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### NEWS BRIEFS

#### CHRISTMAS BLOCK PARTY HOSTED BY JARAMILLO FAMILY FOUNDATION

On Dec. 21, 2024 from 2pm and 6:30pm The Cord, a Jaramillo Family Foundation (The Cord), will host a Christmas Block Party on Lowe Street. The City of Revere has the second highest density of Colombian Americans in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Nine days before Christmas, Colombians and Latin Americans all over the world perform a daily Christmas prayer outside their homes in anticipation of the celebration of Christmas on December 25.

The Christmas Novena Block Party will kick off at 2:00pm and people are invited to stop by to enjoy Colombian pastries and desserts, hot chocolate, music, a bouncy house for the kids, face-painting, and other board games.

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## HEROES AND HELPERS SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER IN REVERE



MARIANNE SALZA PHOTOS  
 Revere Police Chief David Callahan serving pizza, courtesy of Luigi's, to Revere students as part of the Heroes and Helpers event at Target on Dec. 13.

Pictured left, Adonai, 8, Paul Revere Elementary School student, shopping with Massachusetts State Troopers Carlo Mastromattei and Michael Stoico. See more photos on Page 10.

## Council closes out 2024

By Adam Swift

The city council rounded out its last session of the year on Monday with several quality-of-life motions.

Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna introduced a motion requesting the mayor ask MassDOT to repair the street lights on the stretch of Winthrop Parkway (Route 145) at Short Beach in the interest of public safety.

The poles were damaged due to motor vehicle accidents and the state has yet to make the repairs, according to McKenna.

"We have four lights on Winthrop Parkway around a bend that is very dark coming from Winthrop

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## RECEPTION FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY KEVIN HAYDEN



CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

Revere Police Chief David Callahan greets Suffolk County DA Kevin Hayden at the reception held at St. George on Revere Beach.

## Disabilities Comm. moving forward on music programs with Music Center of Boston

By Journal Staff

The Revere Commission on Disabilities (COD) held its regular monthly meeting last Tuesday evening, December 10, via Zoom. Chair Ralph DeCicco, Mario Grimanis, Annemarie Fiore, Ellie Vargas, and Jason Barone-Cichocki were on hand for the session.

The members held a discussion regarding a proposal from the Community Music Center (CMC) of Boston to introduce a music program in Revere for disabled children, possibly to be administered in conjunction with the city's Parks and Rec. Dept. The commission had met at its meeting in October with a person from the CMC who outlined the programs that the center offers.

Fiore subsequently spoke to a representative from the center, who suggested that the CMC initially conduct workshops for parents and caregivers in order to provide information about the benefits of music therapy, such as improving fine and gross motor skills, working on social and emotional behaviors, and improving pro-social behaviors.

Fiore said the training/

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## Jack Satter seniors pose 'nude' for 2025 fundraiser Calendar

Special to the Journal

More than a dozen elderly women residents at the Jack Satter House on Revere Beach are celebrating the female form by posing in the 'nude' for the 2025 fundraising calendar, "The Spectacular Seniors 2025 Calendar".

The calendar, offered for sale by the Jack Satter House Tenants Association, Inc., features images of residents with their naked bodies strategically covered. Photo settings include getting sun on Revere Beach, cooking at the



The late Shirley Sowsy enjoys the latest edition of the Revere Journal while visiting the hairdresser. (Sowsy was able to join the project before succumbing to illness late this year. The calendar is dedicated to celebrating her memory.)

barbeque, gardening outside, visiting the hairdresser, and playing bingo, among others.

"This is a celebration of the spiritual and physical beauty of the aging female body," said Rabbi Lior Nevo, who helped the as-

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## Cogliandro serves last meeting as council president

By Adam Swift

City Council President Anthony Cogliandro thanked his fellow councillors for their support during his year at the head of the council during Monday night's meeting.

"This is my last meeting as a council president, and I just wanted to thank all of you for your trust in me

this year," said Cogliandro. "I have very much enjoyed this seat; it was a lot of work but I look forward to retiring to my normal seat in between Councillor Argenzio and Councillor Giannino."

It was an eventful year for the council, highlighted by the approval of

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At around 5:15pm, Father Leonardo from the Immaculate Conception Church in Revere will be kicking off the Novena and community members will read and sing along.

"The holiday season is a hard time for a lot of people, particularly new moms and others. It's so important that the community comes together during the years' shortest days to connect with each other, which is why we are hosting this festive event. This outdoor event is all about the light and hopes that the holidays can bring into our lives and we are so happy to share a part of our family's traditions with all of the Revere community"

said Crystal Jaramillo the President of The Cord. She added "after two back-to-back hospitalizations during the holidays, related to perinatal health and postpartum mental health complications, this is the first Christmas since I gave birth to my son Lucas, that I get to spend with him and my husband Juan Pablo, and I wanted to celebrate with everyone!"

People of all ages are welcomed and are reminded to bundle up, but the organizers will be providing hand and feet warmers, and hot chocolate. There will also be a special appearance of Old St. Nick from 2pm to 4pm!

People are encouraged to park at the Immaculate Conception Parking lot and to stay off the side streets. This is a free event but guests are advised that there are capacity limits and that people will be turned away if the street has filled up.

## TWO MEN ARRAIGNED FOR FLYING DRONES FROM RESTRICTED LONG ISLAND

Two men were charged in Dorchester BMC today with three counts each connected to flying drones in hazardous air space around Long Island and Boston Harbor on

Saturday, Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced.

Robert Duffy, 42, of Charlestown, and Jeremy Folcik, 32, of Bridgewater, were each charged with trespassing, breaking and entering, and violating a municipal ordinance or by-law. Judge Erika Reis released the men on personal recognizance and ordered them to stay away from Long Island and to not operate drones. Both will return to court February 6 for pre-trial hearings.

Boston Police responded to the abandoned homeless and hospital campus on Long Island via patrol boat at about 10:30 p.m. Saturday to investigate reports of unmanned aircraft being flown in hazardous proximity to Logan Airport. As officers searched the site they saw a light on in a building and a person walk by a window. Officers climbed to the second floor of the building by fire escape stairs and conducted a room search. Officers encountered Duffy and Folcik in the building. Duffy told officers he had been flying a drone and that it was in his backpack. Duffy and Folcik told officers they had been transported to the island on a boat owned by a third man. They said they did not know the man's name. Boston Police asked a State Police patrol boat unit for assistance in locating the third man but he was not apprehended.

Using data from the drone's serial number officers identified six recorded flights on Saturday and seven recorded flights on December 7.

"No trespassing" signs are posted on structures throughout the shuttered Long Island campus.

"There are many areas in Massachusetts to safely operate drones. But flying them from an area closed to the public while creating a potential public safety hazard in the process is conduct that will land people in court to answer to criminal charges, which is exactly what happened here," Hayden said.

# Subcomm. tables housing plan discussion

By Adam Swift

The city council will continue the discussion of a proposed Housing Production Plan at a future committee of the whole subcommittee meeting.

The plan was discussed during both a subcommittee meeting Monday night and during the public speaking portion of the regular council meeting later that evening.

During the committee of the whole meeting, councillors voted to table the consideration of the housing plan to its next meeting.

Some residents raised concerns about how the plan would affect development in the city with some possible zoning changes, while others urged the council to take action and adopt the plan, citing the need for affordable housing in the city and across the state.

The housing production plan, which has been in the works for over a year, aims to create housing for residents of all income levels as well as sustain

the city's current housing stock.

The city's department of planning and community development worked on the plan alongside outside consultant JM Goldson and a working group composed mainly of volunteers.

The ultimate goal of the housing production plan is to create a roadmap for building the right kind of housing in the right locations across all income spectrums in a way that can predictably help the city manage its growth as a community, planning and community development director Tom Skwierawski has stated.

Noah Harper, a housing-focused planner from JM Goldson, had stated that a housing production plan is a state-created program that, once it is approved by the state, can help mitigate 40B affordable housing projects in a community.

Approving the plan would not enact any zoning changes, but the plan does recommend zoning reform to support housing

production.

Some of those zoning reforms could include reducing the minimum lot size, allowing for two- and three-family homes by right in residential districts, and minimizing or eliminating off-street parking requirements near public transit.

Gail Giuffrida Kingsey, a lifelong Revere resident, said she fears that she might have to leave Revere if the housing plan leads to overdevelopment. She said she was especially concerned about a zoning recommendation that could eliminate side setbacks in some zoning districts.

Giuffrida Kingsey also noted that Revere has traditionally been a community where people move to from the city to live a more suburban life.

"I feel we should keep it that way," she said.

However, several people did speak in favor of the housing plan, noting the severe need for housing for residents of all income levels and backgrounds.

Lor Holmes, a housing advocate who was a member of the working group for the plan, said it should not be seen as a take-it-or-leave-it document.

Holmes said it is understandable that the council doesn't want to move quickly on the plan considering the questions some residents have raised, but said she hopes the council does commit to addressing housing issues in Revere.

"There are a lot of strategies in this plan, and they won't all work for Revere right now, but we've got to do something," said Holmes.

Council President Anthony Cogliandro said the decision to table discussion on the plan shouldn't be taken by the public as meaning it will be ignored.

"We are not getting rid of this in any way, shape, or form," he said. "Please don't think we are going to be getting rid of the Housing Production Plan, we are going to be talking about it at the next committee of the whole subcommittee."

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sociation with the project. "It was also a fun project for everyone involved."

The cover photo features the group celebrating in the Satter Ballroom. Images were taken by Marilia Lima Photography, Rabbi Nevo, and Judy Yantosca.

Other images include the following:

January: Donna Stahl celebrates the new year;

February: Loretta Paquet enjoys a game of Bingo;

March: Jean Aronson is busy in the office;

April: Julie Firicano is a card shark;

May: Paula Weiner is tending to her outdoor garden;

June: Kathy Bennett, Janice Gilman, Roxanne Aiello manage the Association meeting;

July: Mary Correia and Judy Meaney celebrate the 4th of July on Revere Beach Boulevard;

August: Judy Yantosca catches rays on Revere Beach;

September: Lois Levine



The Spectacular Seniors 2025 Calendar cover. Copies can be ordered by mailing a check to JSHTA, Inc., 420 Revere Beach Blvd., Revere, MA 02151. Cost is \$15 plus \$2.50 Shipping and Handling.

is grilling her next meal on the deck;

October: Lea Ciaramella catches up on her reading in the library;

November: Phyllis Snyder works up a sweat in the gym;

December: Shirley Sowsy enjoys the latest edition of the Revere Journal while visiting the hairdresser. (Sowsy was able to join the project before succumbing to illness late this year. The calendar is

dedicated to celebrating her memory.)

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bonding to build a new high school at Wonder-

land.

"From the bottom of

my heart, thank you all for your trust in me this year,"


said Cogliandro.

Councillor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo thanked Cogliandro for his leadership over the past year.

"I know we have had a fun year with you at the helm, and I want to thank you," he said. "Over the past year, as a rookie councilor, I really appreciated your leadership and vice president (Ira) Novoselsky's as well. Thank you both for your continued leadership and guidance of me as I go on this endeavor as a newer city councillor, and to the rest (of the council), as well."

Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto, far from a rookie on the council, also had words of praise for Cogliandro.

"As one of the longest serving councillors here, I just want to congratulate you on doing a wonderful job as president," Zambuto said. "It was a pleasure to serve with you, sir."



**Revere TV**  
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**SPOTLIGHT**

Join in and sing along with the Northshore Philharmonic Orchestra and the audience at St. Anthony's Church last Sunday during the Annual Robert A. Marra Memorial Sounds of Christmas Concert! This year's concert aired live on RevereTV and is now replaying daily on the Community Channel. Gear up for two marathon events on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day of Sounds of Christmas Concerts from year's past and including replays of this year's concert. The concert is also posted to RTV's YouTube page to be enjoyed at your convenience.

RevereTV has made it to all of the city's tree lighting events this year. Watch coverage of the Beachmont Tree Lighting from Sunday, December 8th on the Community Channel. This will be followed by a video of the Sandler Square Tree Lighting from this past Saturday. Enjoy holiday lights around Revere at these two locations and also at City Hall. Coverage of the Annual Priscilla Nickerson Memorial Scholarship Fund and Santa Parade and the City Hall Tree Lighting is also still replaying on the Community Channel. Watch in about a week for the city's Chanukah Celebration and Menorah Lighting happening on Monday, December 30th.

Students from Northeast Metro Tech were back in the kitchen studio for another episode for season two of "Northeast Cooks." This program features talented Culinary Arts students as they prepare a delicious dessert: Crème Brûlée! Watch as these aspiring chefs walk you through the baking process, sharing helpful tips and techniques along the way. Follow along and recreate this flavorful treat in your own kitchen! "Northeast Cooks" is posted to YouTube and is replaying daily on the Community Channel.

Full coverage of the Revere High School Talent show is now scheduled on RTV. The event showcased the talents of the class of 2025 and helped raise money for their events. Some students played music and sang while others danced, and more! You can also watch the show on YouTube. For RHS Sports this season, RevereTV will be covering some home games for the boys and girls basketball teams. Keep an eye on the Community Channel and RTV YouTube page for potential game coverage. Replays of both the boys and girls home openers are now playing on the Community Channel.

