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NEWS BRIEFS

MASSDOT AERONAUTICS REPORTS SUCCESSFUL DRONE MEDICAL DELIVERY DEMONSTRATIONS

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Aeronautics Division has announced the successful completion of flights by three companies, which conducted drone medical delivery demonstrations transporting packages of up to 10 pounds. The tests were designed to explore and assess the future use of drones, Uncrewed Aircraft Systems, (UAS) for small package delivery, especially for home-based healthcare and emergency medical response in the future.

The Medical Delivery Demonstrations occurred between August and October of 2024. Participants' drones carried simulated payloads for at least one mile, one way, demonstrating the future potential to transport small packages.

"This medical delivery demonstration underscores the value of drones many operational needs," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "Drones have already proven useful in operations, including MBTA track corridor inspections, MassDOT Highway bridge inspections, overhead project evaluations, and other needs. We continue to assess the use of drones for other

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Immaculate Conception School boys and girls basketball win Regionals

Story by Marianne Salza

Immaculate Conception School (IC) Boys Junior Varsity and Girls Varsity Basketball Teams won the Middlesex League regional championships earlier this March.

"I'm incredibly proud of their ability – but more importantly than their scores – I am proud of how [Coach] Elena has managed to create teams that support, help, and teach each other," said Principal Donis Tracy. "They build people up when they are down. They are more



Immaculate Conception School Girls Varsity Basketball Team with their regional championship trophy, accompanied by School Principal Donis Tracy.

than just a team. The way they relate to each other is fantastic."

Although the Boys JV Team was defeated in the semi-state tournament by a South Boston team by three points, it motivated the players to train harder during practices next year and aim for the top level.

"We're more than capable to go further," deemed Captain Carlos Campos, 6th grade. "I think if we have chemistry and teamwork, we can win it all."

Carlos, along with his

fellow team captains, Luca Bartalini and Vincent Martinez – both 6th grade – feel that their connection with one another is intuitive.

"The advantage we have is we've been together for three years," Luca pointed

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Councillors look for relief from mandated state ADU ordinance

By Adam Swift

City Councillors want Revere to take a closer look at a proposed state-mandated change to the city's Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) ordinance.

Last year, Governor Maura Healey signed the Affordable Housing Acts. Part of that act requires that all municipalities allow the construction of ADUs, sometimes known as in-law apartments, in any zone that allows single-family homes.

At last week's meeting, the city council approved two separate motions related to compliance with the state ADU ordinance.

One filed by Councillor-at-Large Michelle Kelley asks the city solicitor to draft a potential home rule petition for the state legislature that would make Revere exempt from the state ordinance.

The second, filed by Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio, asks the solicitor to look into the feasibility of challenging some of the aspects of the state ordinance in court.

"I am asking for an exemption by way of a home rule petition from Section 8 of the Affordable Homes Act on accessory dwelling units and (to) allow us to keep our ordinance under Title 17 rather than seeking a modification," said Kelley.

Kelley said the city's current ADU ordinance is a common sense approach which fits Revere's unique needs and dynamics.

"For example, we require owner occupancy for two years, the state has no such requirement," she said.

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On the Campaign Trail

Councillor Juan Pablo Jaramillo announces re-election at birthday celebration

Special to the Journal

On March 13, friends, family, and community leaders gathered at Las Delicias Colombianas in Revere to celebrate the birthday of City Councilor Juan Pablo Jaramillo. The event was a tremendous success, bringing together supporters and public officials alike, all who share Juan's vision for a stronger, more equitable Revere for working people.

The celebration welcomed a distinguished group of guests, including State Senator Lydia Edwards, school committee members, fellow city councilors, as well as many community members. Speaking at the event, Chaimaa Houssaini, a lifelong resident of Ward 2 Revere, where the



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Councillor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo, with his wife, Crystal, and son, Lucas.

event took place, pointed to Juan's hard work with young people and a dynamic leader who knows how to "advocate for his communi-

Senator Edwards added in her own remarks about how Councillor Jaramillo is a collaborative leader and pointed to the work he led with her office to deliver funding to start Revere's First-time home buyer program. "Juan worked hard with my office and the state senate to get that program funded and now nearly \$100,000 has been delivered to people looking to achieve their dream of buying their home in Revere."

