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#### **NEWS** BRIEFS

#### DCR'S FREE FAMILY **PROGRAMMING** ACROSS THE STATE **DURING FEBRUARY** SCHOOL VACATION

As part of the agency's commitment to providing safe and fun recreational opportunities for young people across the state, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) today announced its lineup of February school vacation week programming. This year, the agency is offering families 79 free, engaging and educational programs at 20 state parks and watersheds ranging from guided hikes to animal tracking, craft making, and maple sugaring. Programs will run from Saturday, February 15, through Sunday, February 23, with the goal of inspiring kids to get outdoors and experience the beauty of the Massachusetts State Parks system.

"School may be closed for the week, but we're continuing the learning in outdoor classrooms. Our February school break programming is a great way for us to teach kids about the natural world around them and help inspire the next generation of environmental stewards," DCR Commissioner

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**Due to the President's Day Holiday on Monday** February 17<sup>th</sup>, Trash will be delayed by one day Capitol Waste Services

# **2ND ANNUAL WINTER WONDERLAND**

Ice sculptures created by artisans during the Revere Beach Partnership's 2nd Annual Winter Wonderland, on display at the foot of Markey Bridge.



Shown above, extraordinary Arts Snowflake **Princess roller skating** with children at the foot of Markey Bridge.

Shown to the right, Arand Armando, Jr., shopping at the Pop Critters 3D table for sensory-friendly



PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA Shown to the left, Stevie and Priscilla Weathers, of Salem, shopping for goat soaps at the Hames & Axle Farm display.

See more photos on Pages 4 and 5.

# Council gets update on high school project

Construction of the new Revere High School at the Wonderland site is scheduled to get underway later this year.

At last week's meeting, the city council got an update on design plans and the construction schedule for the approximately \$530 million project.

Last week's update focused on the design of the project, but several councillors did raise questions about the cost and funding of the new school.

Brian Dakin, from owner's project manager Leftfield, said he will be back with the design team in March with a more detailed update on permitting and costs.

"The project is heading to the conclusion of the design development phase," said Dakin. "(This) is the culmination of the last seven to eight months of design work between the consultants, staff, administrators, the building committee, and

first responders.'

Those design documents are currently being reviewed by estimators to help provide those more detailed project financial numbers at the March meeting, Dakin said.

However, Dakin said the project will not come back before the city council for more money than has already been approved. He said there are a number of factors that could affect the cost of the new school, but that steps would be taken to control costs if the estimates are higher than originally estimated.

While there are some unknown factors such as material costs and tariffs that could possibly drive some costs up, Dakin also noted that there has been healthy competition among contractors bidding on large projects such as the new high school that could help balance those costs.

Several councillors also raised questions about the

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## The Stage is Set in Revere

Daniel Luberto will perform in concert Feb. 21 at Oceanside

By Cary Shuman

With 60,000 followers on Instagram and performances in Miami, New York City, and Colombia in 2024, Daniel Luberto is gaining international attention for his dynamic singing and dancing.

Luberto, owner of Luberto's Bakery on Broadway, also starred in a musical show that attracted 600 guests on a Boston cruise last summer.

Luberto is now poised for his first-ever appearance on stage in Revere when he headlines a concert Feb 21 (10 p.m.) at Oceanside, 1290 North Shore Road.

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## **Beachmont Resilience Project** meets with Beachmont residents

By Journal Staff

The Beachmont Resilience Project (BRP), which consists of city officials, the North Suffolk Office of Resilience and Sustainability (NSORS), and the Woods Hole Group (WHG), held a meeting via TEAMS last Wednesday, February 5. The virtual meeting was a follow-up meeting to one that the BRP held in-person the previous week.

> The meet-

ings were aimed primarily for the benefit of Beachmont residents whose properties fringe Belle Isle Marsh to inform them of what the BRG is doing to address the problem of flooding and to hear their concerns and suggestions.

Beachmont long has been viewed as the proverbial canary in the coal mine for the impending impacts of sea level rise attributable to climate change. The meeting was moderated by Kristin Homeyer,

who is the Resilience Man-

ager for NSORS. Also on hand were Justine Rooney, Conor Ofsthun, and Linnea Laux from WHG; Rebecca Haney, Katherine Glenn, and India Mackinson from Office of Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management (MCZM), which is providing the funding for the project; and Tom Swierawski, the head of Planning and Development for the city, and Elle Baker, who is

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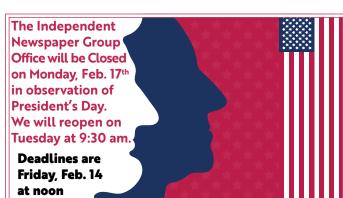
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the city's Open Space and Environmental Planner.

Ofsthun from the Woods Hole Group (WHG) explained that resilience work has been ongoing around Belle Isle Marsh for the past five years. He said the marsh, which is an Area of Critical of Environmental Concern (ACEC), is a habitat to birds, fisheries, animals, and pollinators. It is one of the largest remaining wetlands in Boston Harbor, but has been impacted by encroaching development within the coastal zone.

He noted that presently there are two ongoing resilience projects in the areas of Bennington St./Fredericks Park/Morton St. and Short Beach/Winthrop Parkway. The focus of the discussion last week was the MCZM's Beachmont/Pearl Ave. Project, which essentially is the connecting link between those other two projects.

Rooney of the WHG explained that the focus area of the project is the residential and municipal roadways on the outskirts of the Belle Isle Marsh (Pearl Ave., Summer St., Crystal Ave., and Winthrop Ave.). The project's goal is developing a plan for protecting at-risk Beachmont homes that are near the marsh and that are vulnerable to the threats of sea-level rise, more-intense storms, and so-called "sunny day" flooding. She said the aim of the project is to enhance resilience and mitigate the effects of flooding in that section of Beach-

Rooney noted that the WHG already has conducted a wetland resource delineation of the area and a topographic site survey, and soon will be developing a coastal flood risk assessment and a cost-benefit analysis with recommendations for both near-term and long-term solutions.

community meeting in May

to present the findings of the BRP and to receive more community input, after which there will be a final report.

Laux from the WHG said that the community has been very helpful in providing feedback via photos and videos to show what is happening "on the ground" during flooding events. She also presented FEMA's 100-year flood map, as well as a map developed by the WHG detailing the vulnerability of the coastal areas to flooding from a storm based on a sea-rise level of 1.3 feet.

Another map showed the projected impact of socalled "sunny day" flooding events for the marsh for 2030, 2050, and 2070. A final map showed the homes in the area that are likely to experience flooding by 2070 thanks to sea-level rise.

"There is not going to be one silver bullet that will mitigate flooding for everyone," Rooney cautioned. "Each property is unique."

Jim, a resident of Beachmont for many years, commented, "You are dead-on with the sea level rise. We see multiple storms a year where the water comes over the Winthrop Parkway and floods the marsh. What kinds of measures are you thinking about, such as dam structures or anything else, to control water levels in the marsh during high-impact times?"

Ofsthun said that the idea of damming the marsh, such as putting up a storm-surge barrier at the inlet at the Winthrop/East Boston line that could be deployed for a Nor'easter, has been raised by the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, among others.

"However, the feasibility for that is difficult and expensive and would have significant impacts on the environment," said Ofsthun. There will be another "In addition, there are other sources of flooding, so plug-

ging just one of those holes does not really solve the full problem."

Rooney also noted that the limited scope of the BRP is to address immediate needs and to do something that can protect homes in the short-term, which may be as simple as providing sandbags to residents.

A Pearl Ave. resident asked about the routine flooding in his section of the street that typically reaches 2-3 feet.

"That is the lowest-lying part of Pearl Ave., which definitely is 'ground zero' for flooding," said Laux, who noted that sunny-day flooding is common there.

another Tom, dent, suggested that private homeowners and the city should split the costs of deployable flood-barrier structures in their neighborhood.

Rooney noted that whatever is done, neighbors have to figure out how to work together in order to come up with a solution that will benefit the entire neighbor-

Another resident said, "I do not get flooding from the marsh, but from the underground stream and when the water comes over the seawall, there is a pool of water in our street." Haux noted that rainwater that combines with sea water is contributing to this problem.

Residents noted that they typically move their autos to higher ground in order to save them from flooding and communicate with each other about the possibility of a flooding event that would require them to move their vehicles.

Some residents noted that flooding has caused damage to their electrical and other systems in their homes. They said that even multiple sump pumps often do not provide relief, but that the cost of raising their homes is prohibitively ex-

A few residents said that they expect to be moving from the area within a few years because the flooding problem has made their neighborhood unliveable. Another resident said his recent tenants moved out after just two months because of the flooding is-

"This is a great neighborhood, but living with flooding is hard, especially when you're not expecting it," one resident commented, while another commenter noted, "Flooding is the worst (to deal with) when it's nice out."

The meeting concluded with Homeyer thanking residents for their input. She added that the BRP will be looking forward to meeting again with residents in May.

#### **ZONTA CLUB NEWS** & NOTES

#### **ZONTA** INTERNATIONAL **2024 AMELIA EARHART FELLOW**

Members of the Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore and the Zonta Club of Malden recently celebrated the remarkable achievements of Zonta's District 1 Amelia Earhart Fellowship recipients. Amelia Earhart Fellowship is a unique and prestigious award program started in 1938 in honor of Amelia Earhart the famed pilot and Zonta member. This \$10,000 Fellowship is awarded annually to up to 30 women internationally pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace engineering and space sciences. Candidates are evaluated based on their academic achievements, research proposals and leadership potential. Women who demonstrate a superior academic record conducting research applied to aerospace engineering or space sciences are eligible.

The Fellowship recipients honored at this event were Kierra Wilk a Ph.D.



Barbara Lawlor winner of a raffle basket.

Candidate at Brown University studying Planetary Science, Mennatallah Hussein is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics at MIT and Madelyn Hoying's Ph.D. research is in the Tearney Lab at MGH investigating aerospace physiology leading to

novel medical devices for long duration space flight.

Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. For more information, please visit the website; Zonta.org.



From Left to Right: Kierra Wilk Fellowship Recipient, Janice Tatarka Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore President, Diane Raycraft Zonta's District 1 Governor, Maria Luise Zonta Club of Malden President, Mennatallah Hussein Fellowship Recipient, Madelyn Hoying Fellowship Recipient.



From left to Right: Lee Farrington, Barbara Lawlor, Mary Jane O'Neill, Diane Cambria, Diane Raycraft Zonta 1 District Governor, Sheila Arsenault, Janice Tatarka Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore President, Georgia Green, Christine DePrizio, Joan Lanzillo-Hahesy, Janice Sikorski

## Revere Your Community Source SPOTLIG

Revere Beach Winter Wonderland by Revere Beach Partnership was back for its 2nd Annual event! This fun-filled day was last Saturday at Waterfront Square on Revere Beach and had indoor and outdoor activities. The event featured a vibrant Winter Market and an exciting Chili Cook-Off. Attendees also got to watch Master Ice Sculptors transform blocks of ice into stunning masterpieces. If you missed out, RevereTV was there and will have all of the highlights in a short video soon posted to social media and television. Tune in to see the ice sculptures and find out who won the Chili Cook Off this year!

Super Bowl Weekend is an excuse for everyone to get together and enjoy good food no matter what teams are playing. Mayor Patrick Keefe and First Lady Jennifer Keefe brought that team spirit to the RevereTV Kitchen studio last week. Even though the game has past, you can still follow along and make three appetizers for a future game day. The Keefes made pulled pork sliders, reuben bites, and a dessert dip inspired by the Girls Scout Caramel DeLite cookies. This new Super Bowl Special of "Cooking with the Keefes" is now posted to all RevereTV outlets. You can watch it daily on the Community Channel over the next few weeks.

To add to the cooking programs this month, Victoria Fabbo had another special guest chef for her show, "Fabulous Foods." Victoria and her friend Chef Yesenia made their own empanadas. Chef Yesenia talks about the origins of her recipe and describes what all the ingredients add to the overall flavor of what she is cooking. Watch at your own pace on YouTube to follow along and make these empanadas. "Fabulous Foods with Victoria Fabbo," also plays on the Community Channel at various times daily.

You can also enjoy the February episode of "Life Issues with Judie vanKooiman." In this month's episode, Judie meets with Meredith Hurley from the Winthrop Board of Health to talk about addressing social isolation and loneliness. "Life Issues" plays on the Community Channel on Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM and Sunday afternoons at 1:30 PM.

If you are interested in sports, watch this week's Revere High School Basketball game coverage. The Girls' Basketball Team played versus Everett on Tuesday and the coverage includes the Senior Night Ceremony before the start of the game. Watch replays of this game and this Thursday's Boys' game against Brooke Charter on the Community Channel. This is channel 8 and 1072 on Comcast and 3 and 614 on RCN.

RTV GOV is still scheduled as usual and includes replays of the most recent government meetings. All meetings play live on the channel and YouTube, and then replay for the following few weeks. RTV GOV is channel 9 on Comcast and channels 13 and 613 on RCN.

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### Dr. Lourenço Garcia receives Black Excellence Award

Special to the Journal

On Tuesday, Assistant Superintendent of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for Revere Public Schools, Dr. Lourenço Garcia, was honored with the North Shore Juneteenth Association's (NSJA) 'Black Excellence" award at Lynn City Hall.

This annual event shines a spotlight not on the past but on the present, highlighting the current-day work and accomplishments of the region's Black men and women. Part of the mission of NSJA is to highlight positive images of Black American culture and the diaspora while instilling pride in the Black community and dispelling stereotypes around the positive contributions of people of color. The goal of this association is to do this all year round and, of course, during Black History Month.

"During Black History Month we recognize our

ancestors' greatest dreams, local Black Americans and people of color that are currently achieving greatly in community work or careers," said NSJA in a statement. "The definition of local Black Excellence is a person of color who embraces being Black and has achieved in their career, contributed greatly to their community, or both."

