by HYM then came up on the screen, showing Harris St. configured as oneway only up to Sewall St. The sudden U-turn caused a minor uproar among those in attendance.

"I am totally confused," said Washington St. resident Ralph DeCicco (who was at the meeting in his capacity as the chair of the city's Commission on Disabilities), echoing the sentiments of the residents in attendance. "This went out for a public hearing to make Harris St. oneway for its entire length, but now we're being told it's something different. People are being misinformed and that's why people are getting ticked off."

In response, Stringi said that the commissioners had been discussing what is best for the neighborhood and that whether to return to the original proposal of making Harris St. one-way only up to Sewall St. would be taken up in the form of a motion to amend what was on the

agenda.

"I'm very disappointed in this commission," said Ed Terrell, a Sewall St. resident. "You publicly say one thing on the agenda, but we walk into a meeting and get another thing, which probably is a violation of the Open Meeting Law. We have had no help with traffic enforcement in our neighborhood. Children are going to get killed because cars go through the intersections at high speeds."

Evans also returned to the podium to express her disappointment with the commission's reversal from the proposal as stated on the agenda, which she had supported. "The impact on Butler St. will be horrific," she said. "This is just a big mistake."

Denise Sena, the Director of Transportation for the Revere schools, said the project will require a lot of changes to bus schedules. "We use Harris St. as a cut-through to get to the Garfield and Beachmont schools. We're thinking we may have to avoid Harris St. altogether and it may require more buses and money, which the School Dept. will have to discuss."

Doug Manz from HYM also spoke briefly. "The state has made very little investment in your roads over the past 20 years and we are making a substantial investment here," said Manz, who noted that this has been a public process that has been in the works for two years. He added that HYM will be providing up to \$35,000 to the city in order to assist with the implementation of the new roadway configurations.

The commissioners then offered their views on the proposal.

"I have been a Traffic Commissioner for three months," said Don Ciaramella, the city's new DPW Director. "I came into this with an open mind and had some concerns, but after seeing the improvements it will make to the traffic back-up on Beach St., this will be huge for this area. I now have a better feeling for this project. I myself have used Harris St. as a cut-through with my city truck en route to Suffolk Downs, but the two left turn lanes off Route 16 Do you have Long COVID?

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will make a huge difference."

However, Ciaramella cautioned that the ongoing water main replacement project, which involved the installation of two miles of new pipe within the 18 streets in that area, will have a big effect on residents and he urged coordination with

the HYM project. Commissioner City Engineer Nicholas Rystrom noted that eliminating the five-way intersection "will be a big improvement. The two left-turn lanes from Bell Circle will also be a huge improvement, and the improvements at Bell Circle that will follow also will be very important. There will be some amount of growing pains because there will have to be a change in driving habits for regional traffic. It will take a little bit of time for the traffic to become only

local." The board -- Stringi Rystrom, Ciaramella, and Fire Chief Chris Bright -- then voted unanimously to amend the proposal from what had been stated on the agenda to instead make Harris St. oneway only from Winthrop Ave. to Sewall St. and to keep Sewall St. two-way for its entire length for a 90-day pilot period. The commission also voted to eliminate all parking on both sides of Sewall St between Harris and Bixby

Sts. In other matters, the commission approved a request to establish Hancock Street as a one-way heading towards Moun-

tain Avenue after newly-elected Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio told the commissioners that he had spoken to the residents of Hancock St. and that they were in favor of the change.

The commission tabled until its next meeting a proposal to install new stop signs at the following locations: Harris St. Northbound traffic at Sewall St.; Blakey St. Northbound traffic at Constitution Ave.; and Cooledge St. Southbound traffic at Constitution Ave. after Rystrom suggested that stop signs also would have to be placed on the opposite sides of the proposed stop signs.

DeCicco, as chair of the Commission on Disabilities, presented requests for two new handicapped parking spaces at 164 Orvis Rd. and 54 Carlson Ave. The commission voted to move both requests to a public hearing for its next meeting in March.



Give a Heart" with New England Donor Services in the City Hall Council Chambers last week. Mayor Patrick Keefe even proclaimed February 14th as Have A Heart, Give A Heart Day for the city. This was to honor those who are and those who may decide to be organ donors in Massachusetts. You know if you are an organ donor by the heart shaped icon on your driver's license or state ID. Revere community members were given the opportunity to share their own personal stories of how organ donations between family members or friends saved their lives. RevereTV recorded this ceremony and the

full video is now playing on the Community Channel and

YouTube.

The Revere Beach Winter Wonderland was a huge hit a few weeks ago and RTV captured bits from all of the festivities. RTV youth correspondent, Manique Khessouane, takes you all around the festival while interviewing the participants in the chili cook-off and ice sculpture competition. Both competitions were voter based so the big community turnout helped push these contests. The Winter Wonderland included outdoor entertainment, food trucks, and a local vendor market. Watch Manique in RTV's sights and sounds video to find out who sculpted the most impressive ice art, and which team made the fan-favorite chili. The video is posted to YouTube and will be scheduled on the Community Channel for the next few weeks.

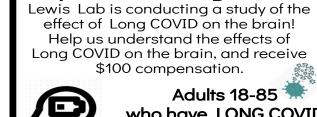
You can still watch some home games from this year's Girls' and Boys' Revere High School Basketball teams. RevereTV covered at least one game per week this season. Replays are now scheduled to the Community Channel throughout the week, but especially weekend nights. Games will soon be set to public on YouTube to watch at your convenience. The RevereTV Community Channel is channels 8 and 1072 for Comcast subscribers, and channels 3 and 614 for RCN subscribers. You must be a cable subscriber in Revere to watch RTV programming on your television.

RTV GOV is the channel with all of the live coverage and subsequent replays of local government meetings. This week's rotation includes the latest from the Conservation Commission, Appointments Sub-Committee, Revere City Council, Commission on Disabilities, and Traffic Commission. There was a Revere Fire Department Promotion Ceremony on February 8th which is also scheduled to replay in between meetings. The Office of Planning and Community Development held a special meeting about the project set for the 1A South Roundabout by the Point of Pines neighborhood. This meeting will be replaying over the next few weeks. All meetings that air on RTV GOV are also posted

to RevereTV's YouTube page to watch at your convenience.

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# Revere Public Schools to bring the Indigo Project to the community

Event will close out Black History Month on February 28 at RHS

Special to the Journal

Ifé Franklin's Indigo Project infuses multiple art practices to honor the lives, histories, cultures, and traditions of African people throughout the diaspora, with a concentration on the formerly enslaved of North America.

Revere Public Schools Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Inclusion Dr. Lourenço Garcia is proud to welcome Ifé, a local artist and filmmaker, to RPS to close out the schools' month-long celebration of Black History

On Wednesday, Feb. 28, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., RPS will host a special Black History Month event with Ifé at Revere High School's Learning Common and celebrate this year's Black History Month theme, African Americans and the Arts.

"Honoring Black History Month provides Blacks/ Afro-Americans and their descendants with an opportunity to reconnect with and learn from their ancestral roots, reclaim their identity and dignity, act affirmatively to combat racial and ethnic exclusion, and move toward the future with a renewed sense of purpose and hope," said Dr. Garcia.

During the event, Ifé will show her powerful film, The Slave Narrative of Willie Mae, a fictional account of Willie Mae Lenox's escape from slavery to freedom. The work was adapted into a short film in 2021.

The Slave Narrative of Willie Mae is the story of Willie Mae Lenox, a 20-year-old black woman enslaved in Virginia in the mid 1800's, who sets upon her journey to freedom, assisted by family, abolitionists, African traditions, love, courage and determination.

According to Ifé, the short film invites audiences into Willie Mae's environment, creating connection and intimacy for those who lived their lives in chattel slavery. This story represents the transformation of the enslaved into freedom seekers on the path to liberation.

Following the film, Ifé, Dr. Garcia and RHS stu-

dents will host a discussion with the community about the film, its impacts and the struggles that continue today for the BIPOC communities across the country.

Ifé will close out the event by inviting attendees to participate in a ringshout dance. The Ring Shout was practiced by slaves as a religious activity, with Christianity augmenting the African elements. Participants moved in a circle, provid-

ing rhythm by clapping their hands and patting their feet. One individual would set the tempo by singing, and his lines would be answered in calland-response fashion. In some cases, another individual rhythmically beats the (usually wooden) floor with a broomstick or other piece of wood.

"I'm a local Boston artist, and I was asked to come to your school for Black History Month to bring my film, The Slave



PHOTO BY NOHEMI RODRIGUE

Artist Ife Franklin (left) will host a Black History Month event at RHS on Feb. 28.

Narrative of Willie Mae, with a Q&A with your wonderful Dr. Garcia and to introduce you to a Ring Shout, a collective dance with stomping and shuffling of feet and clapping of hands that enslaved Africans brought with them here to the States," said Ifé. "The Ring Shout is a dance that incorporates love, resistance and togetherness. It was something that was practiced to celebrate joy."

Ifé continued, "So I'm inviting you to come here (Revere High School) and celebrate with us from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on February 28. I hope to see you here! Peace and love."

Ifé's Indigo Project utilizes many genres of art-making as pathways to connect the past, present, and future. Ifé's project often invites the community to participate in profoundly reflective activities that include and are not limited to songs, movement, creative writing/spoken word, adire fabric dying, performances, instillations, burial site processionals and miniature slave cabin building workshops.

Ifé calls her project a homecoming, a healing balm and resting place for the souls of the enslaved, that ultimately centers on love, respect, joy and remembering.

About the Artist

Ifé's work has been exhibited at The Slave Dwellings Project in South Carolina, the North Charleston Arts Festival, and throughout the Boston area, including the Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Medicine Wheel Productions, Villa Victoria, The Eliot School of Applied Arts, Franklin Park, and the Royall House and Slave Quarters.

Ifé's work is in the permanent collections of the Fitchburg Museum of Art, Fitchburg, MA, and the National Museum of African American History and Culture, Washington, D.C. Originally from Washington, D.C., Franklin graduated from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. She lives and works in Roxbury, Massachusetts.

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Guarino-Sawaya also introduced a motion asking that all revenue generated from the parking lot leases at Wonderland also go into the high school stabilization trust fund.

"This would help alleviate the burden on taxpayers by leveraging alternate revenue streams," she said. "The community can fund essential projects without resorting to increased taxes and promote financial stability and equitable distribution of financial resources."