Supporters from every corner of the city attended and packed the room at Las Delicias on Shirley Ave.

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School Committee member Anthony Caggiano will run for School Committee Ward 3 seat

By Cary Shuman

Anthony Caggiano, who has been making political history in the city with his concurrent service on the Revere and Northeast Regional School Committees, has announced that he will be a candidate for the Ward 3 seat on the Revere School Committee this fall.

Caggiano was first elected as Revere's representative on the Northeast Regional School Committee in 2020. Caggiano was the successor to legendary official Ronald Giannino, who had held the seat for 35 years before his passing on June 20, 2020.

In 2023, Caggiano entered the race for Revere School Committee (RSC) and won election to the board. Caggiano was then elected by his colleagues as the first treasurer of the RSC.

Caggiano is proud of the strong relationship that he has helped build between the Revere school district and the Northeast Regional school district that extends across 12 communities.

Northeast students have assisted in numerous Revere renovation projects.

"For example, Northeast students provided plumbing, carpentry, electrical, and HVAC services for the renovation of the Revere History Museum [on Beach



Anthony Caggiano will be a candidate for the Ward 3 seat on the Revere School Committee.

Street]," said Caggiano.

He also cited the implementation of plumbing courses for students at Re-

plementation of plumbing courses for students at Revere High School. "We've been able to take some of

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LODGE OF ELKS HOST ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND



Elks Lodge Trustee Michael Smith with his family, Susan Friburg-Officer of the Year, and Samantha Smith-Elk of the Year. See more photos on Page 7.

Mayor Keefe invites all residents to his 2025 State of the City Address

Topics to be discussed include McMackin Field, McKinley School,

Special to the Journal

Mayor Patrick M. Keefe Jr. cordially invites the residents of Revere to his second State of the City Address, taking place on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 6:30pm, at the Susan B. Anthony School Auditori-

um (Door #12). Folks who channel. cannot make it in-person are encouraged to watch live on RevereTV, via the local access television station, or on the RevereTV YouTube

Point of Pines Fire Station, and a new high-tech launch

During his address, Mayor Keefe will cover the work he has done to improve Revere neighborhoods, including the revital-

ization of McMackin Field, and the soon-to-open Alden A. Mills Point of Pines Fire Station. He will also discuss the renovation of the year's State of the City Ad-McKinley School and the

opening of an early childhood education facility in that building.

"The content of this dress is special: I plan to share important updates on projects that residents have been eager to learn about for years. I will also be making an announcement about a new, high-tech service that will make a huge difference in how residents interact with the City," commented Mayor Keefe.



RHS Drama Club students with Jack Satter House residents.

RHS Drama Club visits Jack Satter House to prepare for upcoming Grease production

By Melissa Moore-Randall

As the Revere High Drama Club prepares for their upcoming production of Grease, they had an opportunity to step back into time thanks to the residents

of the Jack Satter House. During February vacation, the students visited the Jack Satter house to get a perspective of what life was like in high school during the 1950s and 1960s. They used their visit as an inspiration for their characters in

the April production. The residents shared stories of being a part of drama club, cheering, sports teams and what life was like as compared to now with some even dressing up as Grease characters. RHS Drama Teacher, Kristina Menissian

"It was great to see a multigenerational connection here in our community. Regardless of generation, everyone in the room could connect with the general themes one goes through in high school- which is one of

talked about the experience. the reasons Grease is such a hit. Thanks to Joan Ford for working with me to set it up. The kids said they really enjoyed the experience, spending time with residents and hearing their stories. We extended the opportunity for the residents to come and see the kids in the show and we hope to see them there!"

Grease will be performed on April 3rd and 4th at 7pm in the RHS Auditorium. For ticket information, visit www.reverehighdrama. weebly.com



In a new exciting episode of "Fabulous Foods," Victoria Fabbo is joined by special quest Esteban Cruz, the founder of Clara's Gourmet Sofrito. Together, they explore the creative ways sofrito can be used and put their own twist on a classic Puerto Rican dish. Tune in and follow along! You can watch this program daily on the Community Channel through the month of March or any time at your convenience on the RevereTV YouTube page.