Nominations are collected in November of each year in preparation for the following year, and Dr. Garcia was nominated by his colleagues on Revere's Human Rights Commission.

"I am deeply honored and humbled to have received this award," said Dr. Garcia. "My core principles and leadership have continuously emphasized integrity and service to others, particularly the underprivileged. Thank you for the nomination and to the North Shore Juneteenth Association for recognizing my work. However, this recognition would not be possible without the incredible team I have the privilege of working with on behalf of our students, families, staff, and community. Our team's dedication and hard work are the foundation of our success. I am committed to continuously striving for excellence in everything I do, and this award motivates me to continue pushing boundaries."

Dr. Garcia is a nationally recognized and award-winning educational leader with more than twenty-six years of teaching, research, and leadership experience. He joined Revere Public Schools in 2010 as Revere High School Principal.

He is currently the Assistant Superintendent of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (DEI) for RPS and chair of the district's Equity Advisory Board (EAB). Through the EAB, the Office of DEI ensures that the Guiding Principles of equity

and inclusion permeate our schools, become the central ethos our district operates on, and help us transition into a true anti-racist and culturally responsive community.

Dr. Garcia completed his studies in Ukraine, Cape Verde, and the United States, earning a bachelor's degree in military science, a master's degree in applied linguistics, and a doctorate in urban education, leadership, and policy studies. He has also contributed to a number of books on transformational leadership in education, including "Five Practices for Improving the Success of Latino Students" and "The Human Side of Changing Education." He recently co-authored the chapter "A Multipronged and Equity-Oriented Approach to Transforming School Climate: The Story of Revere High School" in the School of Opportunity book, 10 Research-Based



Assistant Supt. of Revere Schools Dr. Danielle Mokaba-Bernardo, Supt. of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly, Assistant Supt. of Equity and Inclusion Dr. Lourenco Garcia, and HarborCOV Chief Executive Officer Kourou Pich of Revere, pictured at the ceremony at which Dr. Garcia was one of the recipients of the Black Excellence Award.

Methods of Equity in Ac-

Under Dr. Garcia's leadership, Revere High School received numerous prestigious honors and awards. including the Best Urban High School in America (Gold Medal, 2014) and the Schools of Opportunity Na-

tional Award (Gold Medal, 2016).

Dr. Garcia is a polyglot with native or multilingual capabilities and full professional proficiency in Cape Verdean, English, French, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish languages.

## Council approves housing development incentive zone that could give tax break to Suffolk Downs

By Adam Swift

The city council narrowly approved the adoption of a Housing Development Incentive Zone to help accelerate the development of the Suffolk Downs project and to spur mixed-income housing development in the 40R Smart Growth district along Green Street and Shirley Avenue at last week's meet-

The council voted 6-5 to approve the zone, with several councillors who voted against it asking that it be placed back in subcommittee for further discussion due to concerns that it could impact tax revenue of the city in the face of trying to pay for the new high school project.

The Housing Development Incentive Plan, also known as HDIP, is a state tool that is available only two-pronged tool, sDirector have the council authorize of Planning and Community Development Tom Skwierawski previously told the city council.

"The first is what's called a local tax increment exemption, and this is on the value created for any newly developed housing project within one of the districts we are talking about here."

As an example, Skwierawski said that if a parcel of land was worth \$100 and a housing developer put in \$900 worth of work to that property, the property would then be worth \$1,000 and the increment would be the \$900 worth of value that was created with that housing development.

"The first prong of this two-prong tool is a local option to give a 10 to 100 percent exemption on that new value created ... from a period of five years to 20 years," said Skwierawski. "Under this plan, any housing development within one of the ... districts that is created would be eligible for Gateway Cities and is a for coming to the council to such an agreement."

Skwierawski said the second, more significant, ready approved the special component of the HDIP is a

state tax credit of up to \$2 million of up to 25 percent of the value of the housing development that is created.

"In order to be eligible for that state tax credit, the localities need to authorize a local tax agreement, which again, could be a five-year agreement for 10 percent of the increment created," Skwierawski said. "Which is for all intents and purposes a marginal amount for what the development could actually bring in tax revenue."

The biggest point of debate among the council last week was over the ability of the mayor to negotiate a tax break deal for the Suffolk Downs project, specifically the proposed 475-unit Portico high rise, as a way to speed up the development of that portion of the overall project.

Councillor-at-Large Michelle Kelley said she was concerned about the legality of the Suffolk Downs project being eligible for the tax incentive, since the city alpermit.

"I don't think that this is something we should be getting involved in at this point, especially not any kind of incentive where we're not getting affordable housing," said Kelley.

She also asked if a potential tax incentive would negatively impact the tax revenue the city will receive from the Suffolk Downs project.

Skwierawski said the city will get assurances at the state level as to whether the HDIP would necessitate the reopening of the special permit.

"If you were to authorize the mayor to negotiate an agreement after the state approves and we begin negotiations, we would bring the entire cabinet into this,' he said. "We understand there has been a lot of work to make sure we can afford this high school, (so) we would make sure we have the right people at the table gibble for state money as a to make sure there is not a Gateway City through the negative impact on our financial outlook."

would likely be a negative right now, and if we don't

financial effect to the city if there was not a way to create a catalyst to more rapidly move forward the construction at Suffolk Downs, specifically the Portico building.

"It is a signature building that we believe and (developer) HYM believes will stimulate further development throughout the project," said Skwierawski.

Ward 3 Councillor Anthony Cogliandro said he wanted to see the HDIP go back into subcommittee, adding he was concerned that creating new zones could create problems down the line.

"Why can't we take a singular project and give a tax break to that project?" he asked. "Why do we have to create zoning?"

Skwierawski noted that the creation of the zones is necessary in order to be elprogram.

"There is a lot of money Skwierawski said there in the HDIP state program take advantage of it for critical projects like Suffolk Downs ... other Gateway Cities will take advantage of it," he said.

Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto said he wanted to leave the issue in subcommittee until the council could get a legal opinion on it, as well as a financial opinion from the city's finance director about how it could affect paying for the high school project.

Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio noted that what the council was voting on only allowed the mayor to enter into negotiations and that any agreement would have to come back to the council for final approval.

"I'm in favor of this because we still have a stopgap, we will still be able to stop and will have more information once negotiations are done," Argenzio said.

Councillors Zambuto. Kelley, and Chris Giannino voted against approving the housing development incentive zones, while Cogliandro abstained.

#### High School // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

environmental permitting process and the reimbursement process from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). After accounting for the expected MSBA grants, the total cost of the project to the city has been estimated at about \$285.5 million.

"We are on schedule to bid the site demolition work to remove the old foundations of the dog track and the clubhouse," said Dakin.

He said that bidding should take place in March or April with the demolition to begin in May.

"We will continue with the construction documents and begin bidding out the building proper later in the summer," said Dakin.

Construction on the building itself, including utilities and foundation, should get underway around August, Dakin added.

Under the current construction schedule, the new high school is scheduled to open in the fall of 2028 for the beginning of the 2028-29 school year.

Project architect Dawn Guarriello of Perkins Eastman reviewed the site plan and design of the proposed high school.

The main features of the new school will include a four-story academic wing, as well as a three-story "heart of the school" connecting public spaces such as a new gymnasium, cafeterias, and a 1,000-seat auditorium. In addition, the heart of the school will lead into an outdoor learning space, and there are plans for approximately 350 underground parking spaces for staff.

In total, Guarriello said there will be about 650 parking spaces for staff and students on the campus. The site will also include an all-purpose field, a multisport field for soccer and baseball, five tennis courts, and separate drop-off areas for cars and for buses.

"Essentially, the pure length of the (academic wing) ... is longer than two football fields," said Guarriello.

In order to break up the length of the building, the design incorporates some faceted curves into the design which also echo the ocean and nearby Revere Beach, she said.

In addition to the outdoor courtyard between one of the academic wings and the gym, the landscape design plans also calls for other outdoor features and learning spaces such as fitness zones, a walking path, and a microforest.

"We are also creating what is called a value management log, which is a number of ideas if we need to refine the scope to make things a little more basic than they otherwise might be to hit the budget that was approved," said Dakin. "We will have that ready in parallel. I believe this project will be in the range of where we need it to be, and we will be able to tell with much more certainty the next time we meet."

Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna noted that there are concerns about how the city will be able to

pay for the project. "We will make adjustments to hit the budget," said Dakin. "The project

the council to ask for more money."

Council President Marc Silvestri said he does have some concerns about the project, but that ultimately, he is excited about the opportunities the new high school will provide for Revere students.

"I'd be excited about going to that high school," he said. "As far as the cost, we already set the budget and we approved it, they are not coming for more money."

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The Massachusetts College of Art and Design (MassArt) will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit on March 16-19, 2025, by a team representing the New England Commission of Higher Education (formerly the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges,

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MassArt has been accredited by the Commission since 1950 (approximately) and was last reviewed in Spring 2017. Its accreditation by the Commission encompasses the entire institution.

For the past year and a half, MassArt has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing

the Commission's Standards for Accreditation. An evaluation team will visit the institution to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the Commission a continuing status for the institution. Following a review process, the Commission itself will take the final action.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the institution to:

> Public Comment on MassArt New England Commission of Higher Education

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Public Comments must be received by March 19, 2025.

#### REVERE BEACH PARTNERSHIP 2ND ANNUAL WINTER WONDERLAND



 $\label{thm:continuous} \textbf{Evan Hughes, of Pennsylvania, carving his ice sculpture titled, "Unlikely Animal Friends."}$ 



Mayor Patrick Keefe enjoying the Revere Beach Partnership Winter Wonderland with his wife, First Lady Jennifer Keefe and friends and family.







Jenny Brown, Revere resident, posing with a chili pepper.

First grader, Shary Bowens, 7, and her father, O'Shea Bowens, of Swampscott, voting on their favorite chili.



Victoria Fabbo, of Fabulous Foods, with her parents, Karen and Victor Fabbo, of Everett, with their beef and vegetable chili served with flax seed corn bread.

The Revere Journal welcomes letters to the editor. Letters should be e-mailed to

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Letters must be signed. Anonymous letters will not be accepted

Photos by Marianne Salza

Revere Beach Partnership held its 2nd Annual Winter Wonderland festival on February 8 at SpringHill Suites. Inside the hotel, over 20 vendors displayed their seasonal goods and handmade crafts, and local restaurants shared samples of their chili with guests during a cookoff. Visitors marveled as artisans created intricate figures during an ice sculpture competition along the foot of Markey Bridge. Outside, little ones danced with the Snowflake Princess twirling on her roller skates, and greeted Princess Anna and Queen Elsa, from Disney's "Frozen."



Boston residents, Bryce Stockman and Shannon Hyvernat, on their first date.



Councilor Ira Novoselsky and Linda DeMaio, Revere Beach Partnership board member, holding a "Winter Wonderland" hat that can be purchased online at http://www.RevereBeach-Partnership.com.



John Murray, Owner, Murray's Tavern, with Amina Abdulkadir, and Camila Builes.



Jarrid and Russell, 3-years-old, of Winthrop.



Marianna Cortesce and Megan Obserst, Boston residents, shopping for earrings.

#### REVERE BEACH PARTNERSHIP 2ND ANNUAL WINTER WONDERLAND



"Unlikely Animal Friends" ice sculpture, created by Jacob Hughes, of Pennsylvania.



Mark Golldberg, Kieu Hua, Terri Scofield, Richard Forman, Kelley Vialle, Elaine Fitzpatrick, and Denise Farrell drinking hot chocolate made with Tito's Vodka during their first visit to Revere, when they also met the mayor.

First place chili contest winners, Leo Meves, Director of Operations, and Carlos Hernandez, Executive Chef, of Mission Beach House.



Disney princesses, Elsa and Anna, with Eve Friedlander, 4, of



Katie Demo with JJ, Grace, Bill, and Sarah.

#### Critical and significant drought conditions declared in several regions been in an 8-13 inch deficit mit photos to support state Special to Journal since August. The Cape and drought monitoring efforts

Following nearly six months of below-normal precipitation, Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Rebecca Tepper declared the Central and Northeast regions have been raised to a Level – 3 Critical Drought. The Southeast, Cape and Islands regions have been elevated to a Level – 2 Significant Drought. The Connecticut River Valley and Western regions still have their previous statuses: Level 2 -

Significant and Level - 1

Mild Drought. As outlined in the Massachusetts Drought Management Plan, a Level 3 -Critical Drought, Level – 2 Significant Drought, and a Level – 1 Mild Drought require detailed monitoring of drought conditions. These levels also require ongoing coordination among state and federal agencies to implement water use restrictions. Additionally, engagement with municipalities, including local Boards of Health, is essential. This includes providing technical outreach and assistance to water suppliers and affected municipalities.

"Even with winter weather, several regions in our state are facing below-average precipitation," said EEA Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "To avoid overtaxing our water systems, we must prioritize indoor water conservation. It's essential that everyone follows state guidance and local water restrictions to ensure our drinking water stays available for everyone."

Over the past month, most of the state received between 1-2.5 inches of rain and snow, which is 1-13 inches below normal. Overall, most of the state has Islands region is experiencing a 3.8-6 inch deficit in precipitation. Despite the recent rain and snowfall, streamflow and groundwater have worsened in nearly all regions, and recharge that typically occurs at this time of the year to reservoirs and groundwater lagging. Residents can report dry environmental conditions they

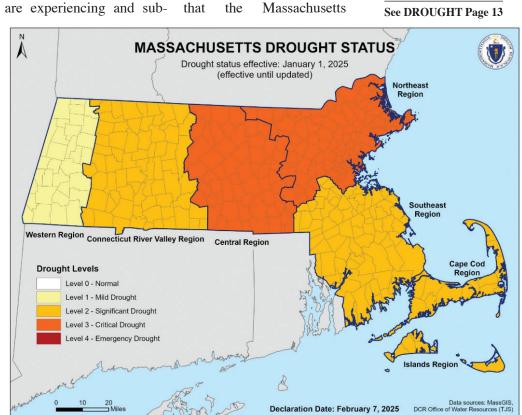
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The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) will continue to provide technical assistance to communities on managing their water systems, including assistance on the use of emergency connections and water supplies.