Government meetings will end for the year by December 20th. All meetings will play live on RTV GOV when they happen and then replay afterward for the following few weeks. There is a meeting hiatus for the holidays during the last two weeks of 2024 and things will pick back up again in January. RTV GOV will stay scheduled with replays of the meetings from the month of December during this time. All recorded meetings are also posted to YouTube to view at your convenience. RTV GOV is channel 9 on Comcast and channels 13 and 613 for RCN subscribers.

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# Suffolk County DA Kevin Hayden campaign reception held at St. George at Revere Beach

Cary Shuman Photos

Harvard Law School first-year student Anthony D'Ambrosio of Revere and attorney AJ Moscone hosted a campaign reception for Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden at St. George Condominiums, Revere Beach Boulevard.

D'Ambrosio, a graduate of Yale University and a former Revere School Committeeman, welcomed the large gathering to the reception.

Former assistant clerk magistrate Al Fiore of Revere introduced DA Hayden, a graduate of Dartmouth College and Boston University Law

School, for his formal remarks.

"I've been fortunate to have known Kevin for 25 years, so it's pleasure to be here," said Fiore. "He is well respected throughout the system. He cares about people. He's compassionate. He's willing to help people and to listen. He's a good man and a better friend."

Hayden received a warm ovation from the guests.

Hayden lauded his staff at the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, stating, "I have the greatest group of dedicated public servants in the entire Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It is my honor and my privilege to serve Suffolk County - Revere, Chelsea, Winthrop, and Boston."

Hayden took pride in citing statistics that show that "Boston is one of the safest big cities" in the country.

"We can also be proud of what Revere is doing in public safety," added Hayden, who had attended the grand reopening of Roca headquarters in Chelsea earlier in the day.

Hayden concluded his remarks by wishing everyone a happy holiday season.



Harvard Law School first-year student Anthony D'Ambrosio, former Assistant Clerk Magistrate Al Fiore, former Revere City Treasurer George Anzuoni, Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri, Suffolk County DA Kevin Hayden, former Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo, State Rep. Jeff Turco, and Chelsea City Councillor Calvin T. Brown.



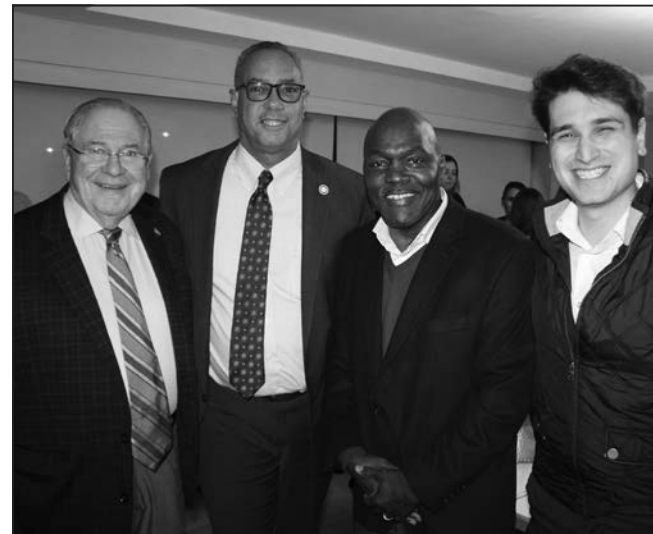
Former Revere Mayor Dan Rizzo and his wife, Jane Rizzo, greet Suffolk County DA Kevin Hayden, at the reception held at St. George.



Former State Rep. RoseLee Vincent and Chelsea City Councillor Calvin T. Brown, with Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden.



Suffolk County DA Kevin Hayden, with Attorney-at-Law Paul Tellier, Attorney-at-Law Nancy O'Neil, Anthony D'Ambrosio, and Attorney-at-Law Cailey Watson, of D'Ambrosio Counselors-at-Law firm.



Former Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo, Suffolk County DA Kevin Hayden, Chelsea City Councillor Calvin T. Brown, and Anthony D'Ambrosio, one of the hosts of the campaign reception.



Suffolk County DA Kevin Hayden, with Harvard Law School first-year student Anthony D'Ambrosio and Mass. Assistant Attorney General Hailey Jenkins.



Assistant District Attorney Gabriella D'Ambrosio, Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden, and Revere Police Chief David Callahan.

## Revere man pleads guilty to ammunition charges in connection with Everett shooting

By Journal Staff

A Revere man pleaded guilty last week in federal court in Boston to illegally possessing ammunition in connection with a January shooting in a residential neighborhood of Everett.

Kenneth Munoz, 27, pleaded guilty to one

count of being a felon in possession of ammunition. U.S. Senior District Court Judge William G. Young scheduled sentencing for April 9, 2025.

On the afternoon of Jan. 2, 2022, three individuals fired over 20 shots in an Everett neighborhood causing ballistic damage

in the surrounding area, including bullet holes inside of bedrooms and living rooms in surrounding residences, according to the U.S. Attorney's office. The shooting was captured on video surveillance from nearby residences. Munoz was identified as one of the two shooters.

Munoz is prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition due to prior convictions.

The charge of being a felon in possession of ammunition provides for a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, up to three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000.

Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy, James M. Ferguson, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau

of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Boston Field Division, Everett Police Chief Paul Strong and Chelsea Police Chief Keith E. Houghton made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorney Sarah Hoefle of the Organized Crime & Gang Unit is prosecuting the case.

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going to Revere Beach," said McKenna.

Two of the poles were damaged in an accident and the two others are also not working, she said.

"I don't know what is going on with MassDOT," McKenna said. "The boxes are open and there are wires. I'm afraid some kid might go and touch it and I don't know if they are live or not, but it is a safety issue."

"I'd like it to be addressed as soon as possible."

Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya

introduced a motion requesting the mayor ask the DPW to install several trash barrels in her ward.

"There are currently several barrels placed around Revere, but along Revere Street, there is a notable lack with only one located at the Paul Revere School, which is totally dilapidated," said Guarino-Sawaya. "It needs to be replaced immediately to improve waste management in the city."

The councillor said she would also like to see new barrels installed on the corner of Revere Street

and American Legion Highway, and one near St. Anthony's Church.

"These additions would help ensure cleaner streets and more accessible waste disposal options along

Revere Street," Guarino-Sawaya said.

In other business, Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio introduced a motion that the City Council award Certificates of

Commendation to the Revere Youth Cheerleading U12 team and their coaching staff in recognition of their second place finish at the Nationals in Florida.

"The cheerleading

squad did a great job, traveled to nationals and practiced hard and they got a great second place finish," said Argenzio. "I would like to acknowledge them for all their efforts."


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# POINT OF PINES BEACH ASSOCIATION HOLDS HOLIDAY/CHRISTMAS PARTY

Cary Shuman Photos

The Point of Pines Beach Association held its annual Holiday/Christmas Party Friday, Dec. 13 at the Point of Pines Yacht Club.

POPBA President Angela Guarino-Sawaya and board members welcomed children and families to the festive celebration. The guests enjoyed pizza and other food items, along with the opportunity to decorate gingerbread cookies.

Children were able to select free toys from an amazing table of hundreds of toys.

Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and Christmas elves made a special visit to the party. Families posed with Santa for a memorable Christmas photograph taken by professional photographer Bob Marra.

Guarino-Sawaya, who is the Ward 5 city councillor, thanked the families for being a part of the POPBA's annual holiday tradition.



POPBA President and Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya (right) welcomes her colleague, Councilor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo, his wife, Crystal Jaramillo, and their son, Lucas Jaramillo to the holiday party.



Former Revere High baseball star Steve Fiore, with his wife, Annmarie Fiore, and their children, Lucia Fiore and Stephen Fiore, enjoy the holiday celebration.



From left, Toni DePaolis, POPBA President Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Jivon Green, Jillian Dipesa, Kelan Doherty, Etienne Ellis, and Mary Callahan.



Jaclyn Moore, with her sons, Justin Moore and Jason Moore.



Paula Zingariello and son, Salvy Zingariello.



Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus are joined by guests for a pre-Christmas photo at the POPBA holiday party.



Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, pictured with Councilor-at-Large Juan Jaramillo, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Jivon Green, Stephen Damiano, and sons.



Former Revere Fire Chief Gene Doherty, Michele Doherty, Courtney Hogan, Bridget Doherty, and Brian Doherty enjoy the Point of Pines Beach Association annual holiday celebration.



Families expressed their gratitude for a great party to the POPBA holiday party organizing committee, Toni DePaolis, Mary Callahan, Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Carmen Menezes, and Laura Doherty.



Revere School Committee member Aisha Milbury Ellis, with members of the Nash, Moore, Doherty, and Guzzo families.



POINT OF PINES BEACH ASSOCIATION HOLDS HOLIDAY/CHRISTMAS PARTY



Brandon Poulin (left) and family, spending time with Santa Claus, at the POPBA holiday celebration.



POPBA President Angela Guarino-Sawaya welcomes Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and the Christmas elves to the holiday party.



Nick Vaillancourt, his wife, Alexis Vaillancourt, and their son, Charlie Vaillancourt, enjoy a visit with Santa Claus.



Angela Guarino-Sawaya and her son, Anthony Sawaya Jr., greet Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus at the holiday party.



Visiting with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus are (from left), Taylor Travaglini, Jennifer Hamilton, Karsen Bandareck, Navy Hamilton, and former Winthrop High football star lineman Robert Hamilton.

A.C. Whelan School second-graders see their art turned into life

By Melissa Moore-Randall

Students in Ms. Andrews' second-grade class at the Whelan School received some new winter gear that they designed. Earlier in the year, their teacher, Abby Andrews, had them design a winter hat as part of The Winter Hat Project.

The Winter Hat Project has been a truly special experience from start to finish. Last year, I came across a video of another teacher doing a similar project, and I immediately knew it was the perfect idea to bring into my classroom. When I shared the concept with my grandma, she was just as excited as I was and eagerly offered to help

bring it to life. Knitting has always been a passion of hers, and she is always looking for ways to support my students and me. At the start of the school year, I introduced the project to my class, allowing each student to create their own hat design. It was a meaningful way to connect with my students and get to know their personalities. Over the past few months, my grandma has been hard at work, knitting 21 beautiful hats. She was thrilled to see the creative designs the kids came up with, and it brought her a lot of joy to be a part of something so personal and meaningful to them."

"The excitement among the students has been building as they eagerly awaited their hats. It's been incredible to watch their anticipation grow. I am so incredibly grateful for my grandma's support and dedication in making this project a reality. It's a memory that will stay with my students for a long time, and I couldn't have asked for a more wonderful way to bring our classroom community closer together."



Students in Ms. Andrews' second-grade class designed winter hats that were part of The Winter Hat Project.



Students in Ms. Andrews' second-grade class at the A.C. Whelan show off their new winter hats they designed.

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# Forum

## CHRISTMAS IS FAST APPROACHING, BUT THERE'S STILL TIME TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

It's hard to believe that Christmas is just a week away. We realize that the compressed holiday shopping season has put even more pressure than usual on all of us, but we hope that all of our readers can find the time to remember those in need this holiday season.

The stock market may be booming and unemployment may be near an all-time low, but there was the depressing news this past week that homelessness among Americans once again has increased in the past year and millions of American children (1 in 8) face food insecurity on a regular basis.

The cold, harsh reality for many Americans in 2024 is that the promise of benefitting from a booming economy still is only a dream, where even those who are lucky enough to work full-time are barely getting by thanks to the crushingly-high cost of housing.

And for those who cannot find a job, or who are unable to work -- and especially for their children -- the holiday joy that most of us take for granted is just an illusion.

We recognize that in our hurry-hurry world where we barely have time to think, the Christmas season brings with it the onslaught of last-minute shopping and holiday preparations. But we urge all of our readers who have the means to do so to take a brief "time-out" in order to consider doing something to make the holiday season a bit brighter for those who are less fortunate.

We can assure our readers that any gift of charity that we make, whether it be to a Toys for Tots program or to a Salvation Army Santa (the Salvation Army provided services to 27 million Americans last year) or a food bank donation, will be the most meaningful -- and most satisfying -- act that we can make this holiday season.

## THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE STARTED 80 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

It was 80 years ago this week that the final big battle of WWII in Western Europe -- the Battle of the Bulge -- got underway.

In brief, the Battle of the Bulge marked a last-ditch counter-offensive by the German Army against the U.S. and its allies as the allies advanced through Belgium and toward Germany. The German attack, which caught the Americans by surprise, earned its name from the "bulge" that the sudden German thrust created in the middle of the American line in the Ardennes Forest of Belgium.

The battle was immortalized in the 1965 movie, *The Battle of the Bulge*, and then 40 years later in the great HBO series *Band of Brothers*, which followed the exploits of E Company of the fabled 101st Airborne Division, including its crucial role in the defense of the Belgian town of Bastogne where General Anthony McAuliffe uttered the famous, one-word declaration word, "Nuts!" in response to a demand for him to surrender from the German commander who had surrounded the Americans. The 101st Airborne hung on, against all odds and a militarily-superior enemy, stalling the German offensive until General George Patton arrived with reinforcements.