On February 28, 2025, the Adult Day Health Center celebrated its 14th anniversary with a Disney themed party with live dancing and music. Staff at the ADHC participated by not only organizing the party, but by dressing up as disney characters. Mayor Patrick Keefe shared a few congratulatory words and expressed sentiments about the value of the organization to the city. Coverage of this anniversary party is posted to YouTube and is also playing on RTV.

The Revere Arabic Community hosted their fourth annual Ramadan Iftar Dinner on Friday, March 7th at the Beachmont VFW and RevereTV was there to capture some of the celebration. Assistant DEI Director and RAC Leader, Asmaa Aboufouda, welcomed everybody with a special thanks to those in attendance including Mayor Patrick Keefe, State Representative Jessica Giannino, State Senator Lydia Edwards, and more. The evening was one of joy, love, and community. Watch RevereTV's coverage as it plays on the Community Channel for the next few weeks.

Mayor Patrick Keefe's second annual State of the City Address is this week and all are invited to attend. The event will take place on Thursday, March 20th, at 6:30PM at the Susan B. Anthony School Auditorium, located at 107 Newhall Street in Revere. For those unable to attend in person, the address will also be broadcasted live on RevereTV. Spanish interpretation will be available. For any other language, please send an email at least 48 business hours in advance to translation@revere. org. Don't miss this opportunity to hear directly from Mayor Keefe about the state of our city! After recording the live event, it will replay on RTV GOV for the following few weeks.

RTV GOV is scheduled with the latest meetings from City Hall. The current rotation includes the Conservation Commission, last week's Revere City Council meeting, the Zoning Sub-Committee, Commission on Disabilities, and License Commission. More meeting replays from this month will also be included for the next week or so. The State of the City Address will replay within this meeting rotation as well. RTV GOV is channel 9 on Comcast and channels 13 and 613 on RCN. All meetings and government related programming play on this channel, but are also posted to RevereTV's YouTube page to view at any time.

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gle-family homes only and prohibits enlarging the principal dwelling to create the units. She said the state ordinance does not.

"Let's keep in mind that our ADU ordinance was intended to help single-family homeowners, many of (whom) are senior citizens, many of whom had unpermitted inlaw apartments that were built decades ago," Kelley said. "It allows these units to remain, bringing them up to code, and only requires one off-street parking spot, instead of the required two spaces."

However, she said the state ordinance does not require any parking as long as the unit is within half a mile of any transportation center, a definition which includes bus stops.

Kelley said the state-mandated ADU requirements

The city ordinance also will hit the densely-built place on the building of the in our ordinance." er than other communities that have more space for the ADUs. She added that it will also put undue pressure on city and emergency services.

> "By approving this tonight, we are not asking the state to exempt us from creating additional housing, merely asking to keep our common sense approach, protecting our single-family neighborhoods, and preserving the quality of life for our residents," said Kelley.

Argenzio said his motion was slightly different from Kelley's, but that it sought to achieve the same goals.

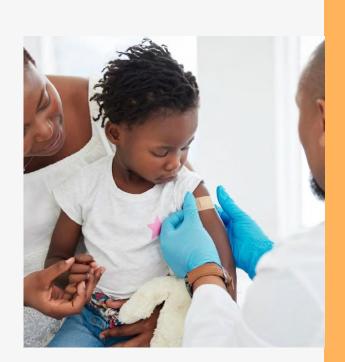
In addition to the issues raised by Kelley, Argenzio said he also had issues with the possibility of allowing the ADUs to be built in flood zones, as well as the definition of reasonable restrictions that the city could

Director of Planning and Community Development Tom Skwierawski said the city can continue to work on refining the ADU ordinance, and said there were issues that need to be cleared up by the state, such as the definition of reasonable regulations.

"I'm not convinced a home rule petition so soon after this legislation has been passed would be fruitful at the State House, nor do (I believe) challenging in court as a municipality might be the right way to go," he said. "What I am committed to doing with everyone on the council here is putting forth a set of, as Councillor Kellev mentioned, common sense regulations of what we all thought ADU development was going to look like, and putting that and codifying it

restricts ADUs to sin- and populated Revere hard- units. Skwierawski said the city could take steps in its ordinance to make sure there are no ADUs allowed in basements below flood elevation and to limit some of the zoning districts they would be allowed in by right. The state ordinance calls for allowing the ADUs by right in all zoning districts that allow the construction of single family homes, but Skwierawski said the city might be able to remove the ADUs by right in districts that are more geared toward business.