The council also approved a motion introduced by Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna and

Council President Anthony Cogliandro related to the environmental testing of the Wonderland site. The motion requests the mayor hire an independent environmental assessment company for the purpose of conducting a full and complete environmental assessment and thorough

geotechnical testing of the proposed high school site at Wonderland to ensure that there are no hidden site development costs associated with the existence of soil conditions, hazardous materials, wetlands, and other environmentally sensitive considerations.

Cogliandro stated that

the motion would essentially allow a third-party consultant to conclude the ANRAD (Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation) wetlands testing that was halted at the Wonderland site.

"My concern is that we need to restart that process so we know where we can and cannot build on that property," said Cogliandro. "I ask that we get on top of the conservation on this property so we can really start getting into the finances, which is the number one concern for some of us up here."

# To all the staff at The Lighthouse Care Nursing Facility,

The Cammarata Family would like to thank you for your passion in providing great care to our Babe! Your hard work and dedication meant the world to us, we cannot thank you enough.

The "Queen of Revere" as she was named by the staff at Lighthouse was truly nurtured as a Queen by all; whether it was feeding, changing, medicating, delivering mail, mopping the floor or just talking, laughing, singing and holding her hand; each of you made a difference in her day as well as ours.

The past ten months have been extremely challenging and without each and everyone of you it would have been unbearable, but you made a difference, and we couldn't have done it without you.

Your kindness, compassion and patience throughout this journey we will hold dear to our hearts, Lighthouse will always shine in the eyes of the Cammarata Family Forever.



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# #Forum

# **HOUSE DEMOCRATIC** LEADERS ARE TO BLAME FOR **UKRAINE'S PREDICAMENT**

When a small gang of extreme Republicans undertook the ouster of former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy last year, we wrote at the time that the refusal of Democrats to aid in keeping McCarthy in his seat was foolhardy. Despite the contempt that Democrats felt about McCarthy, we noted that he was better than any likely replacement from the GOP. McCarthy had negotiated a debt ceiling increase and a budget with President Biden, and he was a staunch supporter of Ukraine.

As we wrote at the time, "The devil you know is better than the devil you don't."

However, the Democrats took the bait and sided with the small band of extremists to oust McCarthy. Instead of being the adults in the room, the new Democratic House leadership decided instead to sit back smugly and watch the spectacle, no doubt figuring that the GOP's self-destruction would be advantageous politically.

But it is obvious now that the Democrats severely miscalculated. McCarthy has come and gone and Mike Johnson, an evangelical right-winger, is the new House Speaker. The chaos surrounding McCarthy's final days is long-forgotten and the new reality is that Johnson represents an even more-extreme form of Republicanism than before. Most significantly, Johnson has refused to take up the bill that was passed by a bipartisan majority in the Senate to provide additional military aid to

For Americans who have been alarmed by Vladimir Putin's assault on freedom, this has been a very depressing week. First came word that Putin 's main political adversary, Alexei Navalny, had died in a Siberian gulag under still-unknown circumstances. A few days later, the Ukrainian army had to abandon its position in a key city because of a lack of ammunition thanks to the failure of the U.S. to deliver military assistance.

But what is most-depressing is that it is becoming increasingly clear that Putin has outfoxed American leaders in the White House and in the Congress. To use a common metaphor, Putin has been playing three-dimensional chess and our petty and ineffectual leaders, especially the Democrats, have been playing checkers.

Putin understands American politics better than our own leaders, especially the Democrats, who obviously are clueless. The Democrats thought they were scoring political points when they abetted in McCarthy's downfall, but in reality, they fell into a trap, with the result that they have become nothing more than the useful idiots of the 21st century.

# **DEMOCRATIC LEADERS** NEED TO TELL BIDEN TO STEP ASIDE

It has become increasingly obvious that President Joe Biden is spiraling faster-and-faster downhill, both physically and mentally.

He can barely string together two sentences -- not even from a teleprompter -- and if he answers questions off-the-cuff (which he seldomly does because he has held fewer press conferences than any president in modern history, and when he has held press conferences, he answers questions that have been pre-submitted on index cards), he invariably will commit a major gaffe.

His advisors tell us that in meetings, he's as sharp as ever. But if that's true, then (as Jon Stewart suggested) why not show us a video of one of those meetings so we all can see him in action, so to speak?

Let's be clear where we stand: Joe Biden has been a great president and his administration has accomplished more legislation that will benefit Americans than any since Lyndon Johnson's in the 1960s.

But as much as Biden deserves credit for his landmark achievements, the only thing that matters is the future. No politician deserves re-election based solely on what they've done in the past. Our elected public officials are public servants -- not the other way around -- and candidates have to be judged based on what they can do if re-elected.

The view of a majority of voters, including Democrats, is that Joe Biden is a stumbling and bumbling old man. His rapid descent into old-age before our eyes is evidence of the truth of the maxim, "Time and tide wait for no man."

However, despite Biden's low poll numbers, no Democratic leader has had the courage to come forward to tell Biden that he should step aside. In our view, the Democrats' failure to acknowledge the reality that the whole world can see eventually will be shown to represent a serious miscalculation that threatens not only the future of democracy in this country, but throughout the entire free world.

If Biden were to step aside (as LBJ did in March of 1968) it would energize the Democrats and the country. Yes, it might be a bit messy, but the end result would be a younger and more vigorous candidate, such as Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo, for example, with a vice-presidential candidate such as Maryland Governor Wes Moore (or vice-versa) in whom the American public would feel proud and confident in tackling the challenges facing the world today.

## Council looks at additional snow shoveling program for residents in need

By Adam Swift

Revere High The School JROTC Snow Angels snow shoveling program has been a tremendous success over the last several years, so much so, that there is an extensive waiting list for those wishing to take part in the program.

Several city councillors are looking at ways to provide more snow shoveling help for the city's senior and disabled populations.

At last week's meeting, Councillors Robert Haas, III and Angela Guarino-Sawaya introduced a motion asking the mayor to consider establishing a teen shoveling program for seniors and the disabled through the city's Youth Works program.

"The last few years, I

have noticed that there has been an increase in the number of residents who have inquired about the Snow Angels wait list, and this is especially for disabled people or spouses of people who are disabled," said Haas. "This winter, I saw that Somerville had kicked off a teen shoveling program that would link high school students and seniors based on geographical location for the entirety of the season."

The students could receive either compensation or community service hours at the high school.

"Just the other day, after the motion was filed, I received an email from a senior ... and her husband is not in great shape, healthwise," said Haas. "She had reached out and told me a couple of stories

about how she had to do the brunt of the shoveling work, and she is also a senior." Haas said he believes an

expanded snow shoveling program through the city would benefit students as well as the seniors who need help shoveling. "This motion will work in conjunction with the Snow Angels," said Guarino-Sawaya. "It would

only open the opportunity for more elderly and disabled people to be helped faster, because that list is so long that we can't get to everyone fast enough." The program would also

help students interact with the elders and give them a sense of responsibility, Guarino-Sawaya said.

Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri said he supported the motion and that it would give high school students an opportunity to earn their community service hours. He said his one concern is that he didn't want to see the program end up creating more work and responsibility for the high school's JROTC program.

Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna said the council attempted a similar motion a few years ago, but that it was difficult to find students who wanted to get involved.

She said working with the high school class advisors to highlight the community service hours aspect of the program could make it more successful.

Haas said he would like to see the program go through the city's Youth Services department.

# **REVERE** Through the Years

10 years ago February 19, 2014

The decision of whether to have a casino located at Suffolk Downs will be decided next Tuesday by the Revere voters. In the last few weeks, the campaigns both for and against the casino have been intensifying. Any hotel-casino complex at the Suffolk Downs site must be entirely within Revere's city limits because East Boston voters rejected a casino for their side of Suffolk Downs last spring.

Groundbreaking on the new Hill School could be imperiled because of a bid protest by the New England Council of Carpenters. At issue is the decade-old Revere Residency Ordinance, which the city did not include in its bid documents because it believes the ordinance is illegal. The carpenters don't agree and said that in every other school or public project, Revere has always included the ordinance, which is a union-friendly ordinance requiring a set number of Revere residents to be hired on the job and to help fund an on-the-job training program.

20 years ago February 25, 2004

The Revere Board of Health this week unanimously passed a regulation that will ban smoking in all public places, workplaces, and public transportation vehicles. The ban follows similar rules that have been put into place in neighboring com-

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munities.

Four years after bonding five new schools, the City Council approved putting out to bid the construction project for a new A.C. Whelan School, the first of five planned new schools, that will start this summer.

Thieves stole two historic millstones from Slade's Mill this past weekend. The mill has been converted into a quaint inn by its owner, Robert Brooker III.

Revere voters will go to the polls next Tuesday in the state presidential primary election, with the contest between U.S. Senators John Kerry of Mass. and John Edwards of No. Carolina highlighting the balloting.

Police arrested four young men on charges of disorderly conduct and malicious destruction of property in the Shirley Ave. area and then for making threats against Revere police officers while they were being booked at the station.

40 years ago **February 22, 1984** 

Fair Share is calling upon city officials to adopt tax classification, which allows a community to tax commercial real estate at a higher rate than residential property. Fair Share said that the recent tax bills sent out by the Board of Assessors, which for the first time is assessing all real estate in the city at 100 percent valuation, will result in tax bills that will be hundreds of dollars higher for most residential

real estate unless the city adopts classification.

Police are searching for a man who raped a 13 year-old girl on Library St. Saturday morning at 8:15. The victim said she was approached by the man as she left a store, with the man accusing her of stealing money from the store and demanding that she walk back with him to the store. However, he quickly grabbed her, put his hand over her mouth, and pulled her into a nearby yard. Police believe this incident is linked to a similar rape, also of a 13 year-old girl, that occurred on Cummings Ave. two months ago.

50 years ago February 20, 1974

State Senator Joseph J.C. DiCarlo has demanded that Gov. Francis W. Sargent direct the Department of Public Utilities prohibit temporarito

ly the utility companies from passing along the increased costs of fuel to consumers during the Arab oil embargo. DiCarlo also has demanded that the DPU investigate whether the utilities are gouging consumers with increases far exceeding their higher fuel costs.