It is important to note the Massachusetts that

Water Resources Authority (MWRA) water supply system is not experiencing drought conditions, as defined within its individual plan. However, private well users and other sources of water within the same river basins are impacted by drought conditions. All sources of water, regardless of their location or type of withdrawal, ultimately draw

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Region	Drought Level Declaration	Previous Month
Western	Level 1 – Mild Drought	Level 1 – Mild Drought
Connecticut River Valley	Level 2 – Significant Drought	Level 2 – Significant Drought
Central	Level 3 – Critical Drought	Level 2 – Significant Drought
Northeast	Level 3 – Critical Drought	Level 2 – Significant Drought
Southeast	Level 2 – Significant Drought	Level 1 – Mild Drought
Cape Cod	Level 2 – Significant Drought	Level 1 – Mild Drought
Islands	Level 2 – Significant	Level 1 – Mild Drought



Leo Benoit, 4, of Newburyport, eating chocolate strawberries.





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# TRAFFIC SPEED CAMERAS ARE A BAD IDEA -RED LIGHTS ARE BETTER

As our regular readers know, when it comes to the issue of motor vehicle safety, we take a back seat (pun intended) to no one.

However, we believe that the budget put forward by Gov. Maura Healey that would allow local and state authorities to place traffic speed cameras on our roadways is misguided.

In a nutshell, the legislation provides that tickets for \$25 may be issued to persons operating 11 miles or more over the speed limit and \$100 to those driving more than 25 over the limit. A first offense within any two-year period would result in a warning. In addition, the tickets would not go on a person's driving record for insurance purposes. They would essentially be the same as a parking ticket.

Our objections are as follows:

First, state law requires that, absent exigent circumstances, a police officer must issue a citation for a moving infraction at the time and place of the violation. This ensures that the officer is giving the citation to the person who is committing the violation. However, the traffic cameras only will be capturing a license plate, which means that the ticket will be sent to the registered owner without regard to whether the owner was actually the operator of the vehicle. If your child (or spouse, friend, or somebody else) is speeding in your car, you're stuck with the ticket and the hassle of trying to prove your innocence.

Second, local authorities (who are limited to installing one camera per 5000 of population in their communities) presumably will be installing these cameras on their most heavily-traveled roadways. However, this invariably means that non-residents, who may not be familiar with the speed limit on those roads, will be the ones who will be subject to getting a ticket. This will be doubly true because the speed limits on almost every local road in this state are poorly-marked and often change (up or down) without warning. In some communities, there is a discreet sign at the entrance to the town that the speed limit in that community is 25 m.p.h. "unless posted otherwise." Given the scattershot nature of speed limit postings across the state's 351 cities and towns, issuing speeding tickets based on a camera will be inherently unfair and arbitrary.

Third, the cameras will not deter those drivers who are the real problem: Habitual traffic offenders who speed excessively on a routine basis. In fact, the cameras will give them a green light (again, pun intended) to speed. If the tickets under the new system will have no real consequences for either their license or their insurance premiums, these habitual offenders will be able to drive as they like with impunity. For the juvenile-minded members of the Fast and Furious crowd, the ticket will not even be a slap on the wrist.

And that brings us to our fourth problem with the new law: Relying on traffic cameras to enforce the traffic laws on the main roads in our state will make our roadways less safe. Traffic stops by police officers do not merely deter unsafe drivers, but they also remove from our roads persons who have suspended licenses, court warrants, vehicles that are unregistered and uninsured, and drivers who are under the influence -- 40 percent of speeding drivers in fatal crashes had a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or above. A camera will address none of those issues -- leaving criminals and those under the influence to operate on our roads without fear of the possible consequences.

More broadly, if communities take the cheap way out, so to speak, by replacing officers with cameras, the entire community will be a lot less safe. We realize that every city and town in the state will soon be facing major budget issues and that many cities also are having a hard time filling the ranks of their police departments, but there is no substitute for having police officers patrolling our streets. In our view, if these cameras begin to replace police officers, our communities will be far less safe.

Finally, there is no doubt that most of these speed camera tickets will be issued to otherwise law-abiding and safe drivers, including many seniors, who might happen to exceed by a few miles the statutory threshold for a few seconds. We are being only semi-facetious in suggesting that drivers who obsessively are watching their speedometers and looking for changes in speed limit signs will add immeasurably to the plague of distracted driving. Driving 11 miles over the speed limit on most of our roadways is not unsafe, but the new law would punish normal everyday driving behavior.

But we have a better suggestion: If our state officials want to introduce traffic cameras, we think they should do so at red light intersections. More than 1100 persons nationwide, of whom half were pedestrians and bicyclists, were killed (and more than 100,000 were injured) in 2022 by motor vehicle operators who ran red lights. Statistics show that red light cameras reduce serious accidents of the horrific "T-bone" variety by 25 percent (although there is some evidence that rear-end accidents may increase).

Large, clear signage at every red light intersection proclaiming that cameras are in use would be a huge deterrent to anyone who might be tempted to run a red light (i.e., every driver on the road).

In addition, by requiring that communities must conform the light signalizations on their local roads to nationally-accepted standards, this will make intersections safer for everybody.

So we urge our legislators, if they are inclined to introduce traffic cameras in Massachusetts, to allow these devices to be placed at red light intersections in order to achieve the goal of improving roadway safety with the least amount of intrusion upon everyday, law-abiding citizens.



#### Mayor Keefe, Chief Callahan join fellow mayors and police chiefs at New England meeting on public safety, effective policing

Special to the Journal

Last week, Mayor Patrick M. Keefe Jr. and Chief of Police David J. Callahan travelled to Providence, Rhode Island to participate in a New England meeting of Mayors and city Police Chiefs on best practices in city-level public safety and effective policing. Forty Mayors and Police Chiefs attended the meeting, hosted by Providence Mayor Brett Smiley and the U.S. Conference of Mayors

(USCM).

"Assembling with such an esteemed panel of Mayors and Police Chiefs is always beneficial to share best practices and work collaboratively on regional strategies to common challenges we all face," commented Mayor Keefe. He continued, "A sincere thank you to Mayor Smiley and his staff for the warm reception, Providence is fortunate to have such leadership."

During the meeting, New England Mayors and Police

Chiefs discussed and collaborated on best practices for addressing a variety of issues related to public safety and effective policing, as well as building relationships between local government and law enforcement. Key issues included reducing gun violence, addressing recruitment and retention challenges, policing in the new federal environment, responding to increasing incidents of hate and violent extremism across the nation, and effective overdose

prevention strategies.

The meeting comes as cities continue to make important progress on safety, with many seeing declines in homicides, other violent crime and property crimes over the last few years. Strengthening public safety has always been a top priority for Mayors, and recent progress on reducing crime illustrates that the work being done at the local level to make cities safer is paying off.

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Brian Arrigo. "We hope this slate of fun and educational programming brings some new and curious minds to our properties next week. Our team of park interpreters looks forward to meeting and welcoming students across the state."

To celebrate school vacation week, DCR is waiving parking fees at parks offering programming. In addition to offering programming DCR is extending public skating hours during the week at its agency-managed rinks from 10 a.m. until 2:50 p.m. daily. DCR will also continue to offer its regular programming, including self-guided hikes, and visitor centers will be open for people to enjoy exhibits. For details about staff-led programs and selfguide activities, visit DCR's website.

Additionally, DCR is offering adaptive programming during February vacation week.

DCR encourages participants to tweet, post, and tag photos on social media using @MassDCR. DCR is promoting this year's February break programming with engaging videos and fun graphics on its social media channels, including

X (Twitter), Instagram and Threads. For a full list of all programming offered during school vacation week visit DCR's website.

Highlights from next week's February break programming include:

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• Dream Street Story-Walk® at Roxbury Heritage State Park, 183 Roxbury St., Boston

Saturday, February 15
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#### • Ice Skating Party at Steriti Rink, 561 Commercial St., Boston

Friday, February 21, 12 – 4 p.m.

Join DCR and Boston Harbor Now as part of the Highland Street Foundation's Winter Camp for a day of ice skating

at the Steriti Memorial Skating Rink in Boston's North End neighborhood. Choose from sessions lasting 45 minutes each, starting at 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Rental skates will be provided for free! Skate and dance along with music by DJ WhySham, enjoy Regina Pizzeria, Munchkin Donut Holes, and drinks when not on the rink. Don't forget to bring a water bottle!

Pre-registration is \*highly\* encouraged for groups of 10 or more or if you have a time constraint, but there will be capacity for walk-ups during all skating sessions. Ice Skating Party at Steriti Memorial Rink! at Highland Street Winter Camp Tickets, Fri, Feb 21, 2025 at 12:00 PM I Eventbrite

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ronmental Affairs, oversees 450,000 acres of parks and forests, beaches, bike trails, watersheds, dams, and parkways. Led by Commissioner Brian Arrigo, the agency's mission is to protect, promote, and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural, and recreational resources for the wellbeing of all. To learn more about DCR, our facilities, and our programs, please visit www. mass.gov/dcr. Contact us at mass.parks@state.ma.us.



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# Chris Fabiano will step into the ring for Punch 4 Parkinson's

By Melissa Moore- Randall

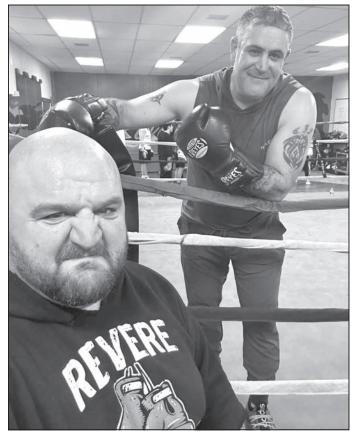
On April 3rd, lifelong Revere resident, Chris Fabiano, will step into the boxing ring for the first time. He will be participating in an amateur three round boxing event. "We Fight Together" presented by Punch 4 Parkinson's and Advanced Therapy Center, will be held at Royale Boston.

Born and raised in Revere and a 1996 graduate of Revere High School, Chris is the General Foreman of the Revere Department of Public Works (DPW). Chris's journey to the ring started because he was looking to get and feel healthier.

"I wanted to lose weight and improve my overall

health, so I started going to the gym at the Haas Health and Wellness Center in July. I joined the 5 A.M. early morning crew, and from day one, everyone made me feel welcome. I had never been much of a gym person, but I quickly grew to love how it made me feel. On Tuesday mornings, my coworker whose also a boxing trainer, Joe Lake, would run boxing drills with Mayor Patrick Keefe and Parks and Recreation Director Michael Hinojosa. He invited me to join them, and as a longtime boxing fan. I decided to give it a try. After just a couple of sessions, I was hooked."

"At that point, I had no intention of actually stepping into the ring until one



Chris Fabiano training with Joe Singer, founder of Revere Boxing Outreach Program.



Fundraiser T-shirts to help Fabiano reach his goal.

night in November when I came across an ad for Punch 4 Parkinson's. The ad read, "Have you ever wanted to step in the ring? No experience needed!" and mentioned that participants would be matched with an opponent of similar skill level, age, and weight. That immediately caught my attention. As I read more about the organization and how they help people with Parkinson's, I knew this was something I wanted to do. I saw it as an opportunity to step outside my comfort zone and challenge myself. After discussing it with my wife-who first asked if I was crazy but ultimately supported me 100%—I submitted my application."

Husband of Stephanie and dad to Everly, 4, he decided to fight for Punch 4 Parkinson's due to his aunt's personal battle with the disease. "I realized how many people are affected by the disease. My family was personally affected by Parkinson's, as my aunt battled the disease. The more I talked to people, the more I heard personal stories from those impacted, which made the cause even more meaningful to me. Being able to cross something off my bucket list while raising money for such an important cause felt like a win-

"Once I committed to the fight, I asked Joe Lake if he would train me, and without hesitation, he said yes. He enlisted the help of Officer Joe Singer, and together

with their coaching team, they welcomed me into Revere Boxing. They've been incredibly supportive, and have allowed me to use the gym whenever I need. Training has been intense and challenging. There's a lot to learn, but with the team I have around me, I feel stronger and more confident every time I step into the ring. Joe Singer is also fighting on the same night, so having someone to train alongside and push me has been a huge advantage."

As he prepares for his journey into the ring, Chris is thankful for his supporters. First and foremost, I couldn't do this without the support of my family. They've been my biggest supporters from the start. I also owe a huge thank you to Joe Lake and Joe Singer, without them, none of this would have been possible. The time and dedication they've put into training me have been incredible. I'd also like to thank Brad Ouellette and Matt Mahoney, coaches at Revere Boxing, who are always there to help me every time I step into the gym."

One of the requirements to fight for Punch 4 Parkinson's is raising \$7,500. People can support Chris by purchasing a fundraiser tshirt, making a donation, or buying a ticket to the fight. Ticket sales also count toward his fundraising goal. Donations can be sent via Venmo @StefanieFabiano. T Shirts are \$30.00.

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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Giovanni E. "Johnny" Rizzo

Although it was not long enough, his family filled his life with love and memories

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend visiting hours on Thursday, February 13th from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Giovanni E. "Johnny" Rizzo who died on Saturday, February 8 th at the Massachusetts General Hospital with his loving and devoted family constantly by his side following a life long battle with Cerebral Palsy. Johhny would have celebrated his 42nd birthday on February 20th. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St. Revere. Interment immediately following in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Johnny was born in Malden to his loving parents, Lenny and Maria Rizzo on February 20, 1983. He was born with Cerebral Palsy and had the love, care and support of his parents, siblings and grandparents. He was always surrounded by people who loved him and made him happy. He loved all his nieces and nephews and enjoyed whenever they were around him.