Soldiers fought in brutal winter conditions against a ruthless German enemy that literally was taking no prisoners -- the Nazis executed hundreds of captured American soldiers during the engagement. Altogether, the U.S. Army lost approximately 19,000 men and suffered 75,000 total casualties in what became the United States' deadliest single World War II battle, which extended from December 16, 1944, to January 16, 1945. When the battle was over, so too for all intents and purposes were the Germans, whose surrender occurred less than four months later.

The reason we wish to make note of this epic battle is because in some of our sister newspapers, we write a weekly "Through the Years" column. In our Revere newspaper, it was noted that seven Revere families were notified this week 80 years ago that their sons, husbands, and fathers had been killed in action.

We today can only imagine the profound and deep sense of grief and sadness that enveloped entire communities all across the country as the telegrams from the War Department were delivered by the thousands to families informing them of the loss of their loved ones over those terrible four weeks.

In addition, it occurred to us that so few of the Greatest Generation, including our own uncles and fathers who served in that war, are still alive today. All of the members of Easy Company have passed away.

We do so in hopes of acknowledging the debt we owe to the brave soldiers who gave their lives in the forests and on the fields of Belgium 80 years ago, with the hope that we might fulfill the sentiments expressed by Abraham Lincoln in the Gettysburg Address: "...that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion--that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."

## Some anniversaries remembered and some forgotten

By John J. Henry

Anniversaries are a time to look back, to celebrate milestones and achievements; it is also a time to remember the misfortunes and hardships that some of the members of our society experienced leading to the creation of our new nation and to reflect upon those events as we reconnect with our past.

During the upcoming two years a constellation of past historical events will be occurring which are significant to both our national and local histories, as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution and the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

As this year comes to a close a lesser known local historical event will be concluding; the 400th Anniversary of the, settlement of Winnisimmet, (now Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop), when an adventurous 22-year-old young man from Devonshire England, named Samuel Maverick, journeyed from Weymouth England arriving at Wessagusset, (now Weymouth), Massachusetts in 1623 to pursue his fortune in British North America.

A short time after his arrival he decided to move on from Wessagusset traveling to the north side of the Mystic River, at the junction of Massachusetts Bay, arriving at an area of land in 1624, then populated by the Rumney Marsh Indians, part of the indigenous people of the Pawtucket nation, on land that they called Winnisimmet. Maverick took possession of the lands of Winnisimmet from the Rumney Marsh Indians by occupation, in keeping with the adverse land acquisition provisions of British law, thus establishing Winnisimmet as the fourth permanent British North American settlement in Massachusetts. Maverick would quickly develop the land that he occupied constructing a home, with a palisade defensive fortification enclosure, on the Winnisimmet hillside facing the Mystic River. Although in early conflict with the Rumney Marsh Indians Maverick subsequently established a harmonious fur trading relationship and friendship with them. During a smallpox epidemic outbreak Maverick ministered to the medical needs of the Rumney Marsh Indians and buried 30 of their dead in one day.

In June of 1630 Maverick would greet, the legendary John Winthrop, the Puritan leader of the Massachusetts Bay Company, at his Winnisimmet home, as Winthrop traveled from his Salem outpost to Bos-

ton Harbor in search of a suitable location for the capital of his Massachusetts Bay Company settlement, his proverbial new Jerusalem, which Winthrop referred to as his, "city upon a hill", a model for the building of a new Puritan society in North America. Maverick would render essential services to Winthrop's Massachusetts Bay Company, as Winthrop labored to establish a home for his Puritan religious community as well as his, British North American economic colony. Winthrop would later establish Boston as the capital of the Massachusetts Bay Company in 1634 and he then quickly annexed all of Winnisimmet, including the lands of Rumney Marsh and Pullen Point as part of the new Puritan Town of Boston. Maverick would remain as a resident of Winnisimmet for a short time until he deeded his hillside estate and a portion of his other Winnisimmet land holdings to Richard Bellingham in 1635. By then Maverick had already moved on from Winnisimmet to his new home at Noddle's Island, (now East Boston), in Massachusetts Bay.

While it is fitting and appropriate to recognize Maverick as the first English settler of our area, 400 years ago in 1624, it is inappropriate to condone Maverick's less than honorable character, stature and reputation since Maverick shamefully became the first slave trader in Massachusetts, committing New England's original sin. It should be noted, that Maverick was a product of his seventeenth century English times that condoned slavery for both cultural and economic reasons. Moreover, slavery was a major component of British economic Imperialism that relied heavily upon slavery for the establishment of British North American agricultural plantations, to acquire resources and produce agricultural products for shipment back to England. The cultivation, of agricultural products, required substantial feudal forced labor by both indentured servants as well as Negro slaves to become a successful economic venture.

In 1645 John Winthrop, who had served as Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony on six different occasions, wrote about British North American economic expansion stating: "I do not see how we can thrive until we get...a flock of slaves sufficient to do all of our business...and it will be cheaper to maintain twenty Negro slaves cheaper than one English servant." A number of those very slaves now rest in our

Rumney Marsh burial ground located on Butler Street.

Slavery in Massachusetts would last for 159 years.

It was not until the Massachusetts Constitution of 1780, and its subsequent judicial interpretation in 1783, that ultimately brought an end to slavery in Massachusetts.

On March 27 & 28, 1775, members of our town's militia joined together with 1000 militia men from all of the then New England colonies, and tenaciously confronted 400 British Royal Marines, with their fleet of three naval vessels, assault barges and field artillery, encountering British troops beginning at the inner islands of Boston Harbor and ending in the marshlands and mudflats of Chelsea Creek, near Slade's Mill, resulting in the capture and sinking of the British Royal Navy schooner "Diana". The Battle of Chelsea Creek, although mostly forgotten to history, was notable since it was the first planned offensive battle of the Revolutionary War; the first instance of military cooperation by the New England colonies, battling the Redcoats; the first naval engagement of the Revolutionary War; the first capture of a British vessel of war; and the first time that artillery was used by the colonial militia against the British. While the colonial losses were minimal the Redcoats lost sixty-four of their elite troops.

On April 19, 2025 our nation will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the, "Short heard round the world", on April 19th 1775, when we celebrate the confrontation of Massachusetts colonists and British Redcoats at Lexington and Concord,

marking an important battle of our war for Independence from Great Britain and another transition from a war of words to one of bullets.

Although little known, by many of our current Revere citizens, a number of the then residents of our early town played an important role in this confrontation for independence from Great Britain, when the pastor of The Church of Christ at Chelsea, (now Revere), Reverend Phillips Payson, lead a party of men from his church congregation halting the retreating British Redcoats, after the confrontation at Lexington and Concord, engaging the Redcoats at Menotomy, (now Arlington), in an intense rear action confrontation, when the men of the church congregation killed a number of the Redcoats and took several of the enemy as prisoners. By their courageous action the men from our town enshrined themselves in the history of our nation by their heroic participation in this important confrontation of the American Revolution for Independence from Great Britain. Also, for his heroic leadership of the men from his church congregation, Pastor Phillips Payson would become forever known as "Fighting Pastor Payson". Payson would go on to participate, with John Adams as a contributor, in the writing of the Massachusetts Constitution and as a founding member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, along with John Hancock, Robert Treat Paine and John and Samuel Adams.

Twenty days later, on June 17, 1775, the colonists once again battled the British Redcoats at the bloody battle of Bunker Hill. The battle, which ac-

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# Over 100 RPS caregivers turn out for 'Know Your Rights' event

Special to the Journal

On Tuesday, Dec. 10, Jessica Chicco, Director of Training for the Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA), provided vital information to Revere Public School (RPS) caregivers about their rights while living in the United States.

Chicco, the Director of Training for the Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA), delivered essential insights to over 100 RPS caregivers during the district's 'Know Your Rights' Family Engagement Night. At the event, Chicco emphasized the rights that individuals have while living in the United States, empowering them with knowledge to navigate their immigration status effectively. The session aimed to equip



Jessica Chicco, Director of Training for the Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA), addresses the crowd during the Family Engagement Night at Revere High School.

caregivers with the necessary information to support themselves and their families.

With the incoming presidential administration's immigration agenda raising concerns, the session aimed to equip families with the information needed to better support themselves and their loved ones.

Topics Chicco discussed included basic rights; rights if immigration comes to your home; family preparedness; getting legal help; rights

when driving; rights if immigration comes to your work; and rights in detention.

"MIRA is so happy to have been invited to participate in this important event organized by Revere Public Schools," said Chicco, who formerly served as Senior Immigration Attorney at DOVE (Domestic Violence Ended, Inc.) in Quincy. "Sharing information about our rights in families' preferred languages is key to empowering our parents, caregivers, and communities. We hope that RPS families and caregivers have gained more knowledge and resources from our 'Know Your Rights' page, and they will continue to access and share these essential resources within their communities."

The political rhetoric surrounding immigration has caused significant anxiety and distress for many of our families, caregivers, and students. RPS serves a significant number of families from

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RPS parents listen intently to what Chicco has to say.

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ually occurred at Breed's Hill, only lasted two hours, however, the losses were significant resulting in 1,054 British casualties and 450 colonial losses, demonstrating the fighting ability of the colonial forces to effectively do battle against the British Redcoats.

Over one year later, on July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress of the thirteen American Col-

onies, meeting at Philadelphia, sent a bold message to the King and Parliament of Great Britain by proclaiming the American Declaration of Independence, from Great Britain.

Recognition of our past, acknowledging historical events and experiences of a bygone era, including both positive and negative aspects, allows us to gain important insights and lessons learned as we strive

to shape a better future. We can't change history but we certainly can learn from it.

As William Shakespeare wrote in his play, "The Tempest", "The past is prologue."

*John J. Henry served as City Clerk of the City of Revere for thirty-two years from 1977-2009. He has written numerous articles, over the years, about the early history Revere.*

# Lighthouse Rehab supports animal shelters with 'Operation Santa Paws'

Special to the Journal

Lighthouse Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center in Revere, where residents often benefit from animal-assisted therapy visits, has launched "Operation Santa Paws" to collect pet supplies and donate them to Paws, Pets & Prayers Rescue Inc. in

Revere.

Through Dec. 22, the skilled nursing facility at 204 Proctor Ave. welcomes donated items such as blankets and towels, dog and cat beds, unopened pet food/treats, pet toys, grooming products, collars and leashes, and food/water bowls. Therapy animals play

a vital role in long-term care residents' lives, particularly those living with dementia and Alzheimer's. Benefits of animal therapy for seniors include emotional uplift, increased self-esteem, improved social skills, and reduced risk of depression and anxiety. For more info, visit [lighthouse rehab.com](http://lighthouse rehab.com)

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information sessions could be conducted either in-person, via Zoom, or through a hybrid combination and could be held at whatever intervals are convenient (monthly, quarterly, etc.). The times and frequencies of the classes for children also could be held at the convenience of local residents.

DeCicco noted that input from Parks and Rec. would be necessary to determine the availability of space at the George Colella Community Center at the Garfield School. After the discussion, Fiore agreed to write-up a detailed plan that could be presented to the Parks and Rec. Dept.

"As a commission, we always are seeking new programs we can implement in Revere to benefit children and young adults with disabilities, and the more we can do, the better, because there is a need," said DeCicco.

DeCicco presented a summary of the December 4 meeting of the Commission on Disabilities Alliance (CODA) that he attended. Among the items discussed at the meeting were:

-- The Disability Policy Consortium (DPC) will be hiring for a few positions, including a Community Organizer, an Executive Assistant, and a Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ombudsman. For more information and to apply, visit their website at <https://www.dpcma.org/>;

-- DPC also mentioned that the next legislative session begins again in January and soon thereafter will start to conduct advocacy updates for the new session;

-- The Newburyport

COD representative spoke about a new program that community will be implementing called Project Lifesaver in which the Newburyport COD will be partnering with the Newburyport Police Department and Council on Aging. This technology has a success rate of being able to locate a lost individual within 30 minutes, which is much faster than other programs.

The initial cost to implement this program is approximately \$9800 for the first year. This includes wrist or ankle transponders for 14 individuals (additional users could be added for an additional cost), along with equipment for three police cars and other equipment needed to be installed throughout the community. The training necessary for the police officers is included. More information on this technology can be found at <https://projectlifesaver.org/>; and

-- Representatives from various CODs discussed roadway construction-related issues that cause accessibility difficulties for pedestrians with disabilities. They noted that the problems principally arise when state agencies perform construction projects, but do not take appropriate measures to help persons with disabilities navigate the construction areas.

In a separate matter, the commission discussed sending a letter to Revere's representatives at the State House to urge them to ask that the Mass. Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), which has jurisdiction over Revere Beach, provide additional street lighting, including flashing pedestrian crossing signals, at the beach.

Last month, COD vice-chair Pauline Perno warned residents and her fellow commissioners that crossing the streets in the area of Revere Beach is "treacherous" because of the lack of lighting on Revere Beach Blvd. She suggested that the COD send a letter to the city's elected State House officials about the need for the DCR to install flashing pedestrian-crossing lights.