Former Revere City Councilor Donald Zollo, 34, has been named the Executive Secretary for the town of Burlington. The post pays \$15,200. Zollo served on the City Council for three terms, but stepped down in 1971 to accept a Fellowship at the National Urban Fellowship program at Yale University.

Mrs. Diane Fisher and Mrs. Angela Bova have been named the co-chairmen of the 1974 Revere

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# Disabilities Commission takes up a wide range of issues

By Journal Staff

The Revere Commission on Disabilities held its regular monthly meeting last Tuesday, February 13, via Zoom. On hand for the session were chair Ralph DeCicco, vice-chair Pauline Perno, Mario Grimanis, Ellie Pagan-Vargas, and Jasone Barone-Cichocki.

Perno provided updates for the members. She mentioned that the City of Somerville coordinates snow shoveling volunteers between the Somerville youth services and the Somerville Council on Aging, which also encompasses those with disabilities. She suggested that a program in Revere could go beyond snow-shoveling to include other services, such as spring clean-up.

DeCicco said that discussions are being held with appropriate Revere officials, including City Councillor Bob Haas, to bring a similar community service program to Revere, though he mentioned that the Revere High Junior ROTC program is filling that need to some degree. DeCicco added that a program pairing youth with senior citizens would have the added benefit of fostering interaction between young people and senior members of the community.

DeCicco said he attended the recent CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) monthly Zoom meeting that was held on February 7 and made note of the highlights of the meeting:

-- The Disability Policy Consortium (DPC) mentioned that the governor's proposed budget makes cuts in the line item for the much-needed Personal Care Attendant (PCA) program. "Funding needs to be increased, not cut," said DeCicco, who said that the CODA members were against the cutbacks. "If you are someone who is unable to advocate for yourself, you're really in trouble. That's a real problem for a lot of seniors, persons with disabilities, and veterans," said DeCicco, sentiments that were echoed by other members of the commission.

-- Some CODA commissioners discussed accessibility at town meetings, suggesting that the main way to achieve this is for all municipal meetings to have a hybrid/remote component.

-- CODA members from various cities and towns had questions regarding interactions and overlaps with special education issues and their local SEPAC (special education parent advisory councils) in their communities. DeCicco said he informed the CODA members of the availability of the Mass. Federation for Children with Special Needs organization (which made a presentation to the Revere commissioners last month) to assist parents of children with special needs.

-- CODA members held what DeCicco termed "a great discussion" on the interpretation of M.G.L.

chapter 40, section 8J, regarding the establishment and makeup of members on a local disability commission. DeCicco said the statute provides that a majority of members of a local commission must be disabled or live with a person who is disabled.

Regarding the local SE-PAC, DeCicco mentioned that the Revere SEPAC is in a transition to new board members at the present. He said that there is a new president, Julie Brown, and there will be a meeting of the group that is scheduled for Thursday, February 29, at 6:00 at Revere High School in the School Committee Room.

Vice-chair Perno helmed a brief discussion on the issue of "Silent Disabilities" and the impact that ignorance has,

"Just because someone doesn't look to be 'disabled,' it does not mean that they are not disabled," said Perno. "No one should jump to conclusions based on their perceptions. We all need to be kind."

DeCicco provided the good news that the city has been awarded a Mass. Department of Health Mini-Grant, for which the Commission on Disabilities had submitted an application in conjunction with the Revere Department of Public Health, to create a survey for Revere residents, specifically reaching out to seniors, people/families with disabilities, and those with racial and financial injustices regarding accessibility to the George V. Colella

Community Center.

The community center is located within the Garfield School and is operated by the Revere Parks & Recreation Department. The facility features a swimming pool and many more programs and activities.

"If you are a Revere resident, we need your help by filling out this survey in your preferred language to understand your needs. Your feedback will matter to us," said DeCicco.

Links to the survey are as follows:

English Survey Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QRGH3MJ

Spanish Survey Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q3YC356 Portuguese Survey

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Arabic Survey Link: https://www.surveymon-

key.com/r/QBL2WHD

DeCicco mentioned that electric scooters and bicycles are not allowed on sidewalks per state law. In addition, the city has a similar ordinance. "No one, not just those with disabilities, should have to be in fear of being seriously hurt by persons who are violating the law," said DeCicco.

DeCicco also discussed the progress of a bill before the legislature that would make trails in state properties accessible for all. He urged his fellow members to contact members of the City Council to consider adopting a resolution in favor of the legislation.

Perno concluded the meeting with the monthly announcement:

"The Commission on Disabilities office number is 781-286-8267. Resi-

dents can also call Revere 311 directly and speak to their staff Monday through Friday. They will answer most questions. but if they are unable to or if you want to speak to our department directly or schedule an appointment, please ask to be transferred to the Disability office. If we are unavailable, please leave a detailed message and someone will get back

to you as soon as possible. "As always, please tell us if you want something discussed or added to our monthly meeting agenda. You can let us know if you would like to speak on any issue or concern. The Commission is here to help and assist all the disabled residents and families of Revere."

The next Meeting: (Via Zoom) is set for Tuesday, March 12, at 6 p.m.

#### RHS SPEECH AND DEBATE AT THE NCFL



The RHS Speech and Debate team competed at the 2024 National Catholic Forensics League Qualifying Tournament hosted at Shrewsbury High School. Endurance Nkeh qualified for a spot in the Grand National Tournament in Oral Interpretation. Erta Ismahili and Dina Oufessa qualified as 2nd alternates in their respective events of Congressional Debate and Oral Declamation. Adam Ashour also competed in Congressional Debate for the first time. This years Grand National Tournament will be held during Memorial Day

weekend in Chicago, IL. Pictured from L to R: Endurance Nkeh, Erta Ismahili, Dina Oufessa, Adam Ashour, and Coach James Conway.

#### FRESH AND LOCAL

# Companion animals are living longer

Healthcare improvements, better diet, exercise, and cutting-edge scientific research have extended the lifespan of humans. Similar movements in the veterinary field are allowing our companion animals to live longer, healthier lives. This is excellent news for all of us who consider the much-loved furry members of our household to be family.

#### **Nature vs Nurture**

Since most are bred. housed, fed, and cared for by humans, domestic dogs live longer than their Canidae family of mammals like wolves, coyotes, foxes, jackals, and dingoes. For decades, how we care for our companion animals has improved with more routine veterinary care, dental care, better grooming, better compliance with vaccination recommendations, higher quality food, greater ac-

ceptance of neutering, and a change in how we treat our animals.

#### Breed, Face Shape, and Size Matter

A recent Companion Animal Psychology article summarized a British Study's findings. Zazie Todd, Ph.D., reported, "The study of over 150 breeds and crossbreeds shows that size matters, as little dogs live longer and so do those with a medium head shape rather

than a flat face."

Most of us understand that larger breeds, like Great Danes, Mastiffs, and Saint Bernards, have shorter lives. The Schipperke, Shiba Inu, Papillon, Border Terrier, Italian Greyhound, and Miniature Dachshund were among the small breeds noted to have longer lives.

Face shape is also a Brachycephalic or flat-faced dogs, from the French Bulldog to its larger cousin, the English Bulldog, have shorter

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lifespans regardless of size. These breeds may struggle to breathe if they develop Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome. Dogs with medium-shaped faces lived slightly longer than those with long faces.

# **More Support May**

Be Needed Knowing that the dog or cat we bring into our life may live longer than in the past, we may need to think a bit more about planning for a support system to care for that pet if it out-

This is a common concern of people with a large bird like a Parrot who could live 50 years or more. We looked at discussions in bird forums to learn how these guardians addressed this issue. One answer is to become part of a local bird club or Aviculture Society. Another was to prearrange for care with a rescue organization or humane society.

We've been part of West Highland Terrier rescue organizations for many years and developed friendships with others who know the breed's strengths and weaknesses. Through routine communication, they even know a bit about our Poppy in particular. In Massachusetts, you

can establish a trust that you can fund to care for an animal if and when you are unable to do so.

**Mutually Beneficial** Some of the things dog guardians do for their fur-

ry companions are mutu-

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Reports of companion animals living longer is excellent news for all of us who consider the much-loved furry members of our household to be family.

# **OBITUARIES**

## Joseph F. Haughney

Retired US Air Force Lieutenant Colonel

attended Visiting Hours on Sunday, February 18th in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Ret. USAF Lieutenant Colonel Joseph F. Haughney, who passed away on February 14th at 79 years old. His Funeral was conducted from the Funeral Home on Monday, February 20th followed by a Funeral Mass in Our Lady of the Assumption Church., 758 Salem St., Lynnfield. Interment will be held privately at Massachusetts National Cem-

Family and friends

etery, Bourne. Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he was the son of Joseph and Jane (Czuba) Haughney. After graduating from LaSalle College High School, he attended La Salle University in Pennsylvania.

He soon entered the US Air Force during the Vietnam Era and made a career in the military, honorably serving for over 20 years. During his time in the military, he worked on some of the military's earliest communication systems and was a project leader on the Autodin network. He also continued his education while enlisted, earning an MBA from Western New England University as well as a master's degree in computer science from Boston

University. From 1979 through 1981, he worked as network manager for the ARPANET, which was a precursor to the internet, where he helped promote early use of this technology. Haughney was one of the first users of pre Internet technology to warn of the dangers of online harm. He also was instrumental in choosing the date of Jan. 1st, 1983 when the Arpanet and Defense

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Data Network adopted the TCP/IP protocols. This date arguably marks the start of the Internet.

During Haughney's military career, he spent time working in Weisbaden, Germany, Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma, Hanscom Air Force Base and the Pentagon. Haughney's Following honorable discharge in 1981, he continued to serve in the reserves and worked as a government contractor.

He and his wife, Kerry raised their family in Lynnfield where they were residents for more than 40 years until her passing less than two years ago.

Joseph was very devoted to his Catholic faith. In his spare time, he enjoyed playing chess, listening to classical music and reading about history.

He was the beloved husband of the late Kerry E. (Collins) Haughney; loving father of Christine E. Dare-Bryan and her husband, Thomas H. of Larchmont, New York, Jonathan J. Haughney of Barre, Vermont and Gretchen B. Haughney of Arlington and the cherished grandfather of Henry J., Elisabeth A., and

James F. To send online condolences, please visit www.