He attended school, at the United Cerebral Palsy School and made friends with students, faculty and staff. Johnny's life, although it was not long enough, was filled with love and memo-



ries by his family.

He was the loving son of Ermelindo "Lenny" Rizzo and Maria (Mantia) Rizzo of Revere, the adored grandson of Rosetta Mantia, cherished brother of the late Ralph Rizzo and his wife, Melissa Chiet Rizzo, Anthony Rizzo and Courtney Mahoney, Linda Fillion and her husband, David, all of Revere; beloved uncle of Jeannette and Melinda Rizzo and Julian and Mia Fillion and dear nephew of Concetta Alvarado. He is also lovingly survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was the best friend of Kerri Coady and friend and patient of Dr. Silva and Dr. Graham and all their associates and his nurse, Jessica Muwanguzi. He was also the treasured grandson of the late Antonio Mantia and the late Raffaele Rizzo and

For online condolences, please visit: www.vertucciosmithvazza.com.

Maria Grazia Rizzo.

#### John T. Gregory

A man of faith and a good man who loved his family

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Memorial Funeral Mass on Tuesday, February 18 in the Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach St., Revere at 11 a.m. for John T. Gregory, who died on Sunday, February 9th at the Massachusetts General Hospital following a brief illness. He was 70 years old. All services will conclude at

church. John was a native of Chelsea where he was born and raised. He was the only child of his parents, Ruth R. (Tower) and Clay Gregory. He was educated in Chelsea Public Schools and was an alumnus of Chelsea High School, Class of 1972. Following high school, John began to work as a commercial printer. He mastered his trade and worked for Blanchard Press in Boston, then later at Hannaford & Dumas in Woburn. He also worked as a Security Officer for the Shawsheen Technical High School for a period of time. John was still working at the time of his passing for the Tidal Wave car wash in Tewksbury.

John married his best friend and the love of his life, Linda J. (Kelley) on April 13, 1985. They lived in Revere for many years before relocating to Tewksbury, and they welcomed their daughter, Liann in 2003, making their family complete. John was a man of faith. He was a member of the St. Mary's Holy Name Society and a Eucharist minster at Immaculate Conception Church in Revere. In his free time, John enjoyed building and flying RC helicopters. He also would play the trumpet on occasion. He will always be remembered as a good man,

who loved his family. He was the beloved husband of almost 40 years to Linda J. (Kelley) Gregory



of Tewksbury, loving father of Liann J. Gregory of Tewksbury; dear son of the late Rosamond Ruth (Tower) Gregory and the late Clay Gregory and cherished uncle of Paul B. Kelley of Merrimac and Lauren M. Waitt of Peabody. He is also lovingly survived by his canine companion, Zoe.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the American Heart Association, 93 Worcester St., Wellesley, MA 02481. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertucciosmithvazza.com. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, Revere.



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#### NSPO Winter Concert set for Feb. 23 in Swampscott Laideronette-Empress of Symphony No. 3 and Mauwrote three symphonies, Special to the Journal with some 40 years separatthe Pagodas, "Beauty and Ravel's delightful

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"Mother Goose Suite" highlight the program when Music Director Robert Lehmann conducts the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra in its Winter Concert Sunday, February 23 at Swampscott High School auditorium.

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

Also on the concert program is the First Essay for Orchestra by American composer Samuel Barber.

Rachmaninoff, renowned for his works for piano,

ing the first and third. Critics claimed that the Third was too much a "modern" piece and it was not well-received by audiences. Over the years, however, Rachmaninoff's Third Symphony has earned its place in the symphonic Repertoire for its orchestral color.

Ravel, well-known his affection for children and animals, originally wrote a piano suite for four hands based on the famous Mother Goose stories in 1908 and four years later wrote the Orchestration. The imaginative, medodic music evokes the wonderment of the characters "Pavane for Sleeping Beauty", Tom Thumb, the



The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra performs its "Winter" Concert Sunday, February 23 at Swampscott High School.

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#### SCENES FROM THE SNOWY CITY THIS PAST WEEKEND

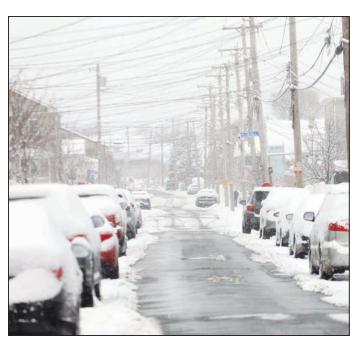
A snowstorm moved across the region overnight Saturday into Sunday, dropping about 5-inches of snow across the City.



The night before the local Market Basket's lot was filled with cars and shopping carts, Sunday morning it was just filled with snow.



The iconic William G. Reinstein Band Stand on historic Revere Beach is always picturesque, during the winter or, on a hot summer's afternoon.



A long look down Rumney Road early Sunday morning.



Hundreds of cars, busses and trucks pass the statue of Jesus Christ on Revere Street, greeting all and bestowing blessing every day.



Early Sunday morning the snow was still light and fluffy, an early start allowed for an easy clean-up.



The City of Revere's DPW trucks were out along the city, clearing the streets early Sunday morning.

#### Luberto // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Vocalists Maggie Aguilar and Luz Mel will open the show individually and then perform as back-up singevent.

"I'm very excited to

Luberto said his performance will include a mix of English, Spanish, and ers to Luberto in the main Italian songs, languages in which he is fluent.

"We'll mix it up," said perform in Revere, I can't Luberto. "There will be a a wait," said Luberto during little rock, soft music, dancan interview at his bakery ing music to satisfy everyone's taste."

Fans also may get to enjoy Luberto's version of "Footloose," a song made famous in the 1984 movie starring Kevin Bacon. Luberto's "Footloose" video has drawn 58.000 viewers on YouTube.

berto has preparing for a lifetime for the show in Re-

"I have been training in vocals since I was at eight years old," said Luberto. "My father [Domingo] used to take me for singing lessons when we lived in Ar-It could be said that Lugentina. At first, I hesitated because I told my dad I wanted to be drummer, not a singer."

Luberto, in fact, took on the role of drummer in his own band, Confidential, which was building a huge following before COVID-19 struck in 2020 and derailed the band's momentum. Luberto said he would often perform songs with the band.

"I started singing again, and it just took off," related Luberto. "My first video got 4,000 likes, and I just kept going with it."

Luberto has become known for two well-received elements in his shows. One is interactions with the audience. "You have to keep your audience happy and make them sing and clap with you," said Luberto. "People go out to have fun, so you have to give them that. They've paid for a show, so you have to give them a show."

The piece de resistance in Luberto's act is reportedly his choice of costumes, which concertgoers say bring together a dazzling combination of Elvis and Liberace, kings of rock 'n roll and piano respectively.

"I won't say what I'll be wearing on stage," said Luberto. "I want to surprise the audience."

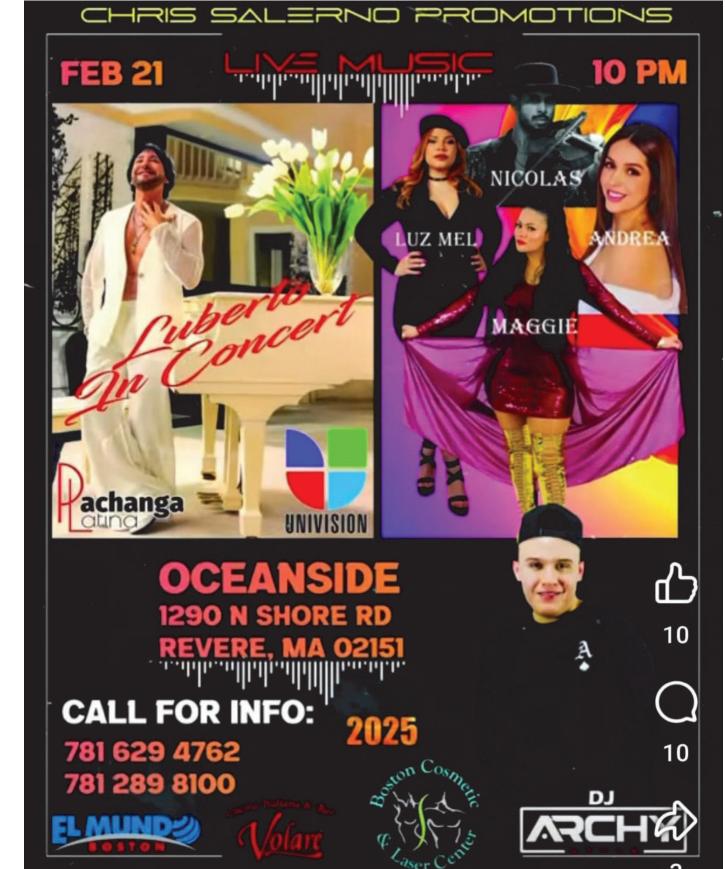
Luberto said he is rehearsing daily for his concert and ready to "bring my best" to Oceanside.

"This is my hometown -I love Revere," said Luberto. "I have a gift for them. I hope they'll come and support me."

#### Mayor Keefe a fan of his music

Ticket sales have been brisk for Luberto's concert. Luberto can count on the support from the city's chief executive, Mayor Patrick Keefe.

"I know we'll have a contingent from my office attending the concert," said Keefe. "I have been watching Danny for a few years now on YouTube. He's impressed a lot of us in Revere and all over the Northeast. His talents go far beyond a ricotta pie, although if his performance is as good as his bakery, I'm thinking we will see him at larger venues soon enough."





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## Sports

#### RHS GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD ARE GBL CHAMPIONS



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS! -- Members of the Revere High girls indoor track and field team, along with head coach Racquel Mac-Donald-Ciambelli (far right) and assistant coach Noelle MacDonald (far left), celebrate their victory and display their medals at last Monday's Greater Boston League (GBL) Championship Meet that was held at the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center in Roxbury.

#### YUONG IS 3X-CHAMP, LEADS RHS GIRLS TO **GBL TITLE**

capped a perfect season, in which the Lady Patriots were undefeated in the dual-meet regular season against their seven Greater Boston League opponents, with a smashing victory last Monday in the GBL Championship Meet.

Revere topped the scoring chart with 126 points, with runner-up Somerville scoring 106. Third-place Medford was well back with 55 points, followed by Chelsea in fourth place with 50 points and the other four GBL schools (Malden, Everett, Lynn Classical, and Lynn English) in the bottom

half of the table.

"The girls came into the meet with a goal to back up their undefeated season with a win and they did it," said The Revere High girls a jubilant RHS head coach indoor track and field team Racquel MacDonald-Ciambelli. "It was a tough meet with the score going backand-forth the whole time until we really pulled away at the end. We were also battling some sickness and injuries throughout the team, so it was really a full-team effort to crank this out."

Leading the way for the Lady Patriots, as she has since her sophomore year, was senior captain Liv Yuong, who scored 30 points (Liv was the leading scorer in the meet for both boys and girls) with three first-place finishes (for the second year in a row) in the 55 meter hurdles with a time of 9.2 seconds, the long jump with a flight of 15'-7", and the high jump with a

leap of 4'-10". In the LJ, Yuong outdueled Chelsea sophomore sensation Thania Simon (who herself scored 28 points on the night with wins in the 55m and 300m dashes) to edge Simon by three inches.

"Liv went three-forthree again to be the GBL champion in all three of her events," said MacDonald-Ciambelli. "Liv started out the meet with a huge 0.3 second personal record (PR) in the 55m hurdles, running a 9.25. She came back in the finals to better her PR by .01 with a 9.24. She three-stepped the whole race, which has been a huge

goal for us. With some fine tuning, she should be able to get that time to 9.1 by D-1 states."

Junior Gemma Stamatopoulos tallied 26 points with two first-place finishes and a third place. Gemma continued her undefeated GBL run in the 600m with a clocking of 1:43.72, which was three seconds faster than the second-place runner. She then came back to take the GBL title in the two-mile in 13:46.81. "The two-mile is an event that Gemma does not commonly run, but she is always willing to step in to gain some points for the team," said MacDonald-Ciambelli. "She then took third in the HJ after running the twomile. Jumping 4'-'6" on tired

See ROUNDUP Page 10

# The Revere High girls indoor track and field team has been wearing pins on their uniforms this year in remembrance

of former RHS track coach and teacher Peter DiGiulio, who passed away in December. Many of the current team members knew Mr. DiGiulio as a teacher and a track official. "The RHS track program owes so much to this man and we are eager to ensure that his memory lives on," said head coach Racquel MacDonald-Ciambelli, who was coached by Mr. DiGiulio when she was on the RHS track team.

# JANUARY REVERE HIGH SCHOOL THE MONTH



The Revere High male athlete of the month for January is basketball senior tri-captain **AVI LUNG**, who scored 25 points to go with five assists and three steals in the Patriots' big 74-51 victo-

ry over the Red Devils.

The Revere High female athlete for the month of January is junior track star

**GEMMA STAM-**ATOPOULOS, who has played a key role in helping lead the Lady Patriots to a 4-0 record vs. Greater Boston League opponents thus far this season.





#### MEET YOUR REVERE HIGH SCHOOL SWIM TEAM



Shown to the left, Senior Captain Stephanie Phan (right) with Team Manager Alexandra Lee Li.

#### Roundup // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

manages to handle multiple events in every meet."

The sixth GBL championship won by the girls came in the 4 x 800 relay with the quartet of Genevieve Zierten, Gianna Chiodi, Zizi Kalliavas, and Olivia Rupp zipping around the track with a clocking of 11:41.51, which was 18 seconds faster than their second-place Somerville rivals.