Perno agreed to draft a letter for approval by the full COD at this month's meeting. The members reviewed the letter submitted by Perno (who was unable to attend last week's meeting), but unanimously voted to table moving forward on it until Perno is in attendance to discuss it with the members.

DeCicco concluded the meeting by reading the COD's monthly reminder:

"The Commission on Disabilities office number is 781-286-8267. Residents can also call Revere 311 directly and speak to their staff Monday through Friday. They will answer most questions, but if they cannot or if you want to talk to our department directly, ask to be transferred to the Disability office. Please leave a detailed message, and someone will get back to you soon."

"As always, don't hesitate to contact us if you want something discussed or added to our monthly meeting agenda. You can also let us know if you want to speak about any issue or concern. The Commission is here to help and assist all the disabled residents and families of Revere."

The COD's next meeting (via Zoom) is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

City of Revere Resources

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Please contact: Chantal Ragucci

**Substance Use Disorder and Homelessness Initiatives (SUDHI) Office**  
781-922-6069  
Please contact: Carrie Ann Salemme or Nicole Palermo




**DECEMBER SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY**  
5:15AM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) \*  
6:00AM - BOOTCAMP - MIKEY (50 MIN.) \*  
6:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) (283)  
9:30AM - SPIN - CHERYL (45 MIN.) (2)  
10:30AM - STRENGTH & STRETCH - CHERYL (50 MIN.) (2)  
4:30PM - GENTLE YOGA - CORINNE (45 MIN.) \*  
5:30PM - BARRE - NIKKI (55 MIN.) (283)  
8:00PM - STEP - MIKEY (45 MIN.) \*

**TUESDAY**  
5:05AM - STRENGTH & CONDITIONING - MIKEY (50 MIN.) \*  
6:00AM - STRENGTH & CORE - NIKKI (55 MIN.) (2)  
5:30PM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) (283)  
5:30PM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) \*  
6:30PM - STEP - MIKEY (50 MIN.) \*  
7:45PM - STRENGTH & CONDITIONING - MIKEY (50 MIN.) \*

**WEDNESDAY**  
5:15AM - STRENGTH - ANGELA - (45 MIN.) \*  
6:00AM - BOOTCAMP - MIKEY (50 MIN.) \*  
6:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) (283)  
9:30AM - SPIN - CHERYL (45 MIN.) (2)  
10:30AM - STRENGTH & STRETCH - CHERYL (50 MIN.) (2)  
4:30PM - GENTLE YOGA - CORINNE (45 MIN.) \*  
5:45PM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MINS.) \*  
7:00PM - STEP - MIKEY (50 MINS.) \*

**THURSDAY**  
5:30AM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) \*  
5:30PM - BOOTCAMP - ANGELA (45 MIN.) \*  
5:30PM - PILATES - NIKKI (55 MIN.) \*  
6:30PM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) (283)  
6:30PM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) \*  
7:00PM - STEP - MIKEY (50 MIN.) \*

**FRIDAY**  
5:05AM - STRENGTH & CONDITIONING - MIKEY (55MIN.) \*  
6:00AM - BOOTCAMP - MIKEY (50 MIN.) \*  
6:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) (283)  
9:30AM - SPIN - CHERYL (45 MIN.) (2)  
10:30AM - STRENGTH & STRETCH - CHERYL (50 MIN.) (2)  
12:30PM - HIIT - MIKEY (50 MIN.) (283)

**SATURDAY**  
8:00AM - BRAZILIAN STEP - MARCELO (55 MIN.) \*  
10:00AM - SPIN - CHERYL (40 MIN.) (2)

**SUNDAY**  
8:00AM - GENTLE YOGA - CORINNE (45 MIN.) \*  
9:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) (283)  
10:00AM - BARRE - NIKKI (55 MIN.) (3)  
11:00AM - STEP - MIKEY (50 MIN.) \*

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# OBITUARIES

## Helen M. Pellecchia

Family was always her most important gift



Family and friends are invited to attend a funeral for Helen M. (Luongo) Pellecchia to be conducted from the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach Street, Revere, today, Wednesday, December 18th beginning at 8:30 a.m. She died on Wednesday, December 11th at the Lighthouse Nursing Care Center following a brief illness. She was 92 years old. A Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. will be celebrated in St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop immediately followed by Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Helen was a proud lifelong resident of East Boston. She was educated in Boston Public Schools and was a graduate of East Boston High School, Class of 1950.

Helen was a devoted mother of five children and she raised them with strong family values.

She returned to the workforce in an administrative role for insurance companies throughout her working career.

Helen was a tremendous cook and enjoyed being with her family around her table for any occasion. In her spare time, she enjoyed going to the casinos and having fun. Family was always the most important gift to her, and she made sure they knew it.

She was the loving mother of Pamela A. Console and her husband,

Thomas of Winthrop, Jean Como and her husband, John of Florida, Joseph Pellecchia his wife, Regina of Medford, Paul Pellecchia and his wife, Kelly of Winthrop and the late Peter A. Pellecchia Jr.; the cherished grandmother of eight grandchildren and great-grandmother of six great-grandchildren. She was the daughter of the late Marino and Amalia Luongo; the dear sister of six late brothers and sisters: Annette Marcella, Carmella Luongo, Alfred Luongo, Grace Zuccaro, Frank Luongo and George Luongo. She was the longtime companion of the late Henry Saganov and is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

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

To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertuciosmithvazza.com](http://www.vertuciosmithvazza.com). Funeral arrangements entrusted to Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals.

## Jeffrey Paul Medeiros, Sr.

He was a mentor for many of Revere's young men



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Jeffrey Paul Medeiros Sr. on December 12, 2024.

Born in Malden, MA on June 17, 1973, he is survived by his mother, Sheila (Blanch) and her companion, Phil from New Hampshire,

Jeff graduated from Malden Catholic in 1991, where he was a track star who broke school records leading to a state championship. He also excelled in soccer resulting in a college scholarship. He played hockey for the city of Malden from five years old through his school years. Big Jeff, as the kids knew him, was dedicated to coaching Revere basketball and baseball leading his sons and their team to city championships. He was a mentor for many of Revere's young men.

Jeff started his career in transportation at Paul Revere Bus company in Winthrop. His passion for his work and his commitment to excellence later led him to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), where he worked for 24 years, working his way up from a bus driver to recently retiring as a Superintendent. His leadership and dedication were not only evident in his work but also in his active membership in the Local 589 Boston Car-men's Union and his role as Vice President of the T.E.A. Union.

However, it was his role as a husband, father, uncle and grandfather that Jeff cherished the most. Family was the cornerstone of his life. He loved cooking for his huge family. Any person who walked through his door immediately became part of that family. His hobbies, included camping, golfing and corn hole with his boys whom he was so proud of. He was a dedicated Boston sports fan.

His laughter, wisdom, sarcastic jokes and love will be deeply missed by his beloved wife of 29 years, Lisa (Wood); caring son in law to Claire Wood and the late William Wood Sr., devoted father of Jeffrey Medeiros Jr. and his companion, Meagan of New Hampshire, Tyler Medeiros and his companion, Soraya of Worcester, Matthew Medeiros and his companion, Geena and Ryan Medeiros of New Hampshire and all formerly of Revere; cherished grandfather of Brooklynn, Dakota, and Shyla; dear brother of Mark Medeiros and his wife, Trisha of Saugus, Keith Medeiros and his wife, Traci of Wilmington, brother-in-law of Cheryl Dionne and her husband, Marvin, Stacey Wood and her companion, Sylvia, and William Wood Jr.; adored uncle of Ashley, Allison, Damion, Tommy, Brennan, Hannah Colby, Devin, Morgan and Dylan.

Funeral from the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons Funeral Home 128 Revere St, Revere on Monday, December 23, 2024, at 10 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Revere at 11 a.m.. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. A Visitation will be held on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m., at the funeral home. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. For guest book please visit [www.buonfiglio.com](http://www.buonfiglio.com).

## Josephine Patania

More than anything, she enjoyed time with her family



It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of our mother, Josephine (Noe') Patania on December 11th, 2024.

Josephine was born on December 4th, 1930, to her Sicilian parents, Francesco Noe' and Sebastiana (Piazza) Noe'. She was the fifth of nine children raised in the old West End of Boston. She often recounted fond memories of the people and the neighborhood.

She was the loving wife of Salvatore Patania for 61 years. They wed on March 25th, 1951, at Sacred Heart Church in Boston's North End. Early on, they lived in the West End, then Melrose and eventually settled in Revere, where they raised their family of five. Even after the passing of Salvatore in 2012, Josephine lived independently at the family home in Revere until the time of her death.

Since Salvatore's work took him offshore for days at a time, she was responsible for every aspect of daily life. Cooking, cleaning and the raising of her children were just some of the responsibilities she bore. Nothing shook her. Somehow, even with all these responsibilities, she found time to enjoy doing puzzles and playing games with her children, as well as crocheting, crafting with her family and Bingo on Friday nights.

Over the last 12 years, Josie thoroughly enjoyed spending time with her many wonderful friends at the Revere Senior Center. Her sweet friends regularly doted on her, making her feel welcomed and loved. She found joy in laughing, joking, and playing games including Bingo, using her favorite card, and other activities that involved spending time with her friends.

More than anything, Josie enjoyed time with her family. Every holiday was a family gathering. Christmas Eve was a feast worthy of royalty; often-times cooking for over 50 family members and invited guests. This is a fami-

ly tradition that continues until this day.

Josephine is survived by her five children and their spouses: Salvatore Jr. and his wife, Evelyn of Melrose, Maria Sciaraffa Briere and her husband, David of Fort Myers, Florida, Jo-Ann DeSimone and her husband, Louis of Woburn, Francis and his wife, Gail of Peabody and Linda Hanson and her husband, Peter of Melrose.

She was the loving grandmother of 12: Janice, Salvatore, Rosemarie, Anthony, Marissa, Michael, Lisa, Francesca, Carla, Peter, CJ and Paul.; loving great-grandmother of 11: Tyler, Alex, Matthew, Gianni, Josie, Teddy, Millie, Nicholas, Adam, Isla Rose and Marina Mae. Josephine is predeceased by her eight siblings: Giuseppe, Carmelo, Vincent, Angelo, Jimmy, Frank, Anna and Santo. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews, all of whom will miss her loving heart and happy demeanor.

Funeral services for Josie will be held at the Buonfiglio Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere today, Wednesday, December 18th at 10 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at Saint Anthony's Parish, 150 Revere Street, Revere, at 11 a.m. Entombment will be at Versailles Mausoleum at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the charity of your choice. Josie was very fond of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, <https://www.stjude.org/>, and Special Olympics, <https://www.specialolympics.org/>. For guest book please visit [www.buonfiglio.com](http://www.buonfiglio.com).

## HAPPY HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY MA CARMELA MERCIER

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TRADITIONS WILL LIVE ON

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ALL THE FAMILY STORIES WILL BE FOREVER REMEMBERED

YOU ARE THE REASON  
OUR FAITH IN GOD AND HOPE IS STRONG

YOU ARE THE REASON  
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# OBITUARIES

## Agnes Ferrioli

Revere City Hall volunteer greeter and 10-year member of Revere Council on Elder Affairs

Agnes (Pierce) Ferrioli died on Wednesday, December 11th at her residence, the Prospect House in Revere, after a period of declining health. She was 94 years old. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in the Immaculate Conception Church in Revere on Monday, December 16th followed by interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Agnes was born in Chelsea on April 1, 1930 to her late parents, Walter and Catherine (McFarland) Pierce. She was raised with her sister and two brothers in Chelsea and graduated from Chelsea High School in 1948.

Agnes married her husband, James Ferrioli on May 2, 1954. They later relocated to Revere, where they raised their three daughters. Agnes filled her home with love, faith and warmth. She was devoted to her family and cherished her role as mother and wife.

Agnes had a long 26 year career in the telecommunications field, advancing from a telephone operator to an administrative role, retiring from Verizon in 1995. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America. After her retirement, she volunteered as a greeter at Revere City Hall, which was a great job for a woman like Agnes. She had a warm welcoming face, a beautiful smile and a soft voice when di-



recting people who didn't know where to go or simply had a question. Agnes loved the job and all of her friends at city hall. She also served on the Revere Council of Elder Affairs for over ten years.

She was the beloved wife of 54 years of the late James Ferrioli; loving mother of Katharine Marchionni and her husband, Thomas, Janice Murray and her husband, Kevin and the late Mary E. Ferrioli-Bernbaum; cherished grandmother of Kristin MacInnis and her husband, Ryan, Jennifer Marchionni, Christopher Murray and Jillian Murray; the dear sister of the late Cecilia Saltalamacchia, Walter H. Pierce and Francis B. Pierce.

Remembrances may be made to All Care VNA Hospice, 210 Market St, Lynn, MA 01901.

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## Gilda Elena Ausiello

Her absence leaves a void that can never be filled

Gilda Elena Ausiello of Wellesley, formerly of Revere, passed away on December 10, 2024, at the age of 107. Born on May 16, 1917 to the late Antonio Santosuosso and Gracinta (Mottola), Gilda, known for her vivacious personality and independent spirit, was a beacon of light in our lives, and her absence leaves a void that can never be filled.