> "What my position is is that rather than trying to come up with modifications and trying to piecemeal this, I really think it is better for us to say we have something on the books," said Kelley. "We are not trying to block the creation of these ADUs where it is reasonable within our city."



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NEW ENGLAND FREE JACKS, MASSPORT, DELTA CELEBRATE TEAM'S NEW CHAMPIONSHIP BANNERS AT BOSTON LOGAN

Special to the Journal

On Thursday March 13, Boston Logan unveiled two new championship banners in JetBlue's Terminal C. The New England Free Jacks, Greater Boston's professional rugby team, joined Massport and Delta (the team's airline sponsor) to hang their championship banners in the Celebration of Champions exhibit above the security checkpoint.

After securing back-toback Major League Rugby titles in 2023 and 2024, the Free Jacks take their place alongside other championship-winning teams in the region. This exhibit highlights New England's rich sports culture, showcasing the achievements of its professional teams.

The team has their first home game this Saturday at Veterans Memorial Stadium starting at 2 pm.





Free Jacks with Trophies: In the back row are General Manager Tom Kindley, Founder Alex Magleby, Founder Errik Anderson, co-owner Joel Bobbett, Delta representative Candice Stover, Dave Ishihara (Massport). In the front are players Kyle Ciquera and Ben LeSage.

El concejal Juan Pablo Jaramillo anuncia su reelección en la celebración de su cumpleaños

Especial para la Journal

El 13 de marzo, amigos, familiares y líderes comunitarios se reunieron en Las Delicias Colombianas en Revere para celebrar el cumpleaños del concejal Juan Pablo Jaramillo. El evento fue un gran éxito, reuniendo a simpatizantes y funcionarios públicos por igual, todos los que comparten la visión de Juan por un Revere más fuerte y más equitativo para los trabajadores.

La celebración acogió a un distinguido grupo de invitados, entre los que se encontraban la senadora estatal Lydia Edwards, miembros del comité escolar, compañeros concejales, así como numerosos miembros de la comunidad. En su intervención en el acto, Chaimaa Houssaini, residente de toda la vida del distrito 2 de Revere, donde sucedió el evento, destacó la ardua labor de Jaramillo con los jóvenes y un líder dinámico que sabe "abogar por su comunidad".

La senadora Edwards añadió en sus propias observaciones acerca de cómo el concejal Jaramillo es un líder de colaboración y señaló el trabajo que dirigió con su oficina para entregar la financiación para ini-

ciar el programa de Revere comprador de vivienda por primera vez. "Juan trabajó duro con mi oficina y el senado estatal para conseguir que el programa fuera financiado y ahora casi \$100,000 se ha entregado a las personas que buscan alcanzar su sueño de comprar su casa en Revere."

rincones de la ciudad asistieron y llenaron la sala de Las Delicias en Shirley Ave. Crystal Jaramillo, la esposa de Juan Pablo y su hijo Lucas estuvieron presentes y presentó a su marido añadiendo un toque personal y una visión sobre la pasión de Juan Pablo para las familias trabajadoras de la ciudad.

El Concejal Jaramillo tomó el micrófono con una casa llena y aprovechó la oportunidad para reafirmar su dedicación a la ciudad, haciendo hincapié en sus esfuerzos para aumentar la vivienda asequible y crear oportunidades para los residentes de Revere. Destacó sus logros durante sus primeros 15 meses en el cargo señalando el programa de compradores de vivienda por primera vez, la ampliación de los servicios municipales, un programa piloto de compostaje, y el aumento de acceso de cuidado de niños y señaló que todavía había mucho por hacer.

"Esta sala con sus muchos matices y complejidades es una declaración en voz alta que la democracia está viva y bien en la ciudad de Revere y que a pesar del alarmismo que amenaza a nuestra comunidad, no nos quedaremos de brazos cruzados para que alguien más defina el futuro de nuestras familias y nuestra comunidad. Lo más importante que vamos a estar el uno al otro y no permitir que la división para destruir el tejido de lo que somos como una comunidad de clase trabajadora", dijo añadiendo que nada de lo que había logrado que ha hecho sin el apoyo de la comunidad que lo crió, Revere. El concejal Jaramillo cerró la noche con un anuncio sorpresa, diciendo que buscaría un segundo mandato y se presentaría a la reelección.