"Gianna and Zizi are brand-new to the 800m and really stepped up for the team here when we were faced with illness and injury," noted MacDonald-Ciambelli. "Zizi, a truly exceptional freshman, ran the 4 x 800m and then came back to run a 4 x 400m with only about six minutes to recover. That 4 x 400m relay quartet took third overall, so Zizi came away with two medals. I'm so proud of

Olivia Rupp tallied 18.5 points for the Lady Patriots with second-place finishes in the 1000 and the one-mile to go with her stellar anchor leg of the winning 4 x 800 relay.

"Olivia took two massive second-place finishes for the team in the mile and 1000m," said MacDonald-Ciambelli. "She ran a 5:42.82 in the one-mile, which bested her previous PR by another two seconds and qualified her for the D-1 State Meet. She then came back to take second place in the 1000m (3:26.55), running only one second off her lifetime PR. It's clear that Olivia is at peak physical fitness right here and should be able to break that 5:40 mark at States."

Francoise Kodjo added eight points for the Lady Patriots with her second place in the shot-put in which Francoise delivered a massive PR throw of 28'-3.5", a performance that topped her previous PR by almost a full

Valeria Sepulveda took nome two fourth-place medals in the 1000m (3:38.57) and two mile (15:02.45) to contribute eight points to the Revere tally.

Third-place medalists, who scored six points each, were Gigi Zierten in the mile (6:17.05) and Basma Sahibi in the 55m hurdles

legs is not easy, but Gemma (9.86). Gigi was only one second off her lifetime PR and Basma set a new PR in the 55m hurdles by over 0.5 seconds.

Neyla Vranic scored two points with her fifth place in the long jump (13'-10"). Contributing single points with their sixth-place finishes were Ashley Cabrera Rodriguez in the 55m dash (8.02), Danni Hope Randall in the 300m dash (46.91), and Jocelyn Lazo in the shot (24'-10").

The 4 x 200 (Rania Hamdani, Danni Hope Randall, Dayana Ortega, Jaliyah Manigo) and 4 x 400 (Danni Hope Randall, Dayana Ortega, Zizi Kalliavas, Ashley Cabrera) relay teams each contributed six points to the Revere championship with third-place performances.

"The 4 x 200m thirdplace was crucial in putting us over Somerville," noted MacDonald-Ciambelli. "Danni Hope Randall, the anchor leg, took the lead over her Somerville competitor right at the finish line with an absolutely incredible lean. Danni then came back to lead off the 4 x 400m relay with minimal rest in between. Dayana Ortega also was added to both the 4 x 200m and 4 x 400m teams at the last minute and helped us secure those crucial 12 points.

"What an absolutely incredible season it's been and we're still just at the start of championship season," said MacDonald-Ciambelli. "The girls have been wearing pins on their uniforms this year in remembrance of former RHS track coach Peter Digiulio, who passed away in December. Peter was not only my track coach, but so many of the girls knew him through his time in the school system and his time as a track official. The RHS track program owes so much to this man and we are eager to ensure that his memory lives on."

A number of the Lady Patriots who have qualified will be competing in the Division 1 State Meet that is set for today (Wednesday) at the Reggie.

RHS BOYS TRACK WINS GBL

#### **CHAMPIONSHIP MEET**

The Revere boys indoor track and field team, which captured the regular-season Greater Boston League (GBL) title with a perfect 7-0 dual-meet record, took first place at the GBL League Championship meet that was held at the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center in Boston last Monday.

Coach David Fleming's Patriots scored 108 points, topping their closest rival, Somerville, by 14 points. "We knew it would be close against Somerville and that they would start strong," said Fleming. "I told the team we might be down 15-20 points early on, but don't panic. The plan was to pick up points as the meet went on."

Leading the way for the Patriots was senior Youness Chahid who scored a team-high 24 points with a performance worthy of superhero Ironman, grabbing second-place finishes in three events, the 1000 meter (2:52), mile (4:43.17), and two-mile (11:11.09)

"Youness was a workhorse in this meet," said Fleming. "I can't say enough about his performance. He single-handedly kept us in it during the middle part of the meet."

Sophomore Joey Angiulo was next on the scoresheet for the Patriots with 16 points. Joey took second place in the long jump with a flight of 18'-9.5", thirdplace in the 300m dash with a clocking of 38.28, and ran a leg of the second-place 4 x 400 relay.

"Joey had an incredible rookie season for us," said Fleming of Angiulo, who will be playing baseball this spring. "He's an exceptionally great athlete. He works hard and always wants to get better. And he's just a sophomore. He'll be a force next season."

Junior captain Jeremy X was the next leading-scorer for Revere, tallying 14.5 points for the Revere column on the scoresheet with a second-place in the 300m dash in 36.69 (which was just 0.01 behind the firstplace winner), a fourth place in the 55m dash with a sprint of 6.77, and anchoring the winning 4 x 200 relay team.

"Jeremy's a complete professional and can absolutely fly," said Fleming. "He was less than a halfinch away from a win in the 300. He's so fun to watch on the track."

Senior Isaiah DeCrosta scored in double-figures for the Patriots, tallying 12 points with a third in the 55m hurdles in a clocking of 8.13, a fourth in the high jump with a leap of 5'-"4, and running a leg of the second-place 4 x 400 relay

Oliver Escobar also hit double-figures, scoring 10.5 points with a third in the high jump with a leap of 5'-6" and as a member of the winning 4 x 200 and second-place 4 x 400 relay

A key to the Revere victory was the team's dominance in the relay events in which the Patriots outscored Somerville 28-16 with wins in the 4 x 200 and 4 x 800 and a second in the 4 x 400, showcasing Revere's depth.

The 4 x 200 quartet of junior Oliver Escobar, junior Kepler Celamy, freshman Anthony Pelatere, and junior Jeremy X, who have qualified for the upcoming State Meet, won their race with a time of 1:36.65, which was 0.28 of second faster than second-place Malden.

"As he's done all season, Oliver rocketed out to the lead and handed to Kepler, who ran his best relay leg of the season," said Fleming. "Anthony (who is only a freshman) ran a hugely important third leg, fighting off other teams to keep the lead. And once he handed it to Jeremy, we knew it was all over."

The winning 4 x 800 foursome of captain Kenan Batic, Edwin Alarcon, captain Mo Fares (captain), and Adam Ourazzouk crossed the line in 9:25.79, four seconds ahead of second-place Medford.

We saved Kenan and Mo specifically for the 4 x 800," said Fleming. "Kenan and Edwin got us out to a big lead and Mo and Adam held on strong for the win."

The 4 x 400 squad of Edwin Alarcon, Joey Angiulo, Oliver Escobar, and Isaiah DeCrosta scored eight points with their second-place finish in a time of 3:44.67, which was just 0.78 behind the winning Chelsea team.

Additional point-scorers for the Patriots in their individual events were: Bryan Maia with a third in

the shot-put with a throw of 42'-7"; Edwin Alarcon with a fourth in the 600 in a time of 1:28.79; and Kepler Celamy with a fourth in the long jump with a flight of 17'-9.25".

"Over the past few years, we graduated several superstars like JV Cunha, Medy Bellemsieh, and Sami El Asri. In many ways, this is a new group," said Fleming. "They blended really nicely with veterans like Isaiah DeCrosta and Kenan Batic, who came up under Sam Ros. It was exciting to see what they were able to accomplish this season."

A number of the Patriot trackmen who qualified will be competing in the Division 1 State Meet that is set for today (Wednesday) at the Reggie.

#### RHS GIRLS HOOP **DEFEATS** SOMERVILLE, **QUALIFIES FOR TOURNEY**

The Revere High girls basketball team punched their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney with a 47-41 victory at Somerville last Tuesday. The triumph raised Revere's overall record to 10-7, thereby assuring the Lady Patriots, who have three games left to play, of the .500 record that is needed to qualify for the post-season.

Coach Ariana Rivera's Lady Patriots had dropped a 42-27 decision to the Lady Highlanders in the teams' first meeting earlier this season, but Revere turned the tables in the rematch, overcoming a 25-20 deficit at the half with a ferocious defensive effort after the intermission that limited Somerville to just 16 points.

"We struggled to box out and rebound in the first half, leaving us down by five," said RHS head coach Ariana Rivera. "We came out in the second half with some more urgency and showcased what it means to be '#RevereTough.'

"We interrupted their offense with lock-down defense and protected the paint at all costs," Rivera continued. "Somerville had a couple of strong rebounders and most of their points had come from offensive boards in the first half. We adjusted and were able to gain momentum."

The Patriots' defensive performance was led by senior captain Marwa Riad and junior Shayna Smith, who combined for 15 rebounds. "Both Marwa and

Shayna were faced with the two best players for Somerville," said Rivera. "They were instructed to take these players out of their groove and they did exactly that. It was a great showcase of owning their roles on the

Senior capt. Belma Velic turned in a powerful double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds. Senior point guard Nisrin Sekkat hit for 15 points while directing the Revere offense.

Captain Lea Doucette turned in one of her best games this season, chipping in with eight points and providing what Rivera termed "an unmatched spark off the bench."

A key to the Revere victory was the Lady Patriots' ability to protect the ball, resulting in fewer than 12 turnovers in the contest.

"We valued the basketball and played our game," added Rivera. "We did not let Somervlle dictate either our offense or our defense and we came up with the win."

Rivera and her crew have three games left in their regular-season schedule. They took on Boston United this past Monday, Everett last night (Tuesday), and will travel to Swampscott tomorrow (Thursday), which is a make-up of their game that was postponed because of last Thursday's storm.

#### RHS BOYS NEED TO RUN THE TABLE TO REACH TOURNEY

The Revere High boys basketball team came up short in both of its contests this past week to Greater Boston League rival Somerville and non-league opponent Chelmsford.

In last Tuesday's match with Somerville, the Patriots fell by a score of 73-64. This past Saturday the Patriots hosted Chelmsford and dropped a 51-47 decision.

The Patriots now stand at 10 on the season and will need to run the table in their final four contests in order to achieve the .500 record that is needed to qualify for the post-season and punch their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney.

Revere was scheduled to travel to Tewksbury last night (Tuesday) and will host Brooke Charter School tomorrow (Thursday) that will tip off at 6:00 in Merullo Fieldhouse. They will participate in the General Patton Tournament during the holiday week at Hamilton-Wenham next Monday and Tuesday.



#### **GROUP EXERCISE SCHEDULE**

#### MONDAY

5:15AM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) 6:00AM - BOOTCAMP - MIKEY (50 MIN.) 2 6:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263 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 6:30PM - GENTLE YOGA - MIKE (60 MIN.) \*

**TUESDAY** 5:05AM - STRENGTH & CONDITIONING - MIKEY (50 MIN.) 2 5:45AM - POWER YOGA - HALEY (45 MIN.) 263 6:00AM - STRENGTH & CORE - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 2

9:00AM - GENTLE YOGA - HALEY (45 MIN.) 5:30PM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263 5:30PM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 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) \* 5:00PM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MINS.) \*

6:00PM - GENTLE YOGA - HALEY (45 MINS.) \* 7:00PM - STEP - MIKEY (50 MINS.) \*

#### **THURSDAY**

5:30AM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) \* 6:30AM - HIIT - MIKEY (30 MIN.) 3 9:00AM - BARRE - HALEY (45 MIN.) 2 12:00PM - GENTLE YOGA - HALEY (45 MIN.) \* 5:30PM - BOOTCAMP - ANGELA (45 MIN.) \*

5:30PM - PILATES - NIKKI (45 MIN.) 263 6:20PM - BRAZILIAN DANCE - MARCELO (40 MIN.) \*

6:30PM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 283 6:30PM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) \*

#### **FRIDAY**

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#### **SATURDAY**

7:00AM - BOOTCAMP - MIKEY - (50 MIN.) \* 8:00AM - BRAZILIAN STEP - MARCELO (55 MIN.) \* 🔕 9:00AM - VINYASA FLOW - HALEY (45 MIN.) 2 10:00AM - SPIN - CHERYL (45 MIN.) 2

5:00PM - SPIN W/ WEIGHTS - KAYLA (45 MIN.) 2

6:00PM - GENTLE YOGA - MIKE (60 MIN.) \*

#### SUNDAY

8:00AM - GENTLE YOGA - CORINNE (45 MIN) \* 9:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263 10:00AM - BARRE - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 283 11:00AM - SPIN W/ WEIGHTS - KAYLA (45 MIN.) 2

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City Councillor George Rotondo (above), Revere High junior Ada Pema, and Journal reporter Seth Daniel weigh in on this controversial issue. PAGE 11.



FROM A TO B

Kristen Leigh Mokeler (above) is one of many Revere residents who are doing excellent work at area colleges and universities. For the latest dean's lists and honor rolls, see Schools and Education. Page 10.

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#### SCHOOL FUNDING

# Supreme disappointment

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2005

BY SETH DANIEL seth@reverejournal.com

Revere's public schools suffered a crushing blow last week when the state Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) reversed a lower court ruling on school funding, throwing out the case and the potential of millions of

school coffers. For local leaders and parents, the finding was a total shock. Most assumed a victory was near.

additional dollars coming into the

"I thought victory in that case was almost assured," said Mayor Tom Ambrosino. "The court has

SJC ruling could cost Revere Public Schools millions abandoned the children and gotten Five SJC justices, however, felt slowly. Two SJC justices dissented, out of it. They have effectively said

leave it to the ballot box to deter-

mine these issues. reform public education, albeit very 'I thought victory in that case was almost assured. The court has abandoned the children and gotten out of it. They

> ballot box to determine these issues.' MAYOR TOM AMBROSINO (LEFT)

have effectively said leave it to the

feeling that the state should do differently about the case - upholding that the state is doing its part to more.