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Her time on earth is over now she's in a better place

There is a new star shining above the earth tonight

May the spirit of our Toddy remain forever bright

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Sadly Missed By

Her Family and Friends

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## Susan (Nana Sue) Jones

A true force of nature

Susan "Sue" Jones (Nana Sue), a true force of nature, passed away at home on her own terms on February 9 at the age of 67.

Born May 21, 1956, Sue was a natural caretaker who was fiercely protective of those she loved as well as those most vulnerable who needed caring for. She was generous, loyal and selfless and played the role of mother to many over the years with a seemingly endless supply of love to give. She was an amazing mother who always put her children first and they, in return, loved her immensely. She made friends easily, winning people over effortlessly with her warm nature, generous spirit and infectious energy.

Sue worked for the Postal Service at the General Mail Facility in Boston for 24 years before retiring early to care for her grandkids. She leaves behind many close friends from her time there where she will be remembered for her fun-loving spirit and "fiery" personality.

Sue loved helping animals, listening to music and gardening. Before she began her nearly 20-year battle with cancer and the life altering effects of treatment, Sue loved to go out to eat, have a drink on an outdoor patio on a warm day, host cookouts, attend concerts and talk and laugh with her friends and family. Despite her suffering in the latter years of her life,



she never lost her sense of humor nor the desire to help others. It was not in her nature to back down from a fight and she was determined to be there for her family. They are all so grateful to her for the extra years she gave them.

Sue was really just the best person you could know, and nothing will be the same without her. She will be desperately missed by so manv. Sue leaves behind her

children: Jim Jones and his wife, Christine Thompson of Saugus, Julie Jones and her husband, Mike Falzone

of Revere, Jason Jones and his wife, Katie Jones of Danvers and her grandchildren; Keara, Ryan, Sofia, Michael, Emma and Charlie as well as many devoted friends and other "family." She also leaves behind her half-brother, Jay Ray Bullens and was preceded in death by her sister, Caroline Bullens, brother, Richard Bullens and her mother, Madeline Amrhein. No services are planned, instead, there will be a celebration of life. Reach out to family

#### Lauretta Falzone

Devout Catholic, proud of her faith and daily communicant

Family and friends attended a Visitation on Tuesday, February 20th in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Lauretta J. (LoConte) Falzone, who died on Friday, February 16th at the Lighthouse Nursing Care Center in Revere following a long illness. She was 95 years old. A Funeral Mass was celebrated following the visitation in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere and interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Lauretta was born on December 30th, 1928 in Boston to her late parents, Ottone and Concetta (Sciarappa) LoConte. She was one of 10 children who were raised in Dorchester and educated in Boston Public Schools. Lauretta was a graduate of Roxbury High School, Class of 1948. The family then moved to East Boston, and it was there where Lauretta met her husband, Salvatore "Midge" Falzone. They were married in 1956 and later moved to Revere in 1966. Lauretta welcomed her only child, her son Robert, and was a very loving and devoted mother and wife.

Lauretta began working for Sears & Robuck as a clerk in the Catalog Department for over 10 years. She was most proud of her Catholic faith, and she was a devout Catholic and daily communicant. Lauretta enjoyed playing cards with both family and friends. She was a very well-known shopaholic and loved finding a bargain and shopping for others. But her heart was for



her family, especially for her grandchildren whom she truly treasured.

She was the beloved wife of the late Salvatore "Midge" Falzone, loving mother of Robert Falzone and his wife, Lisa of Orient Heights, East Boston; cherished grandmother of Jessica L. Fitzgerald and her husband, Daniel of Revere, Brian R. Falzone of Revere, and Vanessa F. Falzone of East Boston; adored great grandmother of Aiden Fitzgerald; dear sister of Carmella Mele of Revere, Al LoConte of East Boston and the late Angelo LoConte, Rose Cimmino, Mary Iozzo, Josephine Aleo, John, Joseph and Matteo LoConte. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces. nephews, grandnieces and

grandnephews. In lieu of flowers, remembrance may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN

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### Joan Santa Anna

March 31, 1937 – February 18, 2024

Joan Santa Anna (Robitaille) of Revere and Stuart, FL passed away peacefully at the Kaplan Family Hospice House on Sunday, February 18, 2024, surrounded by her loved ones.

The beloved wife of the late Gregory Santa Anna, she was ready to be back in his loving arms. She was the devoted mother of Janet Santa Anna and her spouse, Margaret Macrillo, the late Diane Delaney and her husband, Bob Delaney and the late Jimmy Santa Anna.

She is survived by her loving grandchildren: Kellie Capra and her fiancée, Dwight Kenlock, Bobby Delany and his wife, April and the late Michael Delaney; her adored great grandchildren: Ashleigh Derubeis and her husband, Zach, Chloe, Savannah, Brooklyn, Brianna, Lily, Josephine and Eloise and her great, great grandchild,

Mallory.

Joan will be sorely missed by many and remembered for the wonderful woman that she was. She loved the beach, shopping, going out to dinner and spending time with friends and family. For the last 25 years, Joan was a snowbird, dividing the year between Revere and Florida. Her friends at Oceanside Condo in Revere and Vista Del Lago in Stuart, Florida will remember the laughs and good times. Joan made us laugh and her smile was infectious. A kind, caring and generous woman is how you would describe Joan.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday,

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ally beneficial. We know that more exercise, socialization, fun, and stress relief can extend the lives of all species. Our companion animals provide us with many opportunities to relax and enjoy life.

In the case of dogs and humans, we'll let the American Heart Association have the final word on the topic. They reported, "As dog lovers have long suspected, owning a canine companion can be good for you." Two studies in one of their scientific publications suggested, "... your four-legged friend may help you do better after a heart attack or stroke and may help you live a

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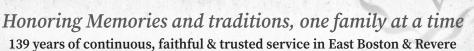
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## **OBITUARIES**

### **Mary Porzio**

"Mema" – she was the epitome of an Italian grandmother

Family and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Service on Saturday, March 2nd, at 1 p.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Mary A. (Marcantonio) Porzio, who passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 31 at 98 years old. Visiting hours will immediately follow until 3 p.m. Interment will be private.

Mary is survived by her two children, her daughter, Linda Porzio and her husband, Thomas Finigan of Maryland, her son, Gene Porzio Sr. and his partner, Cynthia Gasik of Beverly, her two beloved grandchildren; her grandson, Gene Porzio Jr., and her granddaughter, Erica Porzio and Erica's wife, Vladislava Vologodskaya of Revere. Mary is also survived by three great- grandchildren; Silas, Nathan, and Isabella Porzio of Gloucester.

Mary was born on March 24, 1925, in East Boston to Gaetano Marcantonio and Vincenza Marcantonio (nee Stravata), Italian immigrants from Gaeta, Campania, Italy. Mary had six siblings: Gaetano "Guy" Marcantonio Jr. (U.S. WWII Veteran and POW), Andrew Marcantonio, Yolanda "Linda' Marcantonio, Josephine Marcantonio, Rose Juliano, and Julia "Chicky" Homsy, and Benjamino Marcantonio, (who passed away as an infant.)

mother who raised her two children in East Boston until 1969. In 1969, Mary purchased a single-family home on Central Avenue in Revere for her and her children, where she would reside for the remainder of her life creating decades of traditions and memories with her family.

Mary was a single

Mary worked as a seamstress/garment worker and was a dedicated union member for the ILGWU (International Ladies Garment Workers Union) up until the late 1990's. She later worked for Forecaster of Boston (Womens Coat and Garment Co.) until her retirement at the age of 72.

Mary was dedicated to her family and was a wonderful grandmother to her grandchildren who she loved deeply. She was known to her grandchildren, as "Mema." This nickname was coined by her grandson, Gene Jr. when he was a small child and it stuck, she was "Mema" to Gene and Erica, always. Mema was



the epitome of an Italian grandmother. Mary "Mema" created solidarity for her family through practiced family traditions, and her Italian cooking. Mary instilled culture and values through her many decades of cooking, baking, and congregation of family members at her dinner table. Later in life, Mary dedicated herself to her grandchildren and aided in their development. During her later years Mema shared her family recipes with her granddaughter, Erica and taught her granddaughter how to make these recipes to continue the family tradition.

Mary loved her sweets. Mary not only cooked until the age of 90 years old, she also baked homemade Italian cookies, pastries, and desserts for her family. Her favorite pastry to eat was an Italian Paragina, in fact, nothing made her happier! She loved lemons and oranges, Lilac, and laughed. She had a good sense of humor. She was a woman of her own rite; she had her ways, and she was adamant. She had a sassy personality coupled with a heart of pure love. She was a Survivor. She loved feeding the birds, she loved children and animals, and she found great peace in sitting in the summer sunshine on her porch and enjoying a good book.

Mary was so very loved by her children and grandchildren. She will be deeply missed. The love, values, and traditions that she instilled in her family will forever continue in her memory, for generations to come. We love you Mema.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Mystic Valley Elder Services, 300 Commercial St., #19, Malden, MA 02148. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertucciosmithvaz-

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

# **Carol Manning**

Graduate of Immaculate Conception High

School, Class of 1958

Family and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Funeral Mass on Thursday, February 22, in the Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach St., Revere at 11 a.m. for Carol M. (McCormack) Manning of Revere who died peacefully on Monday, February 12 at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers. She was 84 years old. Interment will follow in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody. Born in Revere, she

was the daughter of the late Michael and Julia (Fitzpatrick) McCormack. Carol was raised and educated in Revere and attended Immaculate Conception School where she became a cheerleader and graduated in 1958. After graduating, she went on to work at the First National Bank of Boston. She later met her husband, David and they were married in 1960. When she had her first child, she left work to be a stay at home mom.

She lived with her father, while her brother, John McCormack, built her a house behind her father's house on the hill. She had her second child, David, and her third child, Julie. Carol always loved where she grew up and lived. She always said it was "God's Country".

Once her children were grown, she went back to work as a crossing guard with the M.D.C. for a few years and then went to work at the Garfield School. She took the civil service test and became a secretary. After retiring, Carol did a lot of sewing, making and designing



flags, slipcovers and Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls. Carol loved gardening and designing her yard with many flowers. For many years she sang in the Immaculate Conception Church choir, under the direction of Loraine Zolla. She always felt blessed to have had many years with her husband and family.