Gilda was a woman of great style and elegance, her fashion sense unmatched and always a topic of admiration. She was the embodiment of grace and charm, and her presence at any gathering was undeniably captivating. Beyond her style, Gilda was a party enthusiast, her love for celebrations and gatherings was a testament to her belief in cherishing every moment of life. She had a unique way of making every occasion memorable, injecting her own brand of energy and joy into the celebratory atmosphere.

A cherished member of the Women's Club of Revere, Gilda was renowned for her enthusiastic and spirited dancing. Her rhythm and grace on the dance floor were awe-inspiring, embodying her independent mind and outspoken nature. Gilda's love for dance was not just a hobby, but a reflection of her unfettered spirit and relentless joyfulness. She danced with her heart and her passion for dance was infectious, inspiring those around her to join in and share in her joy.

She was the beloved wife of 40 years to the late Hugo Ausiello; a devoted mother of Dr. Dennis Ausiello and his



wife, Susan of Wellesley, cherished grandmother of Jeffrey Ausiello and his wife, Barbara of Avon, CT, and John Ausiello and his wife, Marina of New York City, NY; adored great grandmother of Mia, Alex, Lucy, and Kathleen; dear sister of the late Alfred Santosuosso, Lena Moccia, and Amelia DeVito. She is also survived by several loving nieces and nephews.

A Visitation was held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons Funeral Home 128 Revere St, Revere on Saturday, December 14 followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Revere at 12 Noon. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Attn: Administration, Elizabeth Seton Residence, 125 Oakland St, Wellesley, MA 02481 or at [www.elizabethseton.org](http://www.elizabethseton.org).

Gilda's life was a testament to the power of spirit and the joy of living fully. Her legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know and love her. We encourage you to visit Gilda's memorial page to share your fond memories and upload photos that celebrate her beautiful life at [www.buonfiglio.com](http://www.buonfiglio.com).

## Berman receives prestigious Dr. Herbert Shore 'Award of Honor' from AJAS

Special to the Journal

Barry Berman, CEO of Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, an affiliate of Legacy Lifecare, recently received the notable 2025 Dr. Herbert Shore Award of Honor from the Association of Jewish Aging Services (AJAS). This is the highest award given by AJAS. It is presented to the outstanding executive professional who best exemplifies the goals and ideals of AJAS as well as service to older adults and severely disabled individuals.

Karen Flam, Chair of the AJAS Awards Committee and past recipient of the award, drove to Chelsea from Montreal to surprise Barry with the award. Berman was sitting in the lobby of the Leonard Florence Center with Ruth Katz, President & CEO of AJAS, when Karen suddenly appeared and announced that Barry was this year's Award of Hon-

or recipient. Karen was surrounded by Chelsea Jewish Lifecare staff, residents and Barry's family members.

"I am surprised and overwhelmed with gratitude," said Berman immediately after Karen presented him with the award. "I have known about the AJAS Award of Honor throughout my entire career, but I never imagined I would be the recipient of this important honor. The fact that my peers are the ones who voted for me means more than I can say."

Barry Berman has devoted his career to building the long-term care community in Chelsea and surrounding areas by developing innovative models of care. He has been the CEO of Chelsea Jewish Lifecare for 47 years. Mr. Berman is a past board member of the Chelsea Soldier's Home and has

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Left to Right Betsy Mullen, COO Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, Karen Flam, Chair of the AJAS Awards Committee, Barry Berman, CEO Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, and Ruth Katz, President and CEO AJAS.

## Jean C.(Terminiello) Ciabattoni

She was a treasured friend to many

Jean C. (Terminiello) Ciabattoni, originally from Revere, passed away December 2, 2024.

Jean married the love of her life, Julio (Curly) L. Ciabattoni, and they enjoyed 50 years of marriage before his passing in 2006.

Born on March 3, 1931, to Louis Terminiello and Antoinette (Aufiero). Jean grew up in Revere, until moving to Worcester, PA.

She was a treasured friend to many, and enjoyed reading, spending time with friends, and cheering for her New England Patriots and Boston Red Sox.

She was a proud parishioner of Visitation BVM Parish in Trooper, PA.

She is survived by her children: Julio Jr. (Ceci), Joann Lanetti (Robert Lanetti,) and Jean Ann LaCorte (Tony LaCorte); grandchildren: Christina Alderfer (Rickie), Jeanna Messerschmidt (Dave),



Julie Kaufman (Tommy), Nicole Bates (Alec), Anthony LaCorte (fiancé Alexa Honick), and John LaCorte as well as five great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Jean was preceded in death by her brothers: Albert J. Terminiello Sr. and Richard A. Terminiello.

Memorial gifts can be made to Visitation BVM CYO: 190 N. Trooper Road, Norristown, PA 19403.

Services and burial will be private.

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Brazil, Guatemala, Ecuador, El Salvador, Colombia, North Africa, and the Middle East—many of whom are undocumented and fear deportation once the new administration comes to term.

"Given MIRA's role in educating and supporting immigrant families about their rights, particularly in uncertain times, we felt it was a beneficial idea to invite representatives from the coalition to speak with our families and provide crucial information at December's Family Engagement Night," said Dr. Lourenço Garcia, RPS Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Inclusion.

During the meeting, Chicco highlighted that non-U.S. citizens may face increased vulnerability to deportation, particularly those who are unauthorized or undocumented, as well as individuals seeking asylum or holding refugee status.

According to the U.S. Constitution and related laws, all people living in this country have legal rights, regardless of their immigration status, said Chicco.

"It is important to assert these rights and protect our basic rights," said Chicco.

During the meeting, Chicco provided some advice on what to do if U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) visits

your home.

"Do not immediately open the door," she advised. Legally, you are not required to open the door unless the officer presents you with a judge-signed warrant. Ask officers to identify themselves. Inquire about the presence of a judge-signed warrant. Slide a "Know Your Rights" card under the door. Additionally, you possess the right to maintain silence and seek legal representation. If you choose to invoke that, state to officers, "I request my right to silence and to an attorney."

Chicco also advised calling a US citizen friend or family member or an

attorney.

Chicco urged families and caregivers to make a plan. This involves updating your school contacts, ensuring you have the correct contact information for a few trusted individuals who can pick up your child from school in the event of your inability to do so. Tell the school you want to "opt out" of any directory information the school puts out to protect your information.

You should also register your child's birth with your foreign consulate. Registering your child's birth with the consulate could make it easier for them to travel or relocate to your home country.

"Apply for passports for your child: most governments require that both parents give permission for their child to get a passport," said Chicco. "If you have sole legal custody or a specific court order, you do not need the other parent's permission."

She also suggested writing a travel letter.

"If your child needs to travel outside the U.S., they may need a notarized letter that gives them permission to travel with a trusted adult," she said. "You may want to contact an airline or your consulate to get exact instructions."

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# HEROES AND HELPERS SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER IN REVERE



Revere first responders and Target employees gathering for the Heroes and Helpers event at Target on December 13.

Photos by Marianne Salza

Children raced through the toy aisles of Target with carriages decorated with silver tinsel during the Heroes and Helpers event on December 13. Target partnered with Revere first responders from the Police, Fire, and Suffolk County Sheriff's Departments, as well as the Massachusetts State Police to bring holiday cheer to 30 Revere Public Schools elementary students.

"This event showcased the true spirit of the sea-

son and the joy of coming together for such a special occasion," said Police Chief David Callahan.

Children received VIP treatment, being driven to Target in a bus that was escorted by Revere Police and Fire Departments before being greeted by Bullseye the Dog and his team with a standing ovation. Students enjoyed a pizza party provided by Luigi's Pizzeria before their shopping extravaganza.

"Eating the popcorn was my favorite part," beamed 6-year-old Jason Galatis, looking through



Revere Firefighter Brendan Bonito with his sons, Brendan, 11, and Bryce, 7.

his carriage filled with his remote-control snake. I'm going to play with it out-



Denise Bonilla, 7, speaking with Lieutenant Erin Leary, Revere Fire Department.

side. My dog will be terrified of it."



Revere Fire Captain Bobby Esposito picking out toy cars with Tomas Castaño, 8.



Revere Police Captain Maria LaVita shopping for stuffed animals with Zoe, 5.



Police Captain Amy O'Hara hugging Belen Benavides, 4, who is shopping for Barbie dolls.



Revere Public Schools students being greeted by Bullseye, the Target mascot, and employees as they entered Target for the December 13 Heroes and Helpers event.



Revere Police Officer Joe Singer flexing his muscles with CJ, 9, Lauren, 5, and Spenser, 10.

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served on the Massachusetts Governor's Council of Assisted Living, as well as on the Board of Direc-

tors for the Massachusetts Assisted Living Facilities Association, the Massachusetts Aging Services

Association, LeadingAge Massachusetts and the ALS Association Massachusetts Chapter.

"I was so happy to be with everyone at Chelsea Jewish Lifecare to honor Barry where he 'lives,' said Flam. "Barry exemplifies what it is to lead with a heart and a brain. He so deserves this recognition!"

Berman is also a past recipient of the "Leaders of Tomorrow" award from McKnight's Long Term Care News, the "Award of Honor" from LeadingAge for his work in expanding the world of possibilities for aging services and the "Changemaker Award" from the Center for Innovation.

Barry demonstrates for all of us - every day - that it is possible to bring mission, vision, and humanity together to always do the best for residents," said Ruth Katz. "He supports residents in living their best lives. The Dr. Herbert Shore Award of Honor is AJAS's most prestigious award and we are thrilled to present it to Barry Ber-

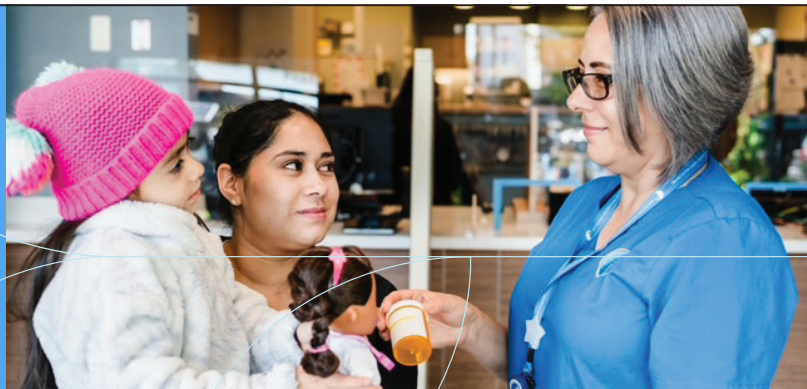
man. It is an honor to count Barry and Chelsea Jewish Lifecare among our members."

Chelsea Jewish Lifecare is redefining senior care and re-envisioning what life should be like for those living with disabling conditions. The elder-care community includes a wide array of skilled and short-term rehab residences, ALS, MS and ventilator dependent specialized care residences, traditional and specialized assisted living options, memory care, independent living, adult day health, and homecare and hospice agencies that deliver customized and compassionate care.

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include Chelsea Jewish Lifecare of Chelsea and Peabody, Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Jamaica Plain, Elizabeth Seton Residence and Marillac Residence of Wellesley, Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Jamaica Plain, Stone Rehabilitation & Senior Living of Newton and Saint Joseph Living Center of Windham, CT.

AJAS is a non-profit that promotes and supports elder services in the context of Jewish values through education, professional development, advocacy and community relationships. It is governed by a voluntary board of directors, representing Jewish aging services organizations throughout North America. The organization's Jewish providers work together to provide the best quality care to elders throughout North America.



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## Sports

### RHS ROUNDUP

#### RHS BOYS BASKETBALL TAKES EVERETT TO THE FINAL SECONDS IN 59-55 LOSS

The Revere High boys basketball team put up a valiant effort, but came up just short in a 59-55 loss to Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Everett in the season-opener for both teams last Thursday at Merullo Fieldhouse.

The visiting Crimson Tide seemed to be fully in control midway through the third period when they moved out to a 45-29 lead. However, coach David Leary's Patriots erased the 16-point deficit with a 19-3 run over a four-minute span that carried into the fourth period, bringing the game back to level at 48-48 with 4:50 remaining in the game.

Keying the Revere rally were the duo of senior captains Avi Lung (five points) and Ethan Day (eight points of his team-high 18 points), who did most of the damage for the Patriots during the stretch, with junior Zaney Kayembe sinking the tying bucket to make it 48-48.

The Patriots had two chances to take the lead in the ensuing exchange of possessions, but a pair of turnovers gave Everett a window of opportunity to retake the lead. A bucket and two free throws moved Everett out to a 52-48 edge before Day sank two free throws to make it 52-50 with 2:35 remaining.

Another Everett hoop was followed by two more Revere turnovers, including a travel, at 1:30 and 1:00, but two Everett misses at the free throw line with 27.9 to go were followed by a nice drive to the bucket by Kayembe to make it 54-52 with 15.8 remaining.