Jaramillo fue elegido en las elecciones de 2023 después de una multitudinaria competencia que vio a seis nuevos concejales unirse al cuerpo legislativo de Revere. Las elecciones preliminares de este año en Revere se celebrarán el 16 de septiembre, mientras que las elecciones generales tendrán lugar el 4 de noviem-

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Crystal Jaramillo, Juan Pablo's wife and their son Lucas were in attendance and she introduced her husband adding a personal touch and insight about Juan Pablo's passion for working families in the city.

Councilor Jaramillo took to the mic with a packed house and took the opportunity to reaffirm his dedication to the city, emphasizing his efforts to increase affordable housing and create opportunities for Revere's residents. He emphasized his accomplishments during his first 15 months in office pointing to the first-time home buyer program, the expansion of municipal services, a composting pilot program, and increased child care access and noted that there was still much to

"This room with its many shades and complexities is a loud statement that democracy is alive and well in the City of Revere and that despite the fear mongering that threatens our community, we will not stand idly by for someone else to define the future of our families and our community. Most importantly that we will stand by each other and not allow for division to destroy the fabric of who we are as a

working class community" he said adding that nothing he had ever accomplished he has done without the support of the community that raised him, Revere. Councillor Jaramillo closed the night with a surprise announcement, saying he would be seeking a second term and running for reelection.

Jaramillo was elected in the 2023 election after a crowded race that saw six new councillors join Revere's legislative body. This year's preliminary election for Revere will be held on September 16 with the General Election happening on November 4.

Council to consider using properties to expand affordable housing stock

By Adam Swift

Five properties that the city has taken for non-payment of taxes could be put to use to help expand Revere's affordable housing stock.

Last week, the city council agreed to discuss conveying the five properties to the Revere Affordable Housing Trust Fund's Board of Trustees at a future meeting of its economic development subcommittee.

"We have five tax title properties that were taken at various times, most recently in 2019, for nonpayment of taxes, that are developable with some zoning relief." said Director of Planning and Community Development Tom Skwierawski. "My office has been partnering with the Affordable Housing Trust Fund board on disposing of these properties that we had no use for that are kind of relatively low value, that are a maintenance burden on our portfolio today."

Once the properties were in the hands of the affordable housing board, the board could put out a request for proposals for the properties for the purpose of creating affordable housing in the city. That could be done either through the creation of deed-restricted affordable housing on the properties, or by selling the properties at market rate and then using that money for affordable housing activity in other areas of the city, said Skwierawski.

The five properties are on

North Shore Rear Road, the State Highway, Hichborn Street, Glendale Street, and Bay Road.

Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky said he would have liked the ward councillors to have received more information about the properties before they came before the council.

"I would like to know more details on each specific issue before I vote on it," said Novoselsky.

Skwierawski said he wasn't anticipating council to vote at last week's meeting, and would provide more information to all the ward councillors who have properties in their wards before the economic development subcommittee meeting.

Sen. Edwards announces coffee hour in Revere

Residents invited to meet and discuss issues with State Senator

Special to the Journal

Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards will hold a Coffee Hour for residents of Revere on Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM at Antonia's at the Beach. This informal event provides a unique opportunity for members of the community to meet with Senator Edwards, ask questions, share concerns about issues affecting Revere and its residents and hear updates.

"Listening and responding to the needs of my con-

stituents is one of the most important aspects of my role as a State Senator," said Senator Edwards. "I look forward to hearing directly from the residents of Revere, answering their questions, and discussing the critical issues facing our community. Everyone is welcome to attend, meet the members of my team, share their thoughts, and engage in a meaningful conversation."

Event Details:

- Date: Saturday, March 22, 2025
 - Time: 12 1:30 p.m.

• Location: Antonia's at the Beach, 492 Revere Beach Boulevard Revere, MA, 02151

This Coffee Hour is open to all Revere residents, and no RSVP is required. Whether it's a question about local or state issues, or a concern about ongoing initiatives, Senator Edwards encourages all to participate.

For more information, please contact Manuela Villa Gomez, District Director for State Senator Lydia Edwards at manuela.gomez@ masenate.gov.

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the resources from Northeast and incorporate them an even bigger partnership at the new Revere High School."