She was the beloved wife of the late David P. Manning, Sr., who passed away in 2023, devoted mother of Kathleen J., David P. Jr., and Julie A., all of Revere; cherished grandmother of the late Melissa Ashley Manning; dear sister of Francis X. McCormack of Leominster, John M. McCormack of Boxford, Leo T. McCormack of Billerica, Arlene McGover of Lynnfield and Michael B. McCormack of Naples, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Immaculate Conception School, 127 Winthrop Ave., Revere, MA 02151.

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#### Maureen Vietmeier

Retired Licensed Practical Nurse

Family and friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere on Thursday, February 22nd from 4 to 7 p.m. for Maureen A. (Hedrick) Vietmeier who passed away on February 14th at 75 years of age. A Funeral Service will be held in the Funeral Home at 7 p.m.

Born in Chelsea, the daughter of Glen and Margaret (Finnegan) Hedrick,

She was raised and educated in Revere and was a graduate of Revere High School. Following high school, Maureen sought a career in nursing and began to work in the field and train to become a nurse. She began working at the Chelsea Soldiers Home where she enrolled in the nursing program there and became a licensed practical nurse. Over her career, she also worked for several nursing homes in the North Shore area. She and her husband

raised their family in Revere and were Revere residents for over 40 years. She loved to be surrounded by her family and took meticulous care of her home. She also loved animals and especially enjoyed time spent with her



beloved canine companion "Duke."

The beloved wife of Harry E. Vietmeier of Revere, she was the devoted mother of Stacy Solivan and her husband, Pedro of Worcester, Mark Vietmeier of Revere and Kristy Saylor and her husband, Matthew of Tewksbury; the cherished grandmother of Noelle, Lukas and Liv and the dear sister of the late Glen Hendrick. In lieu of flowers, re-

membrances may be made to MSPCA-Angell, Attn: Donations, 350 South

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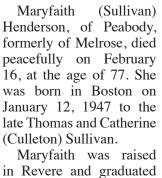
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#### **Maryfaith Henderson** January 12, 1947 – February 16, 2024



from Revere High School. She lived in Malden and Boston for a few years before settling in Melrose in 1976. She worked as a secretary at Sexton & Donahue Real Estate in Melrose for 27 years. She was known for her dry wit, the sincere interest she took in others, and the warmth she showed everyone around her. She'll always be remembered as a dedicated wife and mother and a faithful and cherished friend to many. Maryfaith was the be-

loved wife of the late Ralph "Jim" Henderson, the loving mother of Kathryn A. Henderson of Cambridge and sister of the late Joseph Sullivan. Visiting Hours will be



held at the Gately Funeral Home, 79 W. Foster St., Melrose, on Thursday, February 22, from 4 to 7 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 23 at St. Mary's Church, 4 Herbert St., Melrose. Interment to follow the mass at Puritan Lawn Cemetery, 185 Lake St., Peabody. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Memorial contributions may be made to the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Parkinson Disease Association.

To sign online condolence, visit www.gatelyfh.

# Healey-Driscoll Admin. awards nearly \$4 million to combat human trafficking

Special to the Journal

During Human Trafficking Awareness Month, the Healey-Driscoll Administration announced awards through two grant programs that will enhance enforcement and victim services for survivors of human trafficking, domestic and sexual violence, and stalking. The awards were announced today during a meeting of the Governor's Council to Address Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking.

Suffolk County received two grants. One grant was for \$98,242 for Training and \$146,915 for Prosecution Award.

Grants totaling \$472,428.50 were awarded to six District Attorney's Offices through the FY24 Human Trafficking Enforcement and Training Grant Program. Now in its second year, this state grant program was designed to support prosecutors' efforts to combat human trafficking and enhance their capacity to identify, assist, and provide referral services to those most impacted.

In addition, \$3,311,842.74 in federal funding was awarded to 43 state, local, and nonprofit agencies through the FFY23 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant program. Agencies selected through a competitive application process to receive awards in 2022 were invited to apply for continued funding. partment of Justice (DOJ) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

The Office of Grants and Research (OGR) manages and administers both grant programs in Massachusetts. OGR program coordinators will work

man Trafficking Aware-

"In recognition of Hu-

ness Month, we reaffirm our deep commitment to ensuring that every person can live with dignity, respect and free from fear and abuse," said Governor Maura Healey. "This grant funding will support survivors of domestic and sexual violence, human trafficking, and stalking by investing in programs that promote healing and justice. These grants allow professionals from diverse sectors to provide survivors with access to culturally appropriate and trau-

ma-informed services. "These grants represent our ongoing commitment to ending exploitation, partner intimate lence, sexual assault, and stalking," said Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll, chair of the Governor's Council to Address Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking. "The grant recipients have a proven record of delivering quality services to prevent, reduce, and address these crimes and to provide victims with the services they need and deserve as they move toward healing."

"Everyone deserves to feel safe. These grant programs support the vital efforts of community service providers to help survivors as they recover and rebuild their lives. This funding also supports law enforcement and their ability to send a clear message to the perpetrators that they will be held accountable for these heinous crimes," said Secretary of Public Safety and Security Terrence Reidy. "The VAWA program

is a longstanding initiative allowing us to build partnerships with service providers and law enforcement to support effective approaches to reducing sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and human trafficking. The Human Trafficking Enforcement and Training Grant Program is a new, innovative program as-

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#### PROSPECT HOUSE RESIDENTS PHOTO DISPLAY OPENING AT CITY HALL

Photos by Cary Shuman

Mayor Patrick M. Keefe Jr.'s office welcomed members of the Prospect

House community to City Hall for the opening of their "Photovoice" gallery Thursday, Feb. 15. The photographs residents

will be on display outside the Mayor's Office on the first floor of City Hall for the next two months.

Keefe thanked the res-

idents for providing their photo works that depict scenes locally and at Salem Willows, a wellknown tourist attraction.

House and cheers to these wonderful residents," said Mayor Keefe in raising a toast to their exceptional

"Here's to the Prospect display of photographs.



Mayor Patrick Keefe welcomes Prospect House residents John Davidson, Betty Snell, Anthony Crawford, Sharon Gellis, and Kathleen Taussig to the grand opening of the residents' Photovoice gallery, a City Hall art exhibition collaboration with the Prospect House.



Mayor Patrick Keefe proposes a toast (of a non-alcoholic beverage) in honor of the Prospect House residents at the grand opening of their photo gallery at City Hall.



Rep. Jessica Giannino greets Prospect House resident Sharon Gellis at the opening of the photo gallery at City Hall.

# Trafficking // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

sisting in investigations, prosecutions, outreach, and delivery of services," said OGR Executive Director Kevin Stanton. "We are committed to working with program partners to strengthen responses to these crimes from courts, enforcement, and prosecutors while enhancing the services available to survivors."

FY24 Human Trafficking Enforcement and Training Grants were awarded to:

Grantee

Award Amount Berkshire District Attorney's Office

Cape & Islands District

\$65,199.50

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\$51,794.50 Northwestern District

Attorney's Office \$60,141.00

Suffolk County District Attorney's Office

\$98,242.50 The following state,

local and nonprofit agenreceived FY23 VAWA Grant continuation awards:

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Pittsfield Police Depart-

Yarmouth Police De-

Hampden County Sher-

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Massachusetts Depart-

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John Kingston.

Norfolk County District Attorney's Office

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Force Against Domestic Vio\$91,736.79

Boston Area Rape Cri-(Worcester sis Center, Cambridge

> \$50,719.86 Community Legal Aid,

Worcester \$12,251.17

DeNovo Center for Justice and Healing, Inc., Cambridge

\$74,977.18 Elizabeth Center, Pittsfield

\$73,874.58 Independence House,

Inc., Hyannis \$134,924.57 Living in Freedom Together (LIFT), Worcester

Northeast Legal Aid, Lawrence \$47,157.40

\$55,130.28

Pathways for Change, Worcester

\$139,745.34 RIA House, Framing-

Passage,

\$98,621.95 Safe

Northampton \$98,009.39

Local officials and the staff of Mayor Patrick Keefe's turned out to recognize Prospect House residents at the opening of

their photo gallery at City Hall. From left, are Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Councillor-at-Large Juan Jaramillo, Executive Assistant Linda DeMaio, Rep. Jessica Giannino, Aide to the Mayor Rosie Burns, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Commu-

nications Associate Taylor Giuffre-Catalano, and School Committee Members Anthony Caggiano, Aisha Milbury-Ellis, and

The Network/La Red, **Boston** \$51,050.64

Jewish Family & Children's Service, Waltham Freeman \$36,753.52

> Grant Recipients, Category: Discretionary Award Amount

Domestic Violence Program, Boston

Boston

\$122,511.74 Center for Community Health Education Research and Service, Inc.,

Boston Medical Center Lowell

\$40,359.73 DOVE, Quincy \$80,490.22 Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center, Newburyport \$56,355.40 Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers Inc. (MAPS), Cambridge \$41,388.14 Martha's Vineyard Community Center, Vine-

yard Haven \$37,243.57 RESPOND, Somerville \$53,415.12 House. Alternative

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# **Sports**

## RHS SPORTS Roundup

#### CUNHA FOURTH, BELLEMSIEH EIGHTH, AT D-1 STATE MEET

Revere High track star JV Cunha captured a fourth-place medal in the 600 meter dash at last week's Division 1 State Meet that was held at the Reggie Lewis Center. Cunha's time of 1:22.39 set a new RHS record, which he himself had established only the week before when his clocking of 1:23.42 broke the previous mark held by Shane Weiner that had stood since 1996.

JV's clocking was just 1.54 seconds behind the winning time of 1:20.85 and only 1.17 off the second-place finisher and 0.17 behind the thirdplace runner.

Teammate Medy Bellemsieh also earned a ribbon in the 600 with an eighth-place finish with his clocking of 1:24.82.

A third Patriot, junior Kenan Batic, also competed in the 600, coming across in a time of 1:29.17, which was good for 24th place.

Cunha, Batic, and Bellemsieh ran legs for the RHS 4 x 400 relay quartet, along with teammate Isaiah DeCrosta, that finished in 14th place in a time of 3:34.72.

The Patriot 4 x 200 relay foursome of Bellemsieh, Oliver Escobar, Geo Woodard, and Jeremy X likewise came across the line in 14th place with a clocking of 1:34.10.