The case, known as Hancock vs. Driscoll (Commissioner of Education), was filed in 2002. It was a follow-up to the successful 1993 school funding case called McDuffy, in which the SJC found that schools were being funded unequally. That spurred a total reform of the education system by

#### **EDUCATION**

## School set to chart its course

BY KIM WEIDMAN kweidman@chelsearecord.com

Revere teens and young adults who have not found success in the halls of Revere High will soon have another alternative high school to attend, one geared specifically toward academically underperforming students who face challenges such as not speaking English as a native language or being a teen parent.

The Phoenix Charter Academy was one of two schools granted charters Feb. 15 by the Massachusetts Board Education. It will serve up to 225 students aged 15 to 21 from the communities of Revere, Chelsea, and Lynn and open in the fall of

The vote by the board was not completely a surprise, since Department of Education Commissioner David Driscoll had recommended that Phoenix Charter Academy receive a charter. After the vote, Driscoll even said he hoped the school would be a "model" for other alternative schools of its kind

Expected or not, Beth Anderson, Phoenix Charter Academy founding board member, said she and her board were "thrilled" with the decision.

"I feel elated. It's been a very long process to this point, two years in the planning," Anderson said. She said she would take some time to celebrate, and then it would be back to work. "There's a lot of work ahead of us.'

Among the first items on the "to-do" list for the new school are fundraising, recruiting students, and reaching out to the community, and formally creating a school board of directors.

The Phoenix Charter Academy has been relatively unique in that it has received support from the superintendents of both Revere and Chelsea. Historically, school

#### **FINANCES**

#### Prospect House moves closer to resolving tax issues with city

BY SETH DANIEL seth@reverejournal.com

The new owners of the Prospect House Assisted Living Center are making a major push to resolve their outstanding taxes with the city and to assure the community that all taxes will be paid in full.

"We are current with this year's taxes and we will be paying our taxes for 2002 and 2003 in the next few weeks," said Bill Hoffman, president of HallKeen Baran Senior Services, the property's owner. "We have the money in the bank - in escrow - to cover what we owe. Right now, we're working with the city to determine exactly what those taxes should be."

HallKeen Baran also issued a letter to residents of the Prospect House last week, saying, "Please know that all of us at HallKeen Senior Services feel a strong sense of responsibility to be good corporate citizens and to pay our fair share of taxes."

Mayor Tom Ambrosino estimated that the Prospect House owes around \$250,000 in taxes to the

The long and sometimes contentious battle began when the city mistakenly assessed the property as commercial instead of residential - resulting in a higher amount of taxes. However, the former owner, Baran Partners, didn't file an appeal with the city on time, and also decided to withhold payment of any taxes.

"There is a resolution and a reasonable one," the mayor said this week.

The case is currently in Suffolk Land Court where a judge will eventually decide just how much the Prospect House owes. That will likely be the amount of the residential tax rate for those two years -

Please see **PROSPECT**, Page 6

## A HEAD FOR BUSINESS



Michelle Bianco, Terri Fabia and Robyn Perry of Skin for all Seasons in Revere were among the many area businesses that participated in the bridal show at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Revere. The show provided one-stop shopping for women and families who are planning a wedding in the near future.

#### **DEVELOPMENT**

## Homebuilding giant will convert 770 units at Overlook Ridge into condos

BY SETH DANIEL seth@reverejournal.com

In an unexpected business move last week, Roseland Property Company entered into a venture with the multi-billion dollar Lennar nation's largest single-family home responsible for nearly 770 condounits at Overlook Ridge in North Revere into condos.

Marshall Tycher, principal of Corporation of Miami - one of the Roseland, said Lennar would be builders - that would turn half of the minium sales on the Malden side of

**INDEPENDENT** 



This year, we take a look back twenty years to the biggrest headlines of 2005.

We hope you enjoy the reprinting of these Page 1 stories.

# Muthus



Happy Valentine's Day ♥ Ceclia Louise



Happy Valentine's Day Mommy, I love you, ♥ Julian



Happy Valentine's Day, ♥ Elliana Rose



Happy Valentine's Day, Love Olivia & Elianna



♥ Winona's First Valentine's Day ♥



Happy Love Day Papa Lové Mia & Máddie



WE LOVE YOU NANA and PAPA ♥ Jace Perkins & Miles Misci



Happy Valentine's Day Princess, Eldwin Alarcon & Jaleeyah Figueroa



Happy Valentines Day ♥ Love Lucy & Lily



Happy Valentines Day Friends ♥ Love Jet



Happy Valentine's Day Love Bella & Stellina



Happy Valentine's Day ♥ Figo

#### **RHS SPORTS** Through the Years

#### 10 years ago **February 10, 2015**

The Revere High boys and girls indoor track teams competed in this past week's Northeastern Conference Meet. Daniel Murphy took a fifth place ribbon in the 55 meter dash with a sprint of 6.95 seconds. David Sinatra likewise grabbed fifth place honors in the 55 meter hurdles with a sterling race of 8.33 seconds. On the girls' side, Angelisa Nguyen took sixth place in the 55 dash in 8.04.The Lady Patriot 4 x 800 relay foursome of Suellen Guerreiro, Danielle Fortuna, Nadia Lerari, and Jackie Dion also earned a point for their sixth place effort with a clocking of 11:55.19.

#### 20 years ago **February 16, 2005**

The RHS girls basketball team came oh-so-close to ending its three year winless skein, but fell in overtime to Medford, 58-51. Alex DeMattia swished a game-tying shot in the final seconds of regulation to send the contest into OT. Christina Polsonetti led Revere with 19 points and Christina Cavagnaro added

The Revere High hockey team improved to 10-4-2 on the season and captured the Greater Boston League Division 2 title with an 8-1 over Peabody. The Patriots also defeated non-league foes Hanover, 8-1, and Pentucket, 3-0. Anthony DelloIacono and Rick Mastropietro scored two goals each against Peabody with Patrick Webber, Anthony Di-Fabio, Eric Noel, and Billy Dalton adding single tallies.

Lady Patriot track star Peniel Muteba captured first place in the hurdles at the Greater Boston League Meet held this past weekend at the Reggie Lewis Center. Muteba also took second in

10 years ago

**February 12, 2015** 

The Revere communi-

ty was saddened by news

of the death of 85 year-old

fifth-place finish in the 1000 in 3:22.

Junior Eddie Mahoney scored 20 points to lead the RHS boys basketball team to a 65-55 win over Medford. Seniors Michelangelo Nicastro and Steve Bagnera also reached double figures for the Patriots.

#### 30 years ago **February 15, 1995**

The RHS girls basketball team defeated Somerville, 77-73, in overtime, led by the 30-point effort of Karen Jouve. The Lady Patriots then defeated Malden, 55-40, to keep their state tourney hopes alive.

The RHS hockey team, playing without defenseman Mike Spinelli, dropped contests to Arlington, 8-0, and to Medford, 9-1. Revere now stands at 10-4-2 on the season.

Coach Dave Montani's RHS boys gymnastics team ended the season on a winning note with a 92.4-91.3 win over Braintree. Adam Robitel, Carlo Durante, and Ronnie Pacheco led the Patriots to the victory.

The RHS girls gymnastics team captured its first meet of the season with a 101.3-90.4 triumph over Medford, led by sophomore Meredith Sclafani, who took first place in all four events.

#### 40 years ago **February 13, 1985**

Coach Dave Montani's RHS boys gymnastics team completed a perfect 10-0 season with a razor-thin 110.9-110.0 win over previously-undefeated Burlington to capture the North Shore League title. Rich Healey won the rings and received strong support from teammates Rhi Che, Joe Berk, John Spinelli, and Paul DeBenedictis in the other events.

The RHS girls basketball the high jump with a leap of team kept alive its hopes for 4'-10". Teammate Courtney a second place finish in the Lyons won a medal with a GBL and an invitation to

**REVERE** Through the Years

of 53-46 over Somerville and 57-38 over Arlington. Lisa Orlandello scored 24 points for coach Ed Leyden's squad in the first-ever win for the girls on Somerville's home court. Stacey Olenik poured in 25 points Revere now is 7-5 on the season and in third place behind 8-4 Arlington.

The RHS boys basketball team defeated Arlington, 50-44, for its third straight win on the road to improve to 7-8 on the season. Steve Terrazano led the way with 21 points for coach Kevin McCann's Patriots.

Four members of the RHS indoor track team have qualified for the Class B State finals. They are: Dom Finelli, who set a new Class B indoor mark in a preliminary heat in the EMass meet in the two-mile in 9:27.4; Frank Mucci in the 300; and Pete Edwards and Nick Piscitelli in the hurdles. In addition, the quartet of Mucci, Piscitelli, Phil DiLiegro, and Rich DeLeary have qualified in the relay.

fell out of first place in the GBL after a tough, 3-2 loss to Medford. However, the Pats came back to defeat Somerville, 9-4, in which Steve DiCarlo, Nick Sardo, and John Festa scored two goals each and single goals were scored by Sal Indorato, Mike Troisi, and Mike Gordon. The Pats will face Peabody next week in a showdown for first place in the GBL.

Frank Salvatore will defend his chess title in the 14-and-under city chess

#### 60 years ago

Miami Friday. The team

originally had been set to

make its trip over the New

Year's holiday weekend,

but the committee was un-

able to raise the necessary

funds for the trip until now.

and Revere native Tony

Conigliaro was the guest

speaker at the fifth annual

Father-Son Little League

Night held at Fr. Brennan

Hall at Immaculate Con-

ception Church recently

The event was under the

direction of L.L. President

Guy Meli. Conigliaro, who

just turned 20 years old last

month, hit 24 home runs

in his rookie season for the

Red Sox star slugger

the state tourney with wins in the win over Arlington.

#### 50 years ago **February 12, 1975**

The RHS hockey team

tournament March 27.

#### February 18, 1965

The undefeated RHS football team, the unofficial Class B state champion, will depart for a five day trip to

#### and individuals living and

dations for communities working within a Level 3 – Critical Drought, Level 2 -Significant Drought,

and Level 1 - Mild Drought region, including those utilizing a private well. Residents and businesses are also asked to check with their local water system in case more stringent watering restrictions are in place.

#### For Regions in Level 3 - Critical Drought Residents and Business-

- Minimize overall water
- Follow state water con-
- Monitor total household water use shown on your water bill for sudden increases, which often indicate leaks. Use the MA Home Water Use Calculator tool to evaluate household water use;
- Fix any toilet or faucet

Checking water meters

for toilet leaks Conducting regular in-

Reducing shower length and consider using a shower

Running washing ma-

Replacing old fixtures

- Stop all non-essential
- Be extra cautious with outdoor fires, grills, and flammable materials.

Immediate Steps for Communities/Municipali-

mation on the drought and

Sox in 1964 before breaking his hand in August. He hit a towering home run in his first Major League at-bat.

#### 70 years ago **February 7, 1955**

The RHS hockey team was eliminated from contention for the North Shore League playoffs with a 4-1 loss to Amesbury.

The Immaculate Conception High basketball team clinched the Catholic Suburban League championship with wins of 90-73 over St. Columbkille and 48-37 over St. Charles. The IC team now is automatically qualified for the state

tourney that will be held in Boston Garden. In the win over St. Columbkille, Steve White scored 24 points and Bob McCarrick added 21.

The RHS basketball team defeated Everett, 73-59, led by Arthur Signore's 19 points. The basketeers then dropped a 94-57 decision to perennial GBL power Somerville.

Peter Cortese, world weightlifting champion, reports that attendance at the Revere Youth Commission's Saturday morning weightlifting and bodybuilding program has been increasing.

#### Drought // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

from the same river basin. It is important for all users to do their part to conserve water.

Below are recommen-

- servation actions and any local water use restrictions;
- leaks immediately. Check for leaks in homes and businesses regularly by:

for constant dial movement Using dye tabs to check

spections of all pipes and fixtures, including those located in utility rooms, crawlspaces, and other hidden areas

- Use dishwashers rather than handwashing dishes. Run the dishwasher only on a full load;
- Aggressively reduce indoor water use by:

chines only on a full load

Not letting water run while brushing and shaving

and appliances with water-efficient ones. Make sure toilets, faucets, and showerheads are Water-Sense labeled

- water use; and,

Provide timely infor-

- on water conservation tips to local residents and businesses taking advantage of the state's library of outreach materials; • Enforce water use re-
- strictions with increasingly stringent penalties;
- Strongly discourage or prohibit washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing;
- Establish or enhance water-use reduction targets for all water users, identify top water users and conduct targeted outreach to help curb their use.

Short- and Medium-Term Steps for Communities/Municipalities:

- Establish a year-round water conservation program that includes public education and communication, taking advantage of the state's library of outreach materials;
- Implement or establish drought surcharge or seasonal water rates;
- Prepare to activate emergency inter-connections for water supply; and,
- Develop or refine your local drought management plan using guidance outlined in the state Drought Management Plan.

#### For Regions in Level 2 - Significant Drought Residents and Business-

- Minimize overall water use and be particularly
- mindful of indoor water use; • Follow local water use restrictions;
- Fix indoor leaks, such as from toilets, faucets, and showers, which result in more than 60 percent of in-
- door use; • For larger buildings and businesses, conduct water audits to identify areas of leaks and potential water

conservation opportunities. Immediate Steps for Communities/Municipali-

- Limit or prohibit washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing.
- Establish water-use reduction targets for all water users, identify top water users and conduct targeted outreach to help curb their

Short- and Medium-Term Steps for Communities/Municipalities:

• Establish a year-round water conservation program that includes public education and communication, taking advantage of the state's library of outreach materials:

- Provide timely information to local residents and businesses;
- Implement or establish drought surcharge or seasonal water rates; and, • Check emergency in-
- ter-connections for water supply; and, • Develop or refine your local drought management plan using guidance out-

lined in the state Drought

Management Plan. Below are recommendations for communities and individuals living and working within a Level 1 -Mild Drought region.