Caggiano, who also serves on the School Committee for the Chelsea-based Shore Collaborative, spoke about his decision to pursue the Ward 3 seat as opposed to an at-large (citywide) seat in the RSC.

"I've run citywide cam-

paigns in three of the last four years," said Caggiano, into the Revere school who was re-elected to the "We're looking forward to mittee in November. "Between those campaigns and the various subcommittees on which I serve, along with being on the building committee for the new vocational school [that will open in Wakefield in 2026), it's very time consuming - and that's why I felt running in the ward, instead of covering the whole city, would be less time consuming. Run-

ning three citywide campaigns is a lot."

Caggiano said he has system," said Caggiano. Northeast Regional Com- enjoyed collaborating on school matters with his RSC colleagues, including Mayor Patrick Keefe, who serves as the ex-officio chair.

"One thing I'll say about Mayor Keefe is that he shows up for everything, whether it be a Reading Across America event or any school function - he's always there and very involved," lauded Caggiano.



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WE HAVE LOST THE BATTLE TO STOP CLIMATE CHANGE: WE NEED TO SAVE OURSELVES

We recently saw a chart that was incredibly depressing: Even though the amount of greenhouse gas emissions (GGE) by the United States has decreased by about 15% since 2000, the rest of the world has increased its GGE by 50%.

Right now, the U.S. contributes only an estimated 13% of the total greenhouse gases world-wide into the atmosphere. (By contrast, in 1950 we accounted for 40%.) So even if the U.S. were to become carbon-neutral tomorrow, it would barely make a dent in the ever-increasing world output of GGE. In 1950, total greenhouse emissions in the world (excluding the U.S.) were 3.6 billion tons. But today, the world (excluding the U.S.) spews about 31 billion tons of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

In other words, we in the U.S. can reduce our individual and collective carbon footprints, but it won't make one bit of difference to stave off the looming effects of climate

So as a practical matter, what does this mean? In general, we should continue to do everything we can to make our air, water, and environment cleaner because these measures will reduce pollution and improve our health.

But we need to be very strategic about how we spend our resources on these projects because, as we noted, no matter what we do, they are not going to do anything to stop the inevitability of climate change.

Rather, we need to devote most of our attention and resources to minimizing the effects of the climate change catastrophe that we are facing by spending money on resilience measures. For example: Instead of creating bicycle lanes that very few people ever will use, we should use those tax dollars to harden our critical infrastructure to protect against the effects of bigger and more frequent storms, floods, drought, wildfires, and sea-level rise.

California has spent billions of dollars on climate-change initiatives -- but its biggest city proved wholly incapable of fighting a fire, with tragic consequences.

Climate change is here and it's only going to get worse. We need to stop fighting what already is a lost cause and instead spend our scarce resources on preparations for the climate catastrophe that already is here -- and getting worse.

ARE AMERICANS LOSING THEIR APPETITE FOR JUNK FOOD?

PepsiCo, the international food conglomerate, reported last month that the company's North American snacks business, which makes Doritos, Cheetos, and Lay's potato chips, saw a 3% dip (pun intended) in sales volume in the quarter ended Dec. 28.

Smuckers, which owns the Hostess brand that makes the iconic Twinkies, also reported a decline in the volume of its products sold in 2024.

We don't think it is a coincidence that Americans have been consuming less junk food ever since the FDA approved the use of the GLP-1 drugs made by pharmaceutical giants Eli Lilly (Zepbound) and Novo Nordisk (Wegovy).

These drugs (under their other brand names, Mounjaro and Ozempic) initially were approved to treat diabetes. But it soon became clear that in addition to treating that disease, there was another big benefit: Patients were losing significant amounts of weight.

It has only been a couple of years since these drugs were approved for weight loss, but it would appear that our nation's non-stop, upward trend of ever-increasing obesity finally has been reversed. According to recently-released statistics, the obesity rate in the United States decreased for the first time in over a decade, from 46% in 2022 to 45.6% in 2023.

Users of these drugs report a suppression of their appetite and a decrease in their cravings for junk foods of all kinds, not just Doritos and Twinkies. (We also would note that users of GLP-1 drugs report a decrease in many other forms of addictive behavior, including gambling, drugs, and alcohol abuse.)

We hasten to point out that a direct link between the GLP-1 drugs and the national reduction in weight has not been shown, but the trends, in