Two Everett free throws were offset by an end-to-end drive by Day, leaving matters at 56-54 with 7.6 seconds on the clock. An exchange of free throws (Everett committed an ill-advised foul underneath the Revere hoop on the free throws) made it a 57-55 ballgame with 6.7 to go.

However, an intentional foul by Revere after the inbounds pass led to two free throws by Everett's Cristian Vasquez (who had a game-high 24 points) with 4.8 seconds remaining that gave the Tide a two-possession lead, 59-55, thereby ending the Patriots' comeback bid.

The Patriots had battled the Tide evenly through the first half, leading 13-12 late in the first period and 23-22 midway through the second period.

Senior captain Josh Mercado scored the first bucket of the 2025 season and then sank a three-pointer to give the Pats an early 5-3 lead. Erick Mayorga banked a hoop off the glass and Lung drained two treys to

give Revere early leads of 10-7 and 13-12 before Everett ended the first period with a seven-point run for a 19-13 advantage at the first buzzer.

However, the Patriots battled back from the deficit with a 10-3 run of their own to take a 23-22 lead midway through the second period. Day hit two free throws for his first points of 2025. Gio Alexandre drained a three, Lung swished a 12-footer and a free throw, and Day sank two free throws during the stretch.

However, Everett finished the first half with a 7-2 run and then made a 15-4 run after the intermission that catapulted the Tide into its seemingly safe 45-29 lead before the Patriots made their comeback bid.

Leary and his crew were scheduled to travel to GBL foe Medford yesterday (Tuesday) and to Lynn English tomorrow (Thursday). They will participate in a holiday tournament on December 27 and 28 in Malden.

#### RHS GIRLS SHINE AT WINTER FESTIVAL

The Revere High girls indoor track and field team kicked off its 2025 season with what coach Racquel MacDonald termed "an awesome start to the season" with some notable individual performances at Sunday's MSTCA Large School Winter Festival Meet at the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center in Boston.

"We had three lifetime personal records (PRs) and numerous top-five finishes," enthused MacDonald.

Senior captain Liv Yuong served notice that she once again will be a force in the Greater Boston League (GBL) this season by placing first in the high jump with a leap of 4'-10" and finishing sixth in the 55m hurdles with a time of 10.5.

Sophomore Gemma Stamatopoulos turned in an outstanding meet with a second-place finish (among a field of 42 competitors) in the 600 with a clocking of 1:45.84 and a third in the high jump, clearing the bar with a PR of 4'-10."

Sophomore Olivia Rupp ran a PR in the mile by almost two seconds with a clocking of 5:52.02, which was good for a third-place finish. "Olivia looked so strong throughout the whole race. I'm very confident that she will be in the 5:40s very soon," noted MacDonald.

Senior Captain Françoise Kodjo threw a PR in the shot-put with a toss of 27'-5.5", which was good for a sixth-place finish.

Other notable performers for the Lady Patriots who finished in the top 20 in their events included junior Basma Sahibi with a 16th place finish in the 55 hurdles in 10.90, ju-

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#### RHS GIRLS BASKETBALL TOPS EVERETT IN SEASON OPENER



ON THE DEFENSIVE: Marwa Riad (22) defends against Everett's Manal Bouhou.



ON THE MOVE: Belma Velic eyes the basket as she works her way through the Everett defense.



THIS ONE TO EVERETT: Everett's Nicole Damaceno won this battle for a rebound as Revere's Belma Velic reaches in.

Bob Marra Photos

The Revere and Everett girls tipped off their 2024-2025 seasons with one of their typical Greater Boston League battles of tight defense and physical

play in the paint. Revere's early season offense was sharper than Everett's, and Revere took the decision in this one, 42-27, at Everett High School Thursday December 12.



LEANING IN: Shayna Smith (20) forces her way toward the basket as Everett's Nicole Damaceno tries to slow her down.



TAKING AIM: Kritanjely Ruiz lines focuses on the basket as she puts up a jumper.



PLAYING KEEP-AWAY: Allyson Olliviera (right) protects the ball from the defensive effort of Everett's Clarice Alexis.



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The 2024-2025 RHS Varsity Basketball Team, with Head Coach (seated 3rd from right) David Leary, Asst. Coaches, Dennis Leary, Jason Seigal, JV Coach John Leone, Robert Raduazzo and Freshman Coach Robert Sullivan, and team Manager Brady Kerr.



Head Coach David Leary with his Senior Captains, Avi Lung, Ethan Day, and Josh Mercado.



RHS Patriot Seniors with Asst. Coach Bob Sullivan, Erick Mayorga, Capt. Gio Alexandre, Peter Decalien, Capt. Avi Lung, Head Coach David Leary, Manager Brady Kerr, Capt. Ethan Day, Captain Josh Mercado, Noah Ramos, Jayden Balogun, and JV Coach John Leone.



Coaches Dennis Leary, Jason Seigal, John Leone, Head Coach David Leary, Robert Raduazzo, and Robert Sullivan with the RHS Patriot JV Team.

RHS SPORTS Through the Years

10 years ago  
December 17, 2014

The Revere/Malden co-op hockey team dropped its season-opener in a tough 3-2 decision to Salem. Senior captain Rich Polignone scored both of the Patriot goals in the second period. "We have a young team and we lack experience in many areas," said RHS head coach Joe Ciccarello. "We made some costly mistakes that led to their goals and that proved the difference." Revere is coming off a highly-successful 11-6-3 campaign in 2013-14 which saw the Patriots

qualify for the state tournament for the first time in several years. However, seven seniors graduated from that squad and, more important, there have been dwindling numbers of Revere High hockey players to replace those who have left. For the first time in the history of the RHS hockey program, it has formed a co-op team, joining with Malden High, a former rival from the Greater Boston League, which itself has not had a hockey program for seven years.

The Revere High boys basketball team opened its

season last week against former Greater Boston League rival Malden and dropped a 65-53 decision. Camilo Gomez led the way for Revere with 13 points, while Tommy Chea and Gerald Charles chipped in nine points each. All three sank a three-pointer on the night. Nermin Ibrecic and Janard Jones added five points apiece, with Jones hitting a trey. Romeo Thomas (four points), Marvin Urdaneta (four points), Christian Brito (two points), and Mass Joof (two points) completed the scoring for the Pats.

The Revere High boys indoor track team dropped a close contest in its season opener, 47-39, at Danvers last week. Mirza Liscovica and Bounlaing Chea were the only individual winners for the Patriots. Mirza won the shot-put with a toss of 40'-1" and Bounlaing captured the 600 dash in a clocking of 39.2 seconds.

Jessica Cambraia and Jaclynn Dion earned first place honors for the Revere High girls indoor track team in their season-opening meet against Danvers last week. Jessica captured the 300 dash in a

time of 48.2 seconds and Jaclynn took the two-mile run with a clocking of 14:55.

20 years ago  
December 22, 2004

Despite seven first-place finishes, the RHS boys indoor track team dropped a 42-40 decision to Cambridge. Merzhudin Ibric won the dash and high jump. Guido Patrizzi won the 300, Joe Deeszen won the 600, Ryan Burke took the two-mile in 10:18, and Chris D'Eramo won the shot-put.

The RHS boys basketball team dropped a 56-46

decision to Malden in the season-opener. Michelangelo Nicastro and Eddie Mahoney led Revere with 10 points apiece.

Courtney Lyons won the 1000 meter run and anchored the winning Lady Patriot relay team in a 57-29 loss to Cambridge. Peniel Muteba captured the high jump.

Sophomore Eric Noel scored two goals to lead the RHS hockey team to a 5-1 win over Dom Savio. Rick Mastropietro, Charlie Perullo, and Anthony

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which was good for a third-place finish. "Olivia looked so strong throughout the whole race. I'm very confident that she will be in the 5:40s very soon," noted MacDonald.

Senior Captain Francoise Kodjo threw a PR in the shot-put with a toss of 27'-5.5", which was good for a sixth-place finish.

Other notable performers for the Lady Patriots who finished in the top 20 in their events included junior Basma Sahibi with a 16th place finish in the 55 hurdles in 10.90, junior Danni Hope Randall (28th in the 300 in 48.41), sophomore Genevieve Zierten (10th in the mile in 6:21.75), senior Jocelyn Lazo in the shot-put (13th with a throw of 25'-2"), and junior Valeria Sepulveda (19th in the 1000 in 4:01.70).

MacDonald and her crew open their GBL season tomorrow (Thursday) with a tri-meet against GBL foes Medford and Everett. Each of the eight GBL teams will compete against their seven opponents in three tri-meets and one dual-meet. All of the meets will be held at the Reggie.

STRONG PERFORMANCES BY RHS BOYS AT WINTER FESTIVAL MEET

Members of the Revere

High boys indoor track and field team turned in some strong performances at this past Sunday's MSTCA Large School Winter Festival Meet that was held at the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center in Roxbury.

"We had a few personal records and some exceptional early season performances, which is really nice to see in our first meet of the year," RHS head coach David Fleming.

Senior Youness Cahid and junior Oliver Escobar both achieved outstanding third-place finishes in their respective events -- Youness in the one-mile with a personal record (PR) clocking of 4:40.56 and Oliver in the high jump with a PR leap of 6'-0" that shattered his previous PR of 5'-6" and already qualified him for the post-season State Meet in February. Escobar also attained a 20th-place finish in the 55 meter dash with a sprint of 7.063.

"Oliver reached an entirely new level at Winter Fest in the high jump," said Fleming. "He even surprised himself with his performance. He got coaching during the week from long-time RHS coach, Sam Ros, which made all the difference. As for Youness, he ran a smart race. He didn't go out too quickly, he stayed connected in the middle part of the race, and he finished strong." Junior Jeremy X did

well in two dash events, finishing fifth in the 300m in a clocking of 37.98 and 14th in the 55 dash with a PR time of 6.92.

"I love his attitude," said Fleming. "Jeremy set a new PR, but he wasn't thrilled with his performance. He knows he can run much faster."

Junior Edwin Alarcon also took a fifth place in the 1000 with a PR time of 2:49.97. "Edwin's fun to watch," noted Fleming. "He got out quickly, let himself get boxed in a bit, but finished well. He knows he can run faster."

Teammate Adam Ourazzouk, a senior, broke into the top-20 with a 19th place finish in the 1000 in a clocking of 3:00.26.

The Patriots' ace hurdler, senior Isaiah DeCrossta, finished in seventh spot in the 55m hurdles with a time of 8.69. "This was a solid opener for Zay," said Fleming. "It was good to see him make the finals."

In the 600m, senior Kenan Batic finished in 11th place in a clocking of 1:35.12. Other RHS boys who achieved the top-20 were junior Kepler Celamy in the long-jump (20th with a leap of 17'-4") and junior Fajr Riazi in the shot-put (17th with a throw of 32'-10.75").

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### GERRY D'AMBROSIO HOLDS ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE AND HOLIDAY CELEBRATION



Courtesy Photos

Prominent Revere attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio and D'Ambrosio Counselors At Law LLP hosted the firm's Annual Food Drive and Holiday Celebration on Saturday, Dec. 7 at Kowloon Restaurant.

Mr. D'Ambrosio and his firm was again proud to collaborate with the Revere Food Pantry and

the Salem Pantry, both non-profit organizations serving children and families from North Shore communities.

Guests brought food items to the event as donations to the cause. Attorney D'Ambrosio thanked the many guests for their generous donations, setting a new record for the event.



### ZONTA CLUB NEWS & NOTES



The Zonta Club of Chelsea and North Shore recently held their annual Holiday Celebration at Jimmy's Steer House in Saugus. Every year at this time they collect toys and bring them to this event to donate to The Salvation Army in Chelsea. This has been a tradition for at least 20 years and is one they hope to continue. Photo from left to right: Diane Cambria, Mary Jane O'Neill, Theresa Czerepica, Janice Sikorski, Sheila Arsenault, Trish O'Flaherty, Roberta Bayne, Adele Lubarsky, Christine DePrizio, Pam Miller, Barbara Lawlor, Joan Lanzillo-Hahesy, missing from photo is Georgia Green.

### USPS advises homeowners to help keep your carriers safe

Special to the Journal

Snow in New England can be a beautiful sight as it glistens on the lawn, decorates tree limbs and adds a sense of wonder to the holidays. It can come as a blessing for skiers, plow drivers and kids yearning for a school-free snow day. But for postal letter carriers and other delivery personnel it can be a nightmare.

Icy walkways, wet leaves and rakes, toys or other trip hazards hidden under the snow can cause injury to a carrier trying to navigate a path to your mailbox. Keeping your walkway clear of snow, ice and other obstacles can not only protect people delivering to your home, but it can also help you avoid

potential insurance claims or lawsuits resulting from slip and fall injuries sustained on your property.

Likewise, if your home is serviced by a curbside mailbox, keeping a clear path to and from your box is each homeowner's responsibility.

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On behalf of the more than 660,000 postal employees nationwide, the USPS would like to wish you a joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy new year.

### Sports Years // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 13

DelloIacono also scored for Revere.

#### 40 years ago December 19, 1984

The RHS girls basketball team opened its season with wins over Lynn Classical, 42-38, and East Boston 53-39. Lisa Orlandello led the Lady Patriots in scoring with 20 points in the Eastie win and 10 against Classical.