DeCrosta also competed in his individual specialty, the 55 meter hurdles, finishing in 24th spot with a time of 8.28.

#### REVERE GIRLS **SET NEW 4 X 200** RECORD AT D-1 STATE **CHAMPIONSHIP**

**MEET** The Revere High 4 x 200m relay quartet of senior captain Giselle Salvador, Danni Hope Randall, Jaliyah Manigo, and Ashley Cabrera Rodriguez broke the Revere High School record with a speedy time of 1:55.20, topping the the previous mark of 1:55.51 that had been set in 2020 by the foursome of Astrid Umanzor, Kathy Umanzor, Luana Barbosa, and Kiana Napolitano.

"They had been bordering this record all season and it was so great to see the girls finally get there," said RHS head coach Racquel MacDonald-Ciambelli. "They put in the work all week at practice perfecting their handoffs and getting their turnover down. Ashley ran a dominant anchor leg, splitting a 27.9."

Sophomore standout Gemma Stamatopoulos finished off her 2024 indoor season with another personal record (PR) in the 600m (1:45.50), an event in which she has been dominant all season.

"Looking at the performance list, Gemma knew she was the fastest compet-

itor in her heat and would have to lead the race from the start. Her strategy was flawless and she finished the season less than two seconds away from the

school record," said Mac-

Donald-Ciambelli.

Sophomore Olivia Rupp competed in the one mile and finished with a time of 6:07.78.

"Olivia is battling an injury and still producing consistent times below 6:10. We are confident that with the proper strength training in the off-season, she will come to outdoor stronger than ever," Mac-Donald-Ciambelli said.

Junior Liv Yuong competed in three events at the state meet. Liv ran a 9.92 in the 55m hurdles. "Though it's not a PR, Liv showed huge improvement in her 3-step pattern between the hurdles," said her coach.

Yuong also competed in the high jump with a leap of 4'-10" and in the long jump with a flight of 14'-9". "This was a big preparation meet for Liv ahead of the Pentathlon on February 28th," noted MacDonald-Ciambelli. "Liv will compete in those three events, as well as the shot-put and the 800m. I'm very confident she will improve her score from December and will even get close to the school record previously set in 2019."

### RHS GIRLS AWAIT **TOURNEY**

**OPPONENT** The Revere High girls basketball team, the cochamps of the Greater Boston League with Lynn Classical, are awaiting word of their seeding and preliminary round opponent in the upcoming

Division 1 state tourney. Coach Ariana Rivera's Lady Patriots finished with an overall record of 14-6 (12-2 in the GBL) and are ranked 46th in D-1 in the MIAA's power rankings. The Revere girls automatically punched their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney by virtue of

their over-.500 record. The announcement of the tourney brackets and

SCENES FROM REVERE HIGH BASKETBALL VS. SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL



Ryan El Babor (10) battles for a rebound.



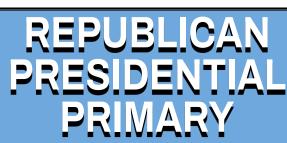
Ethan Day drives for a pair of his 26



block a shot as teammate (10) helps out.

Shown to the right, Avi Lung (4) reaches in a steals an inbounds pass, one of his three steals on the afternoon.

pairings are expected in the coming week.



Tuesday March 5, 2024

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#### 10 years ago February 19, 2014

After a 30-minute presentation to the MIAA board last Wednesday at the MIAA's headquarters in Franklin by RHS principal Dr. Lorenco Garcia, Athletic Director Shaun Hart, and hockey coach Joe Ciccarello, the Patriots received the good news later that afternoon that their appeal to the MIAA regarding a player eligibility issue, which had threatened to deprive the Patriots of their hardearned chance to play in the post-season state tournament, had been successful and that they'll be able to play in the post-season. The issue first came to light three weeks ago

when Revere officials were made aware that a player technically was ineligible because of a paperwork oversight. The school brought the matter immediately to the attention of the MIAA and applied for a waiver, which is a standard procedure and one that routinely is granted. The MIAA quickly granted the waiver, but did not do so retroactively, thus causing Revere to forfeit all of the games it had played to that point. Although the Revere victories still will be counted in the official record as forfeits (which will benefit the Patriots' opponents), the MIAA board said that those games will be deemed as victories for

# **RHS SPORTS** Through the Years

purposes of determining the team's eligibility to qualify for the state tour-

Prior to receiving the good news, the Patriots turned in one of their best all-around performances of the season with a 4-0 blanking of Salem last Monday and two days later, the Patriots pulled out a dramatic 5-5 tie with Somerville on a goal by Cam Whalen with 38 seconds to play.

Revere High senior Tarik Maddrey captured the Division 2 State Indoor high jump championship Friday afternoon in dramatic fashion at the Reggie Lewis Center. Tarik's winning leap of 6'-4" came on the final jump of the competition after his two remaining competitors had missed all three of their efforts at the 6'-4" level and he had missed his initial two attempts. Maddrey needed to clear the 6'-4" mark to win the title because he was in second place on misses to that point.

Three members of the Revere High girls indoor track team have been named to the Northeastern Conference all-star team. Leading the way was shot-putter Janice DeStefano, who was named to the All-Conference team.

February 22, 2024.

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Teammates Comfort Toglan (300 dash) and Brenda Rudecindo (high jump) were also named as league All-Stars. In addition, Coach Antonio LaBruna's squad was given the NEC Sportsmanship Award as voted by the coaches.

After dropping their final three games of the season, coach Adam Rizzo's RHS boys basketball team finished with a 7-13

#### 20 years ago February 25, 2004

The Revere High hockey team, which finished with a 9-7-2 record, has claimed the championship of the Greater Boston League/Tier 2 division, marking only the third league title of any kind won by an RHS hockey team. RHS head coach Jim Palumbo was a member of the 1963 RHS team that won a Metropolitan League title. The Patriots, who have qualified for the state tourney, will meet Bishop Fenwick in the first round Friday night in Stoneham.

The Revere High cheerleading team came home with a national championship crown that coach Josh Vadala's squad won this past weekend in Atlantic City, N.J. The competition was held in a

opportunity to become

fully acquainted with

the proposed Bridge

on Revere Beach

Parkway (Route 16)

over Broadway (Route

107) project. All views

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at the meeting will be

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5000-seat auditorium and marked the third year that the RHS squad had competed for the national title.

RHS boys basketball player Gerard Ilyas has been named to the GBL all-star team. Coach Charlie Caliri's Patriots completed the season with an 8-12 record.

RHS star shot-putter Brad Evans took home third place in the All-State Meet Saturday with a toss of 53'-9". Evans qualified to compete in the All-New England Meet Saturday. Evans, a GBL all star football player this past season, stands at 6'-2" and weighs 295.

#### 40 years ago February 22, 1984

The Revere High boys basketball team concluded a 1-17 season with losses to Medford and Somerville. In the 65-62 loss to Somerville, John Moschella scored points for coach Kevin McCann's Patriots, who ended up 0-14 in the GBL.

#### 50 years ago February 20, 1974

The RHS hockey team ended its season with a 3-0 loss to Somerville and a 6-3 loss to Malden. Dan Imperato scored two goals and John Crocker added one in the Malden contest.

#### 70 years ago February 25, 1954

Coach Bernie Sochat's RHS basketball team has been invited to play in the 16-team Class A Eastern Mass. Basketball Tournament, also known as the Tech Tourney, for the first time in many years. Revere finished with a 13-3 record and in second place in the GBL behind only perennial power Somerville. In the season finale, a 78-67 triumph over Malden at the Lincoln School gym, RHS star player Archie Mellace scored 32 points despite only playing in spots in the runaway

Coach Freddie Mc-Donough's Immaculate Conception High basketball team will open play in the Class B Catholic Basketball Tournament against St. Mary's of Brookline.

victory.

The Knights of Columbus honored the Immaculate Conception High football team at a banquet attended by more than 350 persons. Awards were presented to Ed O'Hara for MVP, to Joe DiCarlo for outstanding lineman, and to Joe Gallant for sportsmanship.

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#### <u>LEGAL NOTICE</u> COMMONWEALTH

OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT **Suffolk Division** TRUST CITATION Docket No. SU24P0133P0 In the matter Of: 24 Irving Street Realty Trust

Revocable Trust To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: Vivian S. Lee of Boston, MA requesting to Appointment a Successor Trustee to serve without sureties on the bond and also requests Bin Ging Lee passed on May 15th, 1995 and his estate was probated with the. Norfolk Probate and Family Court under docket N095P1873E1. At that time, the family did not realize that he was a sole Trustee of the above mentioned Trust agreement with no ability under the Trust for a Successor Trustee to be appointed. Petitioner is the surviving spouse, and requests that she be appointed Trustee so that she may convey. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J.

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Sealed bids for construction of AMI Gateway Installation for the City of Revere, Massachusetts, will be received at the office of the City of Revere Purchasing Agent, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts until 10:00 AM prevailing time, on and read aloud. The scope of work includes furnish and

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MEETING

A Public Informational Meeting will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Bridge Replace ment, R-05-015, Revere Beach Parkway (Route 16) over Broadway (Route 107) project in City Hall Revere, MA 02151

WHEN:Thursday, March 7,

2024 @ 7 PM - 8 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of

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G/J Towing Inc 2/21, 2/28, 3/6

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Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 24th day of January, 2024. Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate 2/07/24, 2/14/24, 2/21/24

**LEGAL NOTICE** 



CITY OF REVERE MASSACHUSETTS CONSERVATION COMMISSION Notice of

**Public Meeting** Pursuant to Mass General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40, Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Revere Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 7:00 P.M., in the City of Revere Council Chambers on the second floor of the Revere City Hall, on a Request for Determination of Applicability from the Point of Pines Yacht Club to determine if temporarily storing 19 floating docks in a single layer on the coastal dune is an area or is an activity subject to the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act. The application is on file and is available for public inspection in the Conservation Commission Office at 249R Broadway, Revere, MA on Monday through Thursday from 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Application and meeting information may also be obtained by contacting the Conservation Commission by calling 781-286-8185 or by emailing concom@ revere.org.

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LEGAL NOTICE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23A of Chapter 38 of the General Laws, that a meeting of the Revere Housing Authority will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 70 Cooledge Street, Revere, Massachusetts.