#### For Region in Level 1 -Mild Drought

Residents and Business-

- Minimize overall water
- Fix indoor leaks, such as from toilets, faucets, and showers, which result in more than 60 percent of indoor use; and,
- For larger buildings and businesses, conduct water audits to identify areas of leaks and potential water conservation opportunities.

Communities/Municipal-

- Establish a year-round water conservation gram that includes public education and communication, taking advantage of the state's library of outreach materials;
- and water conservation information to local residents and businesses;

• Provide timely drought

- Check emergency inter-connections for water supply; and,
- Develop a local drought management plan.

State agencies will continue to closely monitor and assess conditions across the state, coordinate any needed dissemination of information to the public, and help federal, state, and local agencies prepare additional responses that may be needed in the future. The Drought Management Task Force will meet again on Thursday, March 6, at 10:00AM. For further information on water conservation and what residents can do, visit the EEA's drought and water conservation pages.

Dennis Toomey, who perished in a fire at 79 Reservoir Ave. last Friday morning. For Deputy Fire Chief Chris Bright, the news was especially sad -- 79 Reservoir Ave. was his childhood home and the residence of his uncles, Bobby Toomey (whom Bright heroically saved by crawling through stifling smoke without the help of a breathing mask) and Dennis. Speaking with media at the scene, Bright said it was the worst emergency call of his long ca-

tragedies. Mayor Dan Rizzo and other city officials are asking residents both to be patient and to help by shoveling-out hydrants and sidewalks during the recent accumulation of blizzards that have dumped more than seven feet of snow thus far this season on our region. The schools are trying to figure out how to deal with

reer in which he has seen

numerous heartaches and

the large number of snow days. Supt. Paul Dakin said this week he would like to experiment with extending the school days in March

and April. The School Committee was expected to pass a motion late Tuesday that would call for the committee to begin contract negotiations with Dianne Kelly to make her the next superintendent of the Revere Public Schools. Kelly is currently the assistant superintendent behind Supt. Paul Dakin, who announced late last year that he will retire this

#### 20 years ago February 16, 2005

coming December.

William Angelesco has been found not guilty by a Suffolk County jury of first degree murder in the December, 2001 shooting death of a 50 year-old Nahant man inside the Squire

Club. According to a recent report by the credit reporting agency Experian, the level of credit card debt is soaring across the country, with the Metro Boston area having

the highest level of credit card debt per person than any other area in the country at \$15,347, compared to \$11,224 nationwide. However, the Boston area also has the highest credit scores and the lowest default rates. Elizabeth Warren of Harvard Business School said that the high cost of housing and other essentials has forced many middle-class families to fill the gaps with

credit card debt. Dan Maguire was sworn in to fill the School Committee seat left vacant by the recent passing of long-time School Committee member Emmanuel Ferrante. Maguire was the runner-up in the 2004 city election.

State Senate President Robert Travaglini and Gov. Mitt Romney clashed this week over a bill filed by Travaglini that would encourage embryonic stem cell research.

#### 30 years ago **February 15, 1995**

The Licensing Commission, citing a potential increase in litter and traffic,

See YEARS Page 16

## LEGAL NOTICES

17.24.010 maximum

**LEGAL NOTICE** A-25-03 **Public Hearing** Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere (RRO) that the City of Revere Zon-

ing Board of Appeals

(ZBA) will conduct

a public hearing on Wednesday evening, February 26, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 on the application of Ibrahim Asidah, 84 Patriot Parkway, Revere, MA 02151 requesting a variance of RRO Section

principal building coverage and RRO Section 17.24.030(3) parking requirement that an existing developed lot (83 Patriot Parkway) held in common own ership with a qualified vacant lot (Lot 194 Patriot Parkway) must provide at least two off street parking spaces on the developed lot to enable the appellant to construct a single-family dwelling on Lot 194 Patriot Parkway, Revere, MA 02151. A copy of the aforementioned application (A-25-03) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere,

Massachusetts, Monday

through Thursday from

and Friday 8:00AM to 12:00PM. Proponent/ opponent testimony will be accepted in writing via email to amelnik@ revere.org on or before February 18, 2025. Ashley E. Melnik, Clerk City of Revere **Zoning Board of Appeals** 02/05/2025, 02/12/2025

8:00AM to 5:00PM,

#### Real Estate Transfers

**BUYER 1** Laney, Cindy A Flores, Oscar A Appleton Grove LLC

**SELLER 1 Griffin Alice Est** Tranquil Rt Pagan, Victoria

**ADDRESS** 175 Ward St #53 59 Arcadia St #B 68 Asti Ave

\$159,500 \$645,000 \$515,000

**PRICE** 

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whole or in part, to

irregularity and/or

#### **LEGAL NOTICES**

You have a right to

**LEGAL NOTICE** COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUFFOLK, SS. Docket No. SU24E0132PP To Michael Sax of Boston, MA 02110, and to all other persons interested. **An Amended Petition** has been presented to said Court by Jeong Deok Beth Shafer of Boston, MA in the County of Suffolk representing that each hold 50% share as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying in Boston, MA in said County, and briefly described as follows: Unit designated as Unit 4 in the Condominium known as the 80 Summer

the form required by Section 8 of Chapter The street address of the Property is 565 Massachusetts. Avenue, Unit 7, Boston, Massachusetts. The common title to the land is derived under a deed of Robert V. Nies dated December2, 2016 recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in book 5724 at page 86. Setting forth that the Street Condominium petitioners desire Trust, a condominium that all the following (the "Condominium") created by Master Deed described part of said land may be sold at dated March 10, 2010, private sale for not less and recorded in the Suf than \$1,160,000.00 folk County Registry of dollars. Deeds in Book 46228, And praying that Page 210, as the same may from time to time partition may be made of all the land aforesaid be amended of record, according to law, a nd which unit is shown on the floor plans filed to that end that a commissioner be appointed therewith and forming to make such partition a part of said Master Deed, to which was and be ordered to make

sale and conveyance of

all, or any part of said

finds cannot be advan-

tageously divided either

at private sale or public

auction, and be ordered

proceeds thereof if you

desire to object thereto

you or your attorney

should file a written

appearance in said

Court at Boston before

ten o'clock in the fore-

noon-on the 6th day of

March 2025, the return

Witness, Brian J. Dunn,

Esquire, First Judge of

said Court, this 27th

day of January 2025.

Stephanie L. Everett,

Register of Probate

2/12/25, 2/19/25,

**LEGAL NOTICE** 

COMMONWEALTH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT

PROBATE AND

FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate

and Family Court

24 New Chardon St.

Boston, MA 02114

(617)788-8300

CITATION ON

PETITION FOR

**FORMAL** 

ADJUDICATION

Docket No.

SU25P0203EA

Estate of:

**Annamarie** 

Haggerty

Date of Death

03/25/2024

To all interested

persons:

A Petition for Formal

Adjudication of Intesta-

cy and Appointment of

Personal Representative

has been filed by Leah

Aiossa of Derry,NH

requesting that the

Court enter a formal

Decree and Order and

for such other relief

as requested in the

that: Leah Aiossa of

The Petitioner requests

Derry, NH be appointed

as Personal Representa-

tive(s) of said estate to

serve Without Surety on

the bond in unsuper-

vised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to

obtain a copy of the

Petition from the Peti-

tioner or at the Court.

object to this proceed-

ing. To do so, you or

your attorney must file

a written appearance

and objection at this

Court before: 10:00

of 03/13/2025.

a.m. on the return day

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

written appearance

by an affidavit of

day, action may be

notice to you.

taken without further

you fail to file a timely

and objection followed

objections within thirty

(30) days of the return

You have a right to

Petition.

2/26,25

day of this citation.

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and which the Court

statements as required by Chapter 183A of the Massachusetts General The street address of the Property is 80 Summer Street, Unit 4, Boston, Massachusetts. The common title to the land is derived under a deed of Christopher Knight dated October 24, 2020 recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in book 64064 at page 64. Setting forth that the petitioners desire that all the following described part of said land may be sold at

affixed the verified

private sale for not less than \$2,055,000.00 dollars. And praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said and which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale of public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof if you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance I n said Court at Boston before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 6th day of March 2025, the return day of this citation. Witness, Brian J. Dunn, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 27th day of January 2025. Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate 2/12/25, 2/19/25, 2/26/25

**LEGAL NOTICE** COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUFFOLK, SS. Docket No. SU24E0131PP To Michael Sax of Boston, MA 02110, and to all other persons interested. **An Amended Petition** has been presented to said Court by Jeong Deok Beth Shafer of Boston, MA in the County of Suffolk representing that each hold 50% share as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying in Boston, MA in said County, and briefly described as follows: Unit No. 7 (the "Unit") in the 565 Massachusetts Avenue Condominium, situated in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts (the "Condominium"), a condominium established pursuant to Chapter 183A of the Massachusetts General Laws ("Chapter 183A") by Master Deed dated February 28, 1996 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book

UNSUPERVISED AD-20382, Page 195, as amended (the "Master MINISTRATION UNDER Deed"). The Unit is THE MASSACHUSETTS laid out as shown on UNIFORM PROBATE the floor plans (the CODE (MUPC) "Floor Plans") of the A Personal Represen-Building recorded with tative appointed under the Master Deed to the MUPC in an unsuwhich is affixed the pervised administration verified statement of a is not required to file registered architect in 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: January 30, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate 02/12/25

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

**PUBLIC** NOTICE City of Revere MASSACHUSETTS CONSERVATION COMMISSION Notice of **Public Hearing Pursuant to Mass** General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40, Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the **Revere Conservation** Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 19 at 6:30 P.M., in the City of Revere Council Chambers on the second floor of the Revere City Hall, on a Notice of Intent by the City of Revere for the proposed Route 1A Roundabout Phase 1 project consisting of the reconfiguration of the existing southbound on and off ramps, connecting Route 1A to the Lynnway and the construction of a new sinale lane roundabout and associated shared use path in Revere, MA. The application is on file and is available for public inspection in the Conservation

2/12/25

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commission Office

at 249R Broadway,

Revere, MA on Monday

through Thursday from

8:15 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Application and meet-

ing information may

also be obtained by

contacting the Conser-

vation Commission by

calling 781-286-8185 or

by emailing concom@

revere.org.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND **FAMILY COURT** Suffolk Probate **And Family Court** 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL **ADJUDICATION** Docket No. SU25P0197EA Estate of: Robert Louis

Damiano Also known as: Robert Damiano Date of Death: 03/31/2023 To all interested

persons: A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Robin L. Gifford of Melbourne, FL requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Robin L. Gifford

of Melbourne, FL 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. 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 03/05/2025. 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 (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED AD-MINISTRATION 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: January 29, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett,

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Register of Probate

02/12/25

Esq.

LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF REVERE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT INVITATION FOR BIDS REGULAR SCHOOL **BUS TRANSPORTATION** SCH-2025-1001 Sealed bids to furnish REGULAR SCHOOL **BUS TRANSPORTATION** will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts prior to 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 27, 2025, immediately after which the bids will be opened and read publicly. Specifications and February 12, 2025 Agent, City Hall, at purchasing@ Hall office hours are Presidents Day.

The time stamp in the **Purchasing Department** shall govern the time. contract documents will be available beginning electronically from the Office of the Purchasing Revere, Massachusetts revere.org. Revere City Monday's 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Tuesday thru Thursday's 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Friday's, 8:00AM to 12:00 Noon. Revere City Hall will be closed on February 17, 2025 in observance of Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "BID FOR REGULAR SCHOOL **BUS TRANSPORTATION**" and submitted to the Office of the Purchasing Agent prior to 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 27, 2025. Each bid submitted to the City of Revere must be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a bid bond, money order, cashier's check, certified check, or treasurer's check. issued by a responsible bank or trust company, in the amount of five (5%) percent of the first year value of the proposed bid. Checks must be made payable to the City of Revere. The City of Revere as the awarding authority, may accept any bid or a portion of a bid waive any irregularities and/or formalities, investigate the ability of the vendors to honor a bid, select a vendor who does not submit the lowest bid and award all contracts as shall be considered in

the best interest of the

It is the policy of the

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positive steps to max-

City of Revere.

imize the utilization of minority business enterprises in all activities administered by this agency. No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within thirty (30) business days after the actual date of the opening thereof. This invitation for bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B Michael A. Piccardi Purchasing Agent

it determines to be unresponsive and deficient in any of the information requested **LEGAL NOTICE** within the RFP. Public Announcement CAPIC reserves the of Invitation to right to determine submit a whether the scope REQUEST FOR of the project will be **PROPOSAL** implemented entirely The enclosed REQUEST as described in the RFP, FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) a portion of the scope, and accompanying or that a revised scope Specifications are for be implemented. your convenience in CAPIC appreciates submitting a proposal your time and effort in for the enclosed preparing this proposal. referenced products and Please note that all proservices: posals must be received Locker Room Renoat the designated location by the above 65 Nahant Ave referenced deadline. Revere, MA 02151 Proposals received after CAPIC the deadline will not **CLOSING DAY AND TIME:** be considered for the award of the contract,

Sealed proposals will be received no later than: March 7, 2025 at 10:00AM Small and minority firms are encouraged to apply. The advertisement is subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the request for proposals. CAPIC, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer/ **Affirmative Action** Agency.
PLEASE MARK SEALED

**ENVELOPE:** "Locker Room Renovation" **RETURN PROPOSAL TO: Community Action** Programs Inter-City, Inc. Attn: Richelle Cromwell, **Executive Director** 100 Everett Avenue, Unit 14 Chelsea, MA 02150 Organizational **Overview Community Action** 

Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC) invites qualified vendors to submit proposals to perform renovations for the locker room at the CAPIC Head Start Program in Revere, MA. CAPIC is a private, non-profit corporation chartered in 1967 and designated to identify and eradicate the root causes of poverty in Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop. CAPIC has been designated by the State and Federal Government as a Community Action Agency and currently

employs approximately 115 employees. CAPIC's After School Program provides **Project Description** Demolish existing locker room space and renovate it into two classroom spaces with a connecting bathroom. The current structure measures 904 square feet. The perimeter is 273 feet. There is 1,423 square feet of ceramic

wall. Currently there are 6 shower heads, 2 toilets, 1 urinal, and 4 sinks. They will need to be demolished to clear space for the classrooms. A new sink and toilet will need to be installed in the new bathroom. New dry wall, flooring, lights, and an outside window will need to be installed. This project includes plumbing and electrical

work. Required Documents On 8.5" by 11" white paper in portrait orientation, include: 1. Your company name and address 2. Net terms 3. The list of above equipment, with unit, and extended pricing. 4. SOW for installation, including scheduling,

and fees or penalties for termination TAXFS CAPIC is exempt from Federal Excise and State Sales tax: therefore, tax must not be included in the proposal price. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

\* CAPIC reserves the

proposal or alternative proposal proposed in reject any or all proposals or alternatives proposals in whole or (et seq): in part and to waive informalities in any proposal and to make the claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage

award in any manner deemed in the best interest of CAPIC. \* CAPIC reserves the right not to consider any proposal which

and will be considered

void and unacceptable.