Fred Cerundolo scored the lone goal for the RHS hockey team in a season-opening 5-1 loss to Everett.

David DeMatteo and Paul Fusco clinched a win for the RHS boys indoor track team with a 1-2 finish in the two mile for a 46-40 victory over Malden.

The RHS boys basketball team ended a 14-game losing streak with a 52-46 triumph over Winthrop in the season-opener. Steve Terrazano was the top scorer for Revere with 21 points, including the final six points to win the game for Revere.

#### 60 years ago December 24, 1964

A potent Revere High hockey team continued its winning ways with a 7-1 triumph over Quincy. Charlie Terban scored the hat trick for Revere.

#### 70 years ago December 23, 1954

Coach George Horner's RHS hockey team opened its season with a 5-0 loss to Swampscott.

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# MASONIC PROJECT HELPS PROVIDE REVERE POLICE WITH COMFORT KITS



Project Delta is a Masonic non-profit program designed to support the community as well as help first responders provide comfort to kids during an emergency. The kits which contain “Comfort bears” are provided by Project Delta with the hope that the officers use the bears to provide a level of comfort to children during intense or traumatic situations. The Kits are provided and replaced free of charge as needed.

The Revere Police

greatly accepted the delivery of stuffed animals on Thursday. Reflective backpacks are used to store the stuffed animals in cruisers and supporting department vehicles.

For first responders, one of the hardest parts of the job can be dealing with small children during an emergency. Our collaboration with Project Delta will allow us to bring a little comfort to children through the city during their most trying times.



Shown above, Project Delta shown with RPD officers and officials delivering the comfort kits to RPD last Thursday.

Shown to the left, Police Chief David Callahan and Revere Officers show off the comfort bears, provided by Project Delta.

# How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical

Story by Marianne Salza

The Grinch relinquished the smidgen of animosity lingering between him and Santa Claus this holiday season to promote his performance in “Dr. Seuss’ How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical,” playing at the Boch Center Wang Theatre through December 23.

The mostly reformed Grinch has been parading around Boston and surrounding areas, disrupting the peace in Faneuil Hall Marketplace, commandeering the Spirit of Boston vessel, and jumping on luxury hotel beds. He made an appearance at the opening night of ZooLights at the Stone Zoo, received a holiday basketball jersey from the Celtics during one of the games, and even celebrated the lighting of the Boston Common Christmas

tree, so his devoted fans could marvel at him.

“I’d much rather have positive attention and love than be by myself,” admitted The Grinch, who finds himself to be hilarious and witty.

Hearts will grow three sizes watching this classic tale of mischief, cheer, and forgiveness as the scheming Grinch discovers the true meaning of Christmas. “How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical” is an 85-minute-long show with no intermissions, and is narrated by The Grinch’s stalwart dog, Max.

“For those living under rocks or don’t finish books, the Whos are very annoying, and I tried my best to take away their favorite thing from them,” said The Grinch, about the jubilant residents of Whoville who he tried stealing Christmas away from. “I

was very successful at it; however, they still love Christmas, being around each other, and holding hands.”

Although The Grinch had convinced himself that he valued his solitude, he admitted that on Christmas Eve, the night of the Yuletide theft, he was feeling particularly alone.

The Grinch considered it “one bad night,” explaining that his reasoning for committing the crime was that the Whos’ Christmas had become too commercialized. He was astounded by the over-consumption, and rejected the glitter and commotion.

“Although I took every physical thing away from them, they still had it in their hearts,” The Grinch explained about the Whos’ Christmas spirit.

Soon, he realized that Christmas is more than

gifts – it is about togetherness. He learned that life is more meaningful when shared with those one loves.

“My heart grew,” shared The Grinch, who expressed his remorse. “I stole Christmas and gave it back. It was very kind of me. Their forgiveness and kindness helped me realize that they’re the best people. I can tolerate them.”

“How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical” is a transformative story of redemption from “bad banana” to holiday savior.

“I stopped the villain within me, became a hero on the outside, and am now a beloved Christmas icon,” boasted The Grinch. “The only thing I steal now is attention.”

The formerly conniving Grinch now embraces his past, and celebrates his growth and the community that he has gained. Changing his rotten behavior has proven difficult at times, but The Grinch has no intention of stealing Christmas from the Whos again.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LAST

The Grinch in the Boston Common, where he was chasing pigeons.

The Grinch encourages families to join him at the Boch Center Wang Theatre for “How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical,” so they can appreciate his solo performance in “One of a Kind,” when The Grinch dances in a one-man kick line.

“That’s my favorite part of the whole show,” noted The Grinch. “It’s a wonderful time. It’s amazing.”



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The Grinch cutting the roast beast on Christmas

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## REVERE Through the Years

### 20 years ago December 22, 2004

Auto insurance rates for the first time this coming year will be based upon an individual's driving record, rather than on where a person resides. Revere residents have paid more for their auto insurance than almost everywhere else in the state, but now their individual driving records will be what matters.

The city has awarded its trash contract to Capitol Waste Systems, which beat out the current contractor, BFI, with a lower bid by almost \$100,000.

The Revere Patrolman's Union and the Superior Officers Union have agreed to new contracts with the city. Their former contracts expired on July 1, 2003. The police will receive an 11 percent raise over four years, with one percent retroactive, and have agreed to pay 15 percent of their current health insurance premiums, up from the current 10 percent.

Two persons lost their lives in separate auto accidents in the city this past week. Ronald Christie, 51, was killed by a hit and run operator while crossing American Legion Highway at Breed St. In the other accident, a 39 year old Mattapan man was killed when the Avis Rental shuttle he was operating with several employees flipped over near the 3 Yolks Restaurant curve on Lee Burbank Highway.

Spanglish, Flight of the Phoenix, and Ocean's Twelve are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 40 years ago December 19, 1984

Opposition was expressed by a variety of residents to proposed zoning changes that would

increase the amount of frontage and setbacks for new home construction.

Debate became so intense at the City Council meeting on the subject of pay raises for 28 city employees, most of them department heads, that the meeting was adjourned with no final vote on the subject. Councillor Anthony Conte, speaking against the raises, reminded his colleagues, "This is not like the old days. We have something new now, called Prop. 2 and 1/2."

Several hundred children attended City Councillor William G. Reinstein's annual Christmas party at the Beachmont VFW.

Channel 4 weatherman Bruce Schwoegler visited the Paul Revere School where he was presented with a school sweatshirt by Class President Joe Nugent and vice-president Jennifer Wells.

The Cotton Club, Dune, and Beverly Hills Cop are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 50 years ago December 18, 1974

Berg Barooshian, a member of the License Commission, announced this week that entertainment licenses for the city's two strip clubs have been renewed despite opposition from local clergy. Barooshian said that until the city's lawsuit with the clubs testing the validity of the city's anti-nude dancing ordinance is decided by the State Supreme Judicial Court, the Licensing Commission has no choice but to renew the licenses.

After two hours of infighting among City Council members on the subject of pay raises for city employees, followed by three hours of oratory, no decision was reached

by the Council.

The Boys Club of Revere held a reception for members of the business community who have pledged their financial support. It is estimated that \$40,000 needs to be raised to open the club's doors.

### 60 years ago December 24, 1964

Revere resident Frank Penta, who is working with the Peace Corps in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, has asked his fellow residents for donations of food and clothing for the people in that part of the world. Penta, a lifelong Boy Scout, has established a Boy Scout Troop in Ethiopia along with his other duties as a teacher of English and Social Studies at the Haile Selassie Secondary School.

Another Revere native, Mrs. Patricia (Young) Sheehan, a 1961 grad of Revere High, is working in Morocco where she heads up a Girl Scout troop on the Moroccan military base where her husband serves with the U.S. Navy.

Three Revere High seniors, Kenneth Tentindo on lead guitar, Paul Susi on electric keyboard, and Dana Gremonte on drums, are three of the four members of a band known as The Wild Kats, who cut their first record, You Make Me Wanna Cry, recently. They also have been appearing at area nightspots.

The Revere Journal held its annual holiday party for its 50 newsboys at the General Edwards Inn.

John Wayne and Stewart Granger star in North to Alaska at the Revere Drive In. Richard Boone and Stuart Whitman star in Rio Conchos at the Revere Theatre.

### 70 years ago December 23, 1954

Despite State DPW Commissioner John Volpe's assertion that the proposed Northeast Expressway will be beneficial for the city, both commercially and industrially, many homeowners from the area where the expressway will pass expressed their opposition to the proposed route.

One man was killed and another seriously injured when their car was crushed by a loaded oil tank truck in an accident on the Lee Burbank Highway. The fatality was the third in a 24 hour period in the city after Revere had gone 13 months without an auto-related death. According to witnesses, the car driven by the victims swerved toward the truck as they were headed in opposite directions. Both vehicles came to a stop on the sidewalk, but then the truck tipped over onto the car.

A Revere native, Army Colonel Thomas A. Lane, a West Point graduate, has been named to the three-member commission that runs Washington, D.C.

Friday night TV shows on Channel 7 are Lassie, Superman, Douglas Edwards with the News, the Perry Como Show, Topper, Our Miss Brooks, and Boston Blackie.

Maureen O'Hara and MacDonald Carey star in Fire Over Africa at the Revere Theatre.

### 90 years ago December 21, 1944

Two more Revere soldiers were confirmed as killed in action this week, bringing the city's toll of war dead to nine in the past two weeks. They are First Lieut. Francis N. Petro, 24, of 912 Winthrop Ave.,

and Pvt. Joseph Gorfinkle, 19, of 54 Shirley Ave.

Lieut. Richard B. Jacobs reports that he was one of the last three men to leave the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Princeton just before it was sunk in the battle of Leyte Gulf off the Philippines in October. He is home on a 30 day leave and provided a thrilling first-person account of the courage and daring of the men on the carrier. Jacobs, wounded in the leg and back by shrapnel, was among the remaining crew of 60 men who stayed behind on the vessel after the crew had abandoned ship. About half of the crew perished when the ship's magazine exploded. The two destroyers escorting the Princeton initial-

ly fought off the enemy's air attacks, but two direct hits doomed the carrier. Jacobs stayed on the ship for seven hours after the last of 200 Japanese warplanes was downed, but it became impossible to save the ship and it finally was torpedoed and sent to the bottom by one of the escort destroyers.

The School Committee has voted for a budget for 1945 of \$756,857 for the Revere schools.

A spaghetti and meatballs dinner is 50 cents and a southern fried chicken dinner is 65 cents at the new Red Roof Cafe, 258 Broadway.

Ray Milland and Barbara Britton star in 'Til We Meet Again at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.



A close up of one of the the recently uncovered angels.

## Old North Church unveils hidden 18th-century angels in ongoing restoration

Special to the Journal

An interior revolution is underway at Boston's Old North Church and Historic Site. On Sept 30, a 6-month paint conservation and restoration project began to uncover 18th-century painted angels hidden beneath layers of white overpaint on the balcony arches in the church's sanctuary. I invite you to join renowned paintings and murals conservator Gianfranco Pocobene for the multi-step process that has begun at Old North Church in Boston's North End and will continue through late March.

The angels at the center of this work were painted by John Gibbs, an accomplished decorative painter and congregation member, who completed Old North Church's first major interior decoration, including the painting of 16 angels, between 1727 and the 1730s. The angels are depicted as cherubs, with round childlike faces and wings.

While Old North Church once boasted a colorful interior filled with intricate and ornate designs, all of this artwork – including Gibbs's angels – was painted over with white paint in 1912. However, a paint study conducted in 2017 revealed that the lost cherubs still exist. Expert craftspeople painstakingly removed layers of white paint to partially uncover one of the angels painted in 1727. Old North's team nicknamed this angel "Howard" in honor of a beloved advocate and supporter of the church.

The 2024-2025 paint restoration project is restoring more of Gibbs's work: the rest of the angels and decorative festoons between them. In order to uncover the angels, lead conservator Gianfranco Pocobene and his team apply a solvent gel similar to a paint stripper that softens the layers of white paint, manually

remove the overpaint with a plastic scraper, and then do additional cleaning with a cotton swab covered in solvents. An exciting discovery has been that Gibbs's angels do not have identical faces; each one was designed to be unique. Watch this video interview with Gianfranco to learn more.

"The timing of this project is particularly exciting. As we approach the 250th anniversary of Old North's signal lanterns and Paul Revere's midnight ride in April 2025, visitors to the church will get a glimpse of the sanctuary as Revere knew it," said Nikki Stewart, Executive Director of Old North Illuminated.

This project will be done in two phases:

- Phase 1 (through Dec.): Gianfranco and his team will work on scaffolding in the rear of the church while they conduct the work and test solvent mixtures on small areas of paint. The winning solution will be used on the surface to swell and dissolve an estimated three to four layers of paint, which will be delicately stripped away to reveal 8 of the hidden angels. The project will then pause as scaffolding will come down for holiday services in the church.