**REVERE HOUSING AUTHORITY** By: Dean Harris **Executive Director** 

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#### SCENES FROM REVERE HIGH BASKETBALL VS. SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL



John Leone goes chin to chin with Southeastern's Eric Disbrow while driving toward the

Photos by Bob Marra

Revere fell 61-56 to Southeastern Regional Technical Monday afternoon in the opening round

of the General Patton Tournament held at Hamilton Wenham High School. It was Revere's sixth loss of the season by six or fewer points. Next year's leaders provided the offensive punch: junior guard Ethan Day poured in 26 points while fellow junior Avi Lung scored 10, had five assists, and three steals.



Erick Mayorga (14) drives on Southeastern's John Leach (32).



Andrew Leone reaches to knock the ball away from Southeastern's Tayshon Forbes.



Ryan El Babor (10) and Southeastern's Eric Disbrow reach for a rebound.



Ethan Day gets a faceful of teammate Amir Yamani's (1) forearm as they battle for a rebound.



Revere's Sami Mghizou (2) goes to the floor as he battles Southeastern's Parese Rosario (5) for a loose ball.



Amir Yamani (1) picks his path through the Southeastern





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Joshua Mercado (0) takes advantage of a fallen (1) and forces a turnover.

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# ADULT FARE

City loses latest round in its costly battle with adult bookstore

BY SETH DANIEL seth@reverejournal.com

The city's 10-year legal battle against an American Legion Highway pornography store has yielded a court-ordered bill of nearly \$1 million in legal fees, payable immedi-

However, city officials said this week they don't believe the fight is over and plan to appeal.

Suffolk Superior Court Judge Ernest Murphy believes the matter should be put to bed.

In a ruling last week that chided the city for prolonging the matter, he found that Moon-Lite Reader (known legally as T & D Video) attorneys were entitled to \$915,027 in legal and expert fees for the decade-long case. He ordered the city to pay up immediately.

"T & D's lead counsel, Attorney Glenn Alberich's billing rate, ranging over the course of 10 years from \$250 to \$400 per hour, is not an inordinate range for a large Boston law firm employing attorneys who have 25 years of legal experience," wrote Judge Murphy.

He added that the city was responsible for creating the extraordinary fees due to a pattern of delay tactics.

"...the court also considers the effect of Revere's obstructionist conduct, which the court finds substantially contributed to T & D's

accumulation \$1,209,585.33 in attorney's fees and costs," Judge Murphy wrote. "The court finds that Revere unduly prolonged this litigation by causing delays at various stages during litigation. It was patently obvious to the court that Revere was never interested in resolving this case through settlement or alternative dispute resolution..."

Murphy said the city's position was politically motivated, even after it was obvious they had enforced unconstitutional zoning laws on the adult store.

T & D had requested over \$1.2 million in fees, but the city was able to prove that there had been duplicate billing over the years, so the judge reduced the award to \$915,027.

The ruling brought fiery words from both sides.

Without taking even a minute to think about it, Mayor Tom Ambrosino said the city would appeal." My expectation is the [state] Supreme Judicial Court will take this case, but there are Constitutional issues at stake and this case could be ripe for [U.S.] Supreme Court review," said the mayor. "Somewhere in there, we hope to find a group of jurists who see our position favorably. This is an initial skirmish in a long, long bat-

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**SETH DANIEL PHOTO** 

A Suffolk Superior Court judge has ruled that attorneys for this adult book and video store are entitled to more than \$900,000 in legal fees stemming from its protracted dispute with the city.

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Revere Police Officer Michelle Mangino was promoted to the rank of sergeant during a City Hall ceremony Friday morning. Mayor Ambrosino was among those who celebrated the special occasion with Sgt. Mangino and members of her family.

# SCHOOL BUILDING Bid or farewell?

On-again, off-again Whelan School project receives tentative green light

By SETH DANIEL seth@reverejournal.com

The stage is set for the new Whelan School complex to go out to bid, and the drama over whether to finally do it will play out before the City Council next Monday, Feb. 23.

There are already lots of opinions, both positive and negative.

Many are predicting that conflicting sides of the issue will hit head-on, once and for all. What settles from the dust of those proceedings could be a brand new

school or another year of caution and waiting.

Everything began last week when the Revere School Building Committee took a surprising vote to send the Whelan School Complex out to bid.

The measure passed.

Then it was forwarded to the City Council for a Feb. 23 vote to further the bond authorization and enable construction to start on the

school this summer. "It's a hot issue out there," said Superintendent of Schools Paul

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This year, we'll be taking a weekly journey through the pivotal headlines of 2004, revisiting the year's most significant events. Join us as we explore these historic moments, one week at a time.

# **Bunker Hill Community College** opens Student Success Center

Special to the Journal

Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the College's Student

Success Center on Monday, officially opening the first new building in more than a decade at the state's largest community col-

and laments not knowing

more interesting people.

Hades appears as a mys-

terious man who says he

has a letter from her father

and invites Eurydice to

his high-rise apartment to

read it. A deadly accident

sends her to the Under-

world, where a dip in the

river of forgetfulness eras-

es her memories. With the

help of her father, Eury-

dice regains the details of

pheus mourns Eurydice's

loss and resolves to bring

her back from the Un-

derworld. He confronts

Hades, who agrees to let

Eurydice go but sets a

condition: Orpheus must

lead her out of the Un-

derworld without looking

back. The opera concludes

with a heart-wrenching se-

quence, showcasing con-

sequences of love, loss,

and the pursuit of a second

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moves the "real world"

portion of the story to a

hyper-stylized beachside

location with palm trees.

The Eurydice and Orpheus

characters are inspired by

hipster/nerd/musician cul-

ture. Eurydice's father sits

lonely in his Underworld

room, rumpled, dusty and

dreaming of the daughter

he left in the real world.

Hades's persona is alter-

nately scary, funny and

protean...brazenly macho

yet able to access his femi-

nine side. The underworld

is a desolate but richly tex-

tured location, accessed by

a winding iridescent river

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# New England premiere of "Eurydice" includes new arrangement from Boston-born composer Matthew Aucoin

Boston Lyric Opera (BLO) presents a new production of composer Matthew Aucoin and librettist Sarah Ruhl's opera EURYDICE - a retelling of the Orpheus myth from Eurydice's viewpoint - directed by Doug Fitch and conducted by Aucoin. BLO, with Opera Grand Rapids, has co-commissioned a new, more intimate orchestral arrangement from Aucoin that premieres here. Sydney Mancasola and Elliot Madore perform the roles of Eurydice and Orpheus.

EURYDICE runs for five performances over two weeks, from March 1 to March 10, 2024, at the Huntington Theatre.

Both Ruhl and Aucoin are recipients of the MacArthur "Genius Grant" Fellowship. Aucoin was born and raised in Boston. His 2015 opera, Crossing, was premiered in the city by American Repertory Theater.

Ruhl's libretto for EU-RYDICE is adapted from her 2003 play of the same name. In both, she challenges the traditional myth of Orpheus and the Underworld by giving voice and prominence to a character often relegated to the background. Ruhl has said, "in the myth, we never hear from Eurydice she is always a cipher. I'm interested in her voice, a voice that hasn't been heard before."

BLO General Director & CEO Bradley Vernatter praises both Ruhl's writing and Aucoin's music, saying "I fell in love with Sarah's poetic adaptation...so much so that a line from the libretto ('All I have I give for love') anchors our season materials. Matt's score is stunning, and I was convinced it would shine for a chamber ensemble."

#### **CAST AND CREATIVE TEAMS**

In addition to Mancasola and Madore, the cast for EURYDICE includes: Mark S. Doss as Father (a character Ruhl created in part to honor her own father, who died when she was 20 years old); Nicholas Kelliher as Orpheus Double; David Portillo as Hades, Maggie Finnegan as Little Stone/Ensemble; Alexis Peart as Big Stone/ Ensemble; Neal Ferreira as Loud Stone/Ensemble; and Junhan Choi as Ensemble.

In addition to directing the production, Doug Fitch will design sets and costumes. Lighting design for EURYDICE is by Jorge Arroyo.

#### **PLOT SYNOPSIS**

**EURYDICE** When opens, Orpheus and Eurydice are playing on the beach. Orpheus proposes and Eurydice accepts. Eurydice's Meanwhile, father, who resides in the Underworld, writes a letter to his daughter but has no way to get it to her in the "real world." He drops the letter on the ground,

where Hades finds it. On her wedding day,

Eurydice leaves the party

The 56,000-square-foot Student Success Center is home to the College Library & Learning Commons, academic advising and coaching, and wraparound student services that help support BHCC's students, many of whom are students of color and first-generation students. The State's Division of Capital Asset

project architect. "Today is the culmination of the work of so many and of 50 years of the Community College movement right here on this campus," said BHCC President Pam Eddinger. "In these hallways, we can see the ambitions and potential of our students."

President Eddinger, Secretary of Education Patrick Tutwiler, Commissioner of Higher Education Noe Ortega, DCAMM Commissioner Adam Baacke, State Senator Sal DiDomenico, and State Representative Dan Ryan spoke to College community members at the ceremony.

"Today, we are celebrating a new space that will benefit BHCC's student community now and for years to come, improving their experience and maximizing the resources available to them," Secretary Tutwiler told an audience of more than 100 BHCC faculty, students, and guests. I want to share a strong congratulations to the BHCC leadership team and the entire student community for nurturing

college Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) and BOND Building and Construction led the building's planning, engineering, and this project forward." construction. NBBJ is the

harder." State Senator Sal Di-Domenico reflected on uate of BHCC: "I think of where we are now as a community, as a nation, as a commonwealth and I think of the impact that this building, the students, the teachers, the faculty, President Eddinger and all the presidents before her have had... People didn't envision it then, but the Commonwealth did... and that's why businesses are coming from around the world to headquarter themselves within walking distance from here." All but one of the College's current buildings were constructed almost 50 years ago and designed to accommodate around 5000 students. However, the campus has housed more than three times that number in recent years, and the aging buildings have accumulated a backlog of deferred maintenance. The Student Success Center also represents Commonwealth's commitment to climate-reinfrastructure. Based on Passive House principles, the building's exterior enhances the college's visual engagement with the community. The building is designed to be

Net Zero Energy-ready, integrating a geothermal well field on campus. It is engineered in anticipation of a future photovoltaic array. Additionally, the building uses a highly insulated, high-performing envelope. It anticipates projected sea-level change and the rise in base flood elevation by shifting all critical building systems, including the emergency generator, to the roof level. About Bunker Hill Community College

Bunker Hill Community College is the largest community college in Massachusetts, enrolling approximately 16,000 students annually. BHCC has campuses in Charlestown and Chelsea, and a number of other locations throughout the Greater Boston area. BHCC is one of the most diverse institutions of higher education in Massachusetts. Sixty-five percent of the students are people of color and more than half of BHCC's students are women. The College also enrolls nearly 600 international students who come from 94 countries and speak more than 75 languages.