2/12/25, 2/13/25

**LEGAL NOTICE** CITY OF REVERE **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS** STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE REVERE HISTORY MUSEUM PROPOSAL NO: MUN-2025-1004

Proposals will be received electronically by the Purchasing Agent at purchasing@revere. org prior to 1:00 PM. on Thursday, February 27, 2025. This proposal is for furnishing, to the City of Revere, a strategic plan for the Revere History Museum, according to specifications. Specifications may be obtained electronically beginning Thursday, February 13, 2025 from the Office of the City Purchasina Agent.

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**LEGAL NOTICE** 

COMMONWEALTH OF

MASSACHUSETTS

LAND COURT

**DEPARTMENT OF** 

THE TRIAL COURT

Docket No.

25 SM 000310

ORDER OF NOTICE

2/12/25

M.G.L. Chapter 30B.

Michael A. Piccardi

**Purchasing Agent** 

services.

Sections 17.40.020 Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts 02151 at hearing on Monday purchasing@revere.org. evening, February Revere City Hall's office hours are Monday in the City Councillor 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM Joseph A. DelGrosso Tuesday thru Thursday, 8:00AM to 5:00 PM, and Friday's, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Revere City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2025 in observance of President's Day. The City of Revere, as the awarding authority, reserves the right to accept any proposal or nonconforming use portion of a proposal, and structure for the waive any informality in a proposal. structure to a 6-unit investigate the ability of the vendors to honor a proposal, reject any 02151. and all proposals, and

bell Avenue, Revere, MA A copy of the aforementioned application (C-25-04) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM and on Friday 8:00AM to 12:00PM. Proponent/ opponent testimony will be accepted in writing on or before February 18, 2025. Testimony can be submitted via email to amelnik@

Attest: Ashley E. Melnik City Clerk 02/05/2025, 02/12/2025

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachu-Title 17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere (RRO) that the City of Revere Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will conduct

TO: Fritz Gerald Francis and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans,

covering real property in Revere, numbered 18 Bay View Street. given by Fritz Gerald Francis to Mortgage **Electronic Registration** Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated April 17, 2024, and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 70092, Page 63, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers 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 03/17/2025 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 2/3/2025

Patterson, Recorder 2/12/25

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Attest: Deborah J.

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE** Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachua public hearing on setts General Laws and Wednesday evening, February 26, 2025 at and 17.40.030 of the 5:00 PM in the City Revised Ordinances of Councillor Joseph A. the City of Revere that DelGrosso City Council the Revere City Council Chamber, Revere City will conduct a public vere, MA 02151 on the application of Samuel 24, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. Teka, 74 Dunn Road, Revere, MA 02151 requesting a special City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA the ZBA to enable the 02151 on the application of Nicholas Daher. 375 Broadway, Revere, single-family structure MA 02151 requesting a special permit from tion (775 sq. ft.) to the the Revere City Council rear of the structure at to enable the appellant 74 Dunn Road, Revere, to expand an existing MA 02151. A copy of the aforementioned application conversion of a 5-unit (A-25-05 SP) is on file and available for public structure at 30 Campinspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere,

revere.org

**LEGAL NOTICE Public Hearing** Notice is hereby given

**LEGAL NOTICE** 

**Public Hearing** setts General Laws and



#### **APT FOR RENT**

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#### HELP WANTED - FULL TIME

#### **REVERE HOUSING AUTHORITY SECTION 8 ADMINISTRATIVE** ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST

Position: Revere Housing Authority is seeking an Administrative Assistant/Receptionist for the Section 8 (Housing Choice Voucher) Program, with general knowledge of the program, to provide office support and handle clerical duties for all staff.

Reports to: Director of Leased Housing Management

Salary: \$42,000-\$46,000.00 (depending on experience)

#### **Primary Responsibilities:**

- Administers Centralized Waiting List applications and inquires
- Oversees the Inspection Process
- · Maintains tenant files
- Input Utility Allowance Data
- Updates forms and letters in PHA Web • Answers and screens incoming telephone calls
- Schedule's appointments
- Handles incoming and outgoing mail
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17.24.010 with respect

to minimum frontage

requirement of 80 feet

for the creation of new

Lot A and Lot B within

17.28.020 with respect

requirement of 4 spaces

for a two-family dwell-

ing on proposed Lot A

17.24.010 with respect

to maximum principal

requirement of 30% for

the existing structure on

proposed Lot A within

17.24.010 with respect

to minimum rear yard

setback requirement

proposed single-family

17.24.010 with respect

to minimum front yard

setback requirement of

15 feet for the proposed

single-family dwelling

on Lot B within the RB

17.24.010 with respect

coverage of 30% for the

proposed single-family

dwelling on Lot B within

District;

7. RRO Section

to the maximum

principal building

the RB District.

A copy of the afore

available for public

mentioned application

(A-25-04) is on file and

dwelling on Lot B within

of 20 feet for the

the RB District;

6. RRO Section

the RB District;

5. RRO Section

building coverage

in the RB District;

4. RRO Section

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3. RRO Section

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Ashley E. Melnik, Clerk

02/12/25, 02/19/25

A-25-04

in accordance with the

provisions of Chapter

40A of the Massachu-

setts General Laws and

Title 17 of the Revised

Ordinances of the City

of Revere (RRO) that

ing Board of Appeals

(ZBA) will conduct

a public hearing on

Wednesday evening,

February 26, 2025 at

5:00 P.M. in the City

Councillor Joseph A.

DelGrosso City Council

Chamber, Revere City

Hall, 281 Broadway,

the City of Revere Zon-

February 18, 2025.

City of Revere

Appeals

Zoning Board of

opponent testimony will

Revere, MA 02151 inspection in the office on the application of of the City Clerk, Revere Madison Real Estate City Hall, Revere, Group, LLC, 5 Whitney Massachusetts A Street, Saugus, MA rethrough Thursday from questing the following 8:00AM to 5:00PM, and Friday 8:00AM to variances to enable the appellant to subdivide 12:00PM. Proponent/ Hall, 281 Broadway, Reopponent testimony will the existing lot into proposed lots Lot A be accepted in writing and Lot B and construct via email to amelnik@ a new single-family revere.org on or before dwelling on proposed February 18, 2025. permit, pursuant to RRO Lot B at 30 Floyd Street, Ashley E. Melnik, Clerk Section 17.40.040, from Revere, MA 02151: City of Revere 1. RRO Section Zoning Board of 17.24.010 with respect appellant to expand an Appeals . 02/12/25, 02/19/25 existing non-conforming to minimum area requirement of 8,000 sf by constructing an addifor the creation of new Lot A and Lot B within the RB District; **LEGAL NOTICE** 2. RRO Section

#### PUBLIC NOTICE City of Revere

MASSACHUSETTS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Notice of **Public Hearing Pursuant to Mass** General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40, Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the the City of Revere the Conservation

**Revere Conservation** Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 19 at 6:30 P.M., in Council Chambers on the second floor of the Revere City Hall, on a Notice of Intent by the City of Revere for site preparation activities at 190 Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway (Parcel:9/154B/1) in Revere, MA. The application is on file and is available for public inspection in **Commission Office** at 249R Broadway, Revere, MA on Monday through Thursday from 8:15 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Application and meeting information may also be obtained by contacting the Conservation Commission by calling 781-286-8185 or

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2/12/25

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INDEPENDENT

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Donald's to operate a satellite store on Revere Beach at the present Porky's.

New Chamber of Commerce President Dan Rizzo says he wants to chart an aggressive course for the Chamber in the year ahead.

A buyer for Wonderland Ballroom, which closed its doors last summer, reportedly is ready to step forward.

A 39 year-old Salisbury man, John Burke, has pleaded guilty to the attempted murder of Revere Police Lieut. Steven J. Ford. Burke allegedly held a knife to Ford's throat and lunged at him several times before other officers arrived. Ford had stopped Burke on a residential street because Burke had matched the description of a driver who had ditched a stolen truck.

A group of Revere High students who had hosted a group of students from Japan last summer are preparing to make their return visit to Japan.

Skepticism is greeting Gov. William Weld's plan to reform special education, which many say will make fewer students eligible for special education programs.

Pooh's Huffalump Movie, Sideways, and Meet the Fockers are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

#### 40 years ago **February 13, 1985**

Six Revere police officers have been ordered to take lie detector tests as part of an investigation by the Suffolk County District Atty. into allegations that Revere officers, after responding to a report of an alarm at

has denied a request by Mc- the Northgate CVS store at 3:12 a.m. on the morning of February 1, then proceeded to ransack the store themselves.

> Strong support was voiced for the renewal of the cable TV license for Colonial Cablevision at a hearing before the City Council this week.

> The Special School Committee has approved the request by Asst. Supt. of Schools Dr. John Losco for the accounting firm of Peat, Marwick, and Mitchell to be hired to complete the FY 1986 school budget.

> The Breakfast Club, Witness, and Mrs. Soffel are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

#### 50 years ago **February 12, 1975**

Mayor William G. Reinstein has named a committee to look into the feasibility of constructing a new fire station and police substation in Ward 6.

Only 30 persons showed up at a hearing before the City Council on the issue of rent control in the city and of that number, most were opposed to the idea. The biggest proponent of rent control, William Bell. an unsuccessful candidate for the council in 1973, said that rent control is needed for the city's elderly population, most of whom are just getting by on their monthly Social Security checks of \$310.

The School Committee has approved schematic plans for a new, \$7 million middle school to be built on the site of the old Revere High School.

The Mass House voted

163-52 against a proposal that would require Chelsea, Winthrop, and Revere to pay their share of the costs of Suffolk County.

Gov. Michael Dukakis has named Mayor William G. Reinstein to an 18-member local government advisory committee to the governor.

More than 1000 persons attended three performances by John Burton, who put on a one-man show about the American Revolution recently. The event was sponsored by the Revere Bicentennial Committee.

#### 60 years ago February 18, 1965

Acting City Manager Joseph McChristal has submitted a record-high city budget for 1965 of \$9,957,816 to the City Council, a whopping increase of \$1.6 million over last year's budget that would add \$20.00 onto the tax rate.

Police arrested a pair of 20 year-old men from Chelsea who were caught in the act of jimmying a window in a home on Fenno St. Police believe the pair are responsible for recent breaks into homes in the area of Vinal, Taft, Haddon, and Victoria streets.

A record number of Revere residents are expected to attend the traditional Washington's Birthday Open Houses to be held by area car dealers.

Gov. John A. Volpe has proposed a three percent sales tax to raise revenue that would be used to support the state's financially-ailing cities and towns. Revere would see an additional \$724,000 increase in

local aid beyond the present \$300,000 that the city re-

City Solicitor Ralph Martino has ruled that pay raises for 22 city employees, including City Manager Joseph McChristal, that were approved by four members of the City Council are invalid because five votes of the seven-member council are needed to take such ac-

#### 70 years ago February 27, 1955

The annual Revere Journal Cooking School will be held February 24 at City Hall. Mrs. Jeanne Ambuter, who has studied under skilled cooks in New Orleans, has devised a program around the theme, "More Color in Your Meals."

The City Council has approved a request from firefighters for pay for nine holidays and also to pay for the medical costs of disabled firefighters who have been granted medical disability retirements.

The Revere Rotary Club celebrated the 50th anniversary of Rotary International this week.

The Rev. John C. Rogers has been named the new pastor of the Congregational Community Church of Christ, Point of Pines.

Rev. John F. Carr, a curate at Our Lady of Lourdes since 1953, has been reassigned to St. Benedict's in Somerville.

Doris Day and Frank Sinatra star in Young At Heart at the Revere Theatre.

80 years ago February 15, 1945 Lieut. Anthony D. Christopher, 26, a Navy fighter pilot, is being credited with shooting down a Japanese fighter in his first combat mission. Christopher was among the huge swarm of American aircraft that blanketed the skies over Japanese airfields in the Philippines, resulting in the destruction of 279 Japanese planes and 28 ships.

Ladder 1 tiller man George Duffy, displaying heroism and quick thinking for the second time in six weeks, performed a rescue that equaled those of movie thrillers when he braved smoke and flames to rescue a hotel guest from the third floor room at the Daly building at Shirley Ave. and No. Shore Rd. Duffy straddled a dividing wall, clinging to the facade of the brick building like a human fly, and crossed from a window on Shirley Ave. to a window directly over the fire where a man was trapped by the flames. Hundreds of spectators witnessed the rescue. Both men were treated for smoke inhalation.

Announcement has been made that a Bronze Star has been awarded posthumously to Edward John Parsons, 21, a Seaman 1st Class. Parsons, who resided at 1005 Winthrop Ave., was a member of a landing boat crew during the amphibious invasion of Saipan in the Mariana Islands on June 14,



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