- Phase 2 (mid-Jan. through late March): Scaffolding will go back up in the front of the church to continue the stripping process. Eight more angels will be revealed. In early 2025, visitors will see half of the work complete and the other half in progress, making it an ideal time for media coverage. The grand reveal, when all 16 angels will be uncovered, will be in April.

"The step-by-step uncovering of the angels at Old North Church is revealing fascinating aspects of John Gibbs's painting technique," said Gianfranco. "Even more intriguing and exciting is the opportunity to con-

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## A.C. Whelan celebrates Kindness Month

By Melissa Moore-Randall

A.C. Whelan School honored and celebrated 37 wonderful students who truly went above and beyond in demonstrating kindness to their teachers, classmates and staff. The students were nominated by their homeroom teachers. The students nominated consistently showed compassion, helped others, and spread positivity throughout the school. During the celebration, each student received A BE KIND bracelet they got to personalize as a reminder of the power of kindness and two special awards—one to color and take home, and another in our school colors, navy blue and maroon, to display proudly in



Eva Guilherme

their classrooms!

"This event, hosted by our MMM (Monthly Morning Meeting) Committee in the AC Whelan Café, was a beautiful reminder of the positivity our students bring to our

community.

We look forward to celebrating additional virtues like respect, empathy, and a growth mindset as we continue to recognize our students' outstanding qualities."

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## Healey-Driscoll Administration awards \$9.9 million to expand individual homelessness winter capacity

Municipalities, shelter providers, and community based organizations to receive supplemental grants

In anticipation of increased wintertime shelter needs for individuals experiencing homelessness, the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities has awarded \$9.9 million in supplemental grants for shelter providers, municipalities, and community-based organizations to open or expand seasonal shelter bed capacity.

The City of Revere, in collaboration with Housing Families, has been awarded \$142,800 for an overnight warming center to serve 24 people each night.

"Given the increasing demand for shelter services and warming centers in recent years, this funding is crucial to easing the pressure on our community's limited resources. I am deeply grateful for the funding opportunities provided by the Healey-Driscoll Administration, and I am incredibly proud of the efforts being made by the City of Revere and

Housing Families to address these critical shelter needs," said State Representative Jessica Ann Giannino (D-Revere).

"As individuals, and as a Commonwealth, one of our most important moral obligations is to care for the least of those amongst us, including the poor and the homeless. With this in mind, I am thankful to Mayor Keefe for his leadership in seeking and obtaining this important funding and for providing the necessary supplemental funding," said State Representative Jeffrey Rosario Turco (D-Win-

throp).

"We're thankful to our state officials for their advocacy in supporting our unhoused populations, and for their continued support of the Chris Alba Emergency Warming Center. This year, we've partnered with American Legion Post 61 to activate a new, larger location for our warming center, at 249 Broadway – all which would not have been possible without these supplemental grants," commented Mayor Patrick M. Keefe Jr.

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## Year in review

By **SETH DANIEL**  
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The year 2004 in Revere produced a lot of news around the city - some of it well remembered and some of it better left forgotten. In the following two weeks, we'll bring back the highlights of this past year in local news items. This week, we'll tackle the first part of the year.

**January**

•The inauguration ceremony at

the Beachmont School Auditorium goes off gracefully with Mayor Tom Ambrosino becoming the city's first mayor to serve a four-year term.

•Later, however, the City Council went to new lows in a raucous debate aimed at electing a council president and filling the seat of Joe Giannino, who declined the seat after elected. Eventually, the council voted Mark Casella as president and John Correggio as the new city councillor. However, many feathers were ruffled in the

process.

•Two major fires in arctic temperatures, one at the Speakeasy on Broadway and one at 70 Bellingham Avenue in Beachmont, have pushed firefighters to the limits. Several firefighters were injured in the month in the battle to keep water from freezing and fires from spreading.

•Two men with guns attempted to rob the White Hen on Broadway on Jan. 21, only the guns were toys - made of plastic. The robbers got away, but not before the clerk

could wrestle away one of the toy guns.

**February**

•Necco Candy Company on American Legion Highway hosted its annual ceremony to unveil its new candy hearts for the Valentine's Day season. It's the first time it's happened at the new Revere plant.

•Festa Construction Corp. celebrated 50 years in business. The Revere company, made up of Joseph A., John and Joey Festa,

has constructed over 300 homes in Revere.

•Longtime Revere resident and activist Andy DiPietro died after a brief illness.

•The City Council voted unanimously at its Feb. 23rd meeting to go out to bid and start construction on the new West Revere Complex, the first of four new schools.

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**WINTER IS HERE**



A.J. TERMINIELLO JR. PHOTO

Monday morning, Revere residents awoke to a lot of white stuff. Plows, shovels and snowblowers were in use before the morning coffee, not a good start to the week. An estimated 4-8 inches blanketed the area.

### Civil suit from a Revere case could head to state Supreme Court

By **SETH DANIEL**  
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A \$1.6 million civil suit stemming from the horrific 1992 murder of a 5-year-old girl in Revere could be headed to the state Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) - and could end up having statewide implications on how far residential landlords must go to protect their tenants.

The state Appeals Court heard the case, Or vs. Edwards, in November and Judge Benjamin Kaplan ruled against the landlords, local insurance agents Lawrence and Florence Edwards. However, their attorney, Michael Sams of Boston, said they have appealed the case.

The case stems from the brutal rape and murder of Anmorian Or in May 1992 by Vao Sok, a handyman hired by the Edwards family to work at their 146 Shirley Ave. multi-family building. The Edwards family had entrusted Sok with keys to several vacant apartments in 1992 when the building was being abated of lead paint.

On May 15, 1992, Anmorian's mother had taken her three children to school and then retrieved

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**FIRE**

## Holiday tragedy

### Fire claims the life of a Fairfield Street woman on Christmas Eve

By **SETH DANIEL**  
 seth@reverejournal.com

A 50-year-old Fairfield Street woman lost her life in a fire on Christmas Eve that fire investigators are still piecing together.

Linda Rivers, of 22 Fairfield St., is believed to have most likely died

before the fire, with a burning cigarette left behind causing the fire in a chair. However, that theory can only be substantiated by the results of an autopsy, said Inspector Jay Mazzola.

"We're waiting for the autopsy report to see if there was any medical condition that contributed to her

death before the fire," he said. "But it appears the fire started in a chair in the front room of the house."

Mazzola said there were cigarettes and an ashtray in the area of the fire.

The Christmas Eve fire started

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Fire took the life of Linda Rivers at her Fairfield Street home.

*This year, we'll be taking a weekly journey through the pivotal **headlines of 2004**, revisiting the year's most significant events.*

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“Our nonprofit community partners provide a lifeline to individuals who are struggling with the very basic need of a safe place to lay their head

at night,” said Housing and Livable Communities Secretary Ed Augustus. “In addition, these organizations are well-equipped to connect individuals

with other important services ranging from behavioral health to the search for permanent housing, which helps lift people out of homelessness.”

“The City of Revere is grateful for the Division of Housing and Stabilization’s One Time Grant to sustain and expand the Chris Alba Emergency

Warming Center that has operated the last two winter seasons. This funding will allow us to increase both our nightly capacity limit and our scope of

services, helping those most vulnerable during the coldest months,” said Lauren Buck, Chief of Health and Human Services, City of Revere.

# Angels // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 16

serve and restore some of the earliest paint decorations in America and make them accessible to the public and scholars alike.”

Born in Italy and raised in Canada, Gianfranco received his Master of Arts in Conservation from Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario in 1984. He first came to Boston in the 1980s to earn a Certificate of Advanced Training from the Center for Conservation and Technical Studies at Harvard Art Museums. He then spent the next 15 years working for the Straus Center for Conservation, Harvard Art Museums where he oversaw the restoration of mural cycles at the Boston Public Library by Puvis de Chavannes, Edwin Austin Abbey, and John

Singer Sargent. In 2004, he was appointed Chief Conservator at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum where he carried out treatments and technical studies on the paintings collection. Early this year he left the Gardner Museum to focus exclusively on his private practice, Gianfranco Pocobene Studio which was established in 1991. Some of the Studio’s significant mural projects include the restoration of the John LaFarge murals at Trinity Church, Boston, the Women’s Gallery mural at Vilna Shul, Beacon Hill, Puvis de Chavannes’ Philosophy mural at the Boston Public Library, and Benjamin Constant’s mural at the Ames-Webster Mansion, Boston.



A restorationist works on the angels.

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Suffolk Division Docket No. SU24E0098QP CITATION Eugene Benoit, Plaintiff v. Jovany Alexandre, Defendant  
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Requesting: The court to do the following: Order the trustee to hold the proceeds from the sale of the property in trust for the benefit of Eugene Benoit and grant such other and further relief as the court deems just and proper.  
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
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Commonwealth Of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Suffolk Probate And Family Court  
24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114  
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING Docket No. SU24D2252DR  
Lydia Elizabeth Matute Erazo Plaintiff vs. Antony Crisitan Arias Defendant  
To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court.  
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Francisco J Rosa, Esq. Rosa and Taing Law, LLC 1550 Middlesex St. Lowell, MA 01851, your answer on or before 02/07/2025. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.  
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU24P2498EA  
Estate of: Fiore L.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Aiello Date of Death 10/29/2024  
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative had been filed by Karen M. Aiello of Pepperell, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that: Karen M. Aiello of Pepperell, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.  
IMPORTANT NOTICE 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 proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/02/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 21, 2024  
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU24P2260EA  
Estate of: Kevin J. Paul Date of Death 05/17/2024  
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Gineen M. Dutra-Paul of Revere, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that: Gineen M. Dutra-Paul of Revere, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.  
IMPORTANT NOTICE 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 proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/21/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
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from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 10, 2024  
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate  
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LEGAL NOTICE Notice is hereby given that Lumina Lounge, LLC d/b/a Lumina Lounge, Omar Preciado, Manager, has made application for transfer of an All Alcohol Restaurant license from Boulevard Café Corp., said license to be exercised at 63 Revere Beach Boulevard, Revere, MA. Requested hours are Sunday 11 a.m. - 2 a.m., Monday - Saturday 8 a.m. - 2 a.m., requested seating is 120, and requested entertainment is:

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### LEGAL NOTICE

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 24 SM 004307  
ORDER OF NOTICE To: Violette Pierre and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Revere, numbered

68 Washington Avenue, given by Violette Pierre, Jean Fritz Pierre to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Stearns Lending, LLC, dated August 12, 2016, and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 56593, Page 279, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/ Defendants’ Service-members status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before January 27, 2025, or you may lose

the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on December 11, 2024.  
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth Of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Suffolk Probate And Family Court  
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DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING Docket No. SU24D2095DR  
Yolanda Aceves Plaintiff vs. Evelin Y. Perlera Defendant  
To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce

requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court.  
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Yolanda Aceves 290 Proctor Avenue Revere, MA 02150, your answer on or before 02/13/2025. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.  
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
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# TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY HELD IN SANDLER SQUARE

Cary Shuman Photos

Mayor Patrick Keefe and Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky joined business owners and residents for a tree lighting ceremony in Sandler Square Saturday night.

The area has enjoyed a recent economic resurgence and businesses Chocalafee, Capri, Crown Fried Chicken, and Revere Business Center have helped create awareness by hosting activities in the square.

Novoselsky welcomed the many residents to the ceremony, wishing everyone happy holidays.

Keefe began his remarks by thanking Chocalafee owners Diana Cardona and Angelica Cardona for helping to organize the event.

“It’s really nice to organize this first annual tree lighting in Sandler Square,” said Keefe. “It’s a beautiful neighborhood filled with many wonderful people and businesses.”

Keefe also thanked the Revere DPW for facilitating the tree lighting portion of the ceremony.

Diana Cardona led the “10-to-1” countdown to the tree lighting.

The many guests enjoyed free hot chocolate and popcorn.



Sandra Perez and her daughter, Melanny Murcia, enjoying some hot chocolate and popcorn at the tree lighting ceremony in Sandler Square.



The Christmas tree is alit for the holiday season in Sandler Square near the North Shore Road-Shirley Avenue district.



Diana Cardona (left), co-owner of Chocalafee, welcomes the Business Center contingent for pre-event pastries at the coffee shop on Dehon Street, Osman Chaparro, his wife, Yhoaira Rivera, son, Nicholas Chaparro, and friends Kimberly Meza and Emily Pena (seated left).



City official Michael McLaughlin, Khadija Afdal of Crown Fried Chicken, Diana Cardona of Chocalafee, Nick Sevastakis of Revere DPW, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, and Laylynn Butler of the Revere DPW.



From left, Nicholas Chaparro, Yhoaira Rivera, Osman Chaparro, Diana Cardona, Claudia Gallego of Capri, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Travis Alpert of the Revere Community Committee, Rasha Mikhael of TND, Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, and Heather Vieira of TND.



Erlinda Calderon and Linda Merlos, with Sofia Landaverde and Azucena Landaverde.



Mayor Patrick Keefe, Rasha Mikhael, Heather Vieira, and Ward 2 Councilor Ira Novoselsky.

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New Revere residents, Olivia Olbrich and Fadie Altuame, pictured at the tree lighting ceremony.