The Student Sucess Center at Bunker Hill Community College.

"It is our genuine plea-

#### sure to deliver the space that your students deserve," said DCAMM Commissioner Baacke. "Your students, faculty, and staff have been creating transformative experiences for 50 years, and they've been doing that despite the facilities. Now, they'll be doing it with the facilities that help make their jobs easier and not

the new building coming online in the middle of the College's 50th Anniversary, saying, "50 years in the making is a special thing for any institution. But the mission of this school is to give people a second chance, it is turning their lives around, it is the first step in the next step of their lives... This is the mosaic of the Commonwealth coming together at this school, and now we have a facility that matches the dedication, excellence, and prestige of being a graduate of this institution." State Representative Dan Ryan spoke both as a legislator and a grad-

# SJC Clerk Maura Doyle will not seek re-election in 2024

Maura S. Doyle, Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Suffolk, announces that she will not be seeking reelection in 2024

"It has been an incredible honor to work at the Supreme Judicial Court for 32 years, first as an asduring which time I have had the privilege of working with 28 justices and 6

over the years by the numerous collaborations I have had with my constit-

sistant clerk for 4 years and uents, court professionals, the highest court in the then as the Court's elected attorneys, law schools, Commonwealth. Clerk for the past 28 years, and bar associations. Most of all, I have cherished working with my extraordinary staff and assistant clerks who have aided me in creating an incredibly

However, I will not be seeking reelection in 2024 because the time has now come for me to step back from public life and look to a future spent with my amazing family who have

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responsive, accountable, graciously supported me and professional office for all who seek relief from throughout the years."



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# Music of Bruckner, Bach, headline North Shore Philharmonic Winter Concert

Special to the Journal

Anton Bruckner's demanding Symphony No. 3 and Johan Sebastian Bach's acclaimed Double Violin Concerto are the featured works when Music Director Robert Lehmann conducts the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra in its Winter Concert Sunday, February 25 at Swampscott High School auditorium.

Concert time is 3:00 p.m. Ticket will be available at the door or can be purchased in advance at www.nspo.org for \$30, \$25 for seniors and students. Children 12 and under are admitted free.

The Double Violin Concerto will highlight NSPO concertmaster Zoia Bologovsky and principal second violin Ashley Offret. Both are longstanding members of the NSPO and well-known throughout the area. Bologovsky has toured throughout the

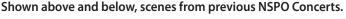
United States and Europe as first violinist with the Arden String Quartet and has held positions with the

Portland Symphony and Springfield Symphony and the Rhode Island Philharmonic, along with other roles with Opera Maine, and the Portsmouth Symphony. Offret has played with the Rhode Island Philharmonic, Symphony New Hampshire, and the Bach-Beethoven-Brahms Society of Boston. Both teach music, as well.

The Bach Double Violin concerto, composed around 1730, has long been one of the composer's most famous works.

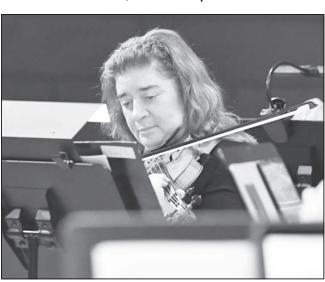
German composer Anton Bruckner composed his Symphony No. 3 in 1873 as a dedication to fellow composer Richard Wagner. The work is an expressive composition that illustrates the composer's affection for the grand and majestic scale of classical music.





Also on the concert program is Franz Shubert's "Rosamunde" Overture. Though the play for which the music was unsuccessful, Shubert's music earned much more favorable response and has lived on to be one of Shubert's most popular pieces.

The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra is playing its 75th season in its 76th year, having missed all of the 2020-2021 season due to the pandemic. Staffed large-



ly by volunteer players, the NSPO is committed to providing access to quality music at an affordable price to communities north of Boston. The Orchestra strives to develop, train, and provide opportunities for young musicians, while providing a large range of programs covering the full range of symphonic and pops repertoire for a diverse public. For full concert information, visit www.nspo.org or contact info@nspo.org.

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#### 60 years ago February 20, 1964

The City Council voted 4-3 this week against pay raises for police and fire-fighters. Instead, the council voted to refer to the Committee of the Whole a motion by Councillor George V. Colella that the city accept a new state law that sets the starting salary of uniformed city employees at \$6300, instead of the current level of \$5500.

Former City Manager Edward P. O'Toole returned

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from Florida this week to face charges brought by the Suffolk County District Atty. that he embezzled \$46,000 in city funds from 1959-61. Asst. D.A. Joseph Laurano of Revere is handling the case.

More than 400 persons attended a testimonial banquet for City Councillor Peter Brandano Sunday evening at the VFW Hall. Brandano was hailed as a "man of his word" by the guest speakers, who included Congress-

man Torbert Macdonald and former Gov. John A. Volpe, who will be running to regain that office in the fall.

The Mass. House has given initial approval to a bill that will allow the city's voters to determine at the next election whether to keep the present Plan E form of government with a City Manager and seven city councillors, or adopt a Plan B form, which provides for an elected Mayor and a board of nine councillors of whom four would be atlarge and five from each of the city's wards.

Quality Press Printing, which operated in this city for 46 years at 348 Broadway, will be closing its doors, announced its owner, John W. McLoughlin, who has operated the business for the past 35 years.

State Police staged six raids on alleged places of gambling in the city and arrested 18 persons. At one of the locations at 126 Centennial Ave., police also found a cache of stolen

suits believed to have been part of the \$63,000 heist of goods stolen from Scott and Co. of Boston recently.

School Supt. Dr. John Lindia has asked the Board of Health to institute a rodent control program at the high school which reportedly is infested with rats and mice.

rags-to-riches books of Horatio Alger, who was born in Revere and who resided at 88 Beach St., are enjoying a revival of interest in the country. Alger wrote some 118 novels and stories in which he wrote of the successes of farm boys and others who went to the big city and became successful. Alger graduated from Harvard in 1852 and died in 1899. (Ed. Note: In the years afterwards, it was revealed that Alger admitted that he had sexually abused boys while serving as a minister at a church on the Cape and resigned from that post, eventually moving to New York City where he worked with underprivileged boys, some of whom he lived with.)

#### 70 years ago February 25, 1954

City Manager Edward O'Toole told the City Council that despite the construction of 286 units of veterans housing in the city, there still is an urgent need for more housing for veterans who have applied and are qualified for such housing.

Local car dealers reported a brisk business during the Washington's Birthday Open Houses that they held this past week.

Although a ton of steel from a crane involved with the construction of the new MTA Rapid Transit station at Beachmont came crashing through the roof of the nearby diner, all 20 patrons and four employees in the diner at the time of the accident at 11:00 a.m. Friday miraculously escaped injury.

lously escaped injury. The New England Telephone Co. reported that it added 75,000 new customers last year, bringing its total number of customers in the five states in which it operates to 2,748,000. Company officials estimate that 80 percent of families in its service area have phones. The company said it will send more than \$150 million in new construction projects in the next two years.

#### 80 years ago February 24, 1944

Full military honors were accorded to 2nd Lieut. Thomas F. Landry, 22, a U.S.Marine Corps flier, who was killed in a plane crash Feb. 15 at Atlantic Field, N.C. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Landry of 43 Fenno St. Lieut. Landry was a 1939 graduate of Immaculate Conception High. The report of the young man's death brought much sadness to the city this week.

Another local soldier, Sgt. Joseph Messina, 21, who has been reported missing since April when

his plane crashed on a flight between Georgia and the Carolinas, has been declared killed by the War Dept.

War Dept. Mrs. Grace Chang home for only the second time in 24 years to visit relatives who live on Oak Island St., told of the horrors of living in a Japanese concentration camp for nine months in China, where she has been a missionary for most of her life. Her husband, a Chinese national who was a doctor, had died in 1932, but she stayed on in a small village in the interior of China where she performed her missionary work as a lawyer and as the head of a group under her care in the village. She said she witnessed a Japanese officer take out his sword and decapitate a young boy who had startled the officer's horse, throwing the short-legged officer to the ground. Mrs. Chang praised the work of the Red Cross, which ensured that the letters of the 1500 Americans with whom she was interned got sent home to stay in touch with family mem-

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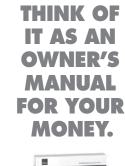
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Mayor Patrick Keefe and Hind Ouicheddane, Branch Manager of M&T Bank, Revere.

Photos by Cary Shuman

The Revere Chamber of Commerce hosted a Networking Night Feb. 15 at Capri Bistro and Lounge, located at 1559 North Shore Road.

RCC Executive Director Erica Porzio welcomed the many members to the first networking event of

The guests enjoyed appetizers during the event. Raffle drawings were held.

The Revere Chamber will next host its Women's History Month Luncheon on March 8 at the Four Points Sheraton. Sen. Lydia Edwards, Rep. Jessica Giannino, and First Lady of Revere Jennifer Keefe will be the keynote speakers at the event.



Laura Christopher, Jim Gibson, and Judie Vankooiman.



RCC Vice President Niles Welch, Mayor Patrick Keefe, RCC Executive Director Erica Porzio, and Board Members Amanda Bonasoro, Hind Ouicheddane, and Anasha Girma (holding daughter, Aedin).



RCC Executive Director Erica Porzio (left), RCC Vice President Niles Welch (right) welcome Ximena Giraldo and Diego Giraldo of Stone Soup Foundation to the Chamber's Networking Night at Capri Bistro and Lounge.



Amanda Schepici-Portillo of BIZZY Network, Paul Buonfiglio IV of Buonfiglio and Sons Funeral Home, and RCC



The many guests at the RCC Networking Night join Mayor Patrick Keefe for a photo at Networking Night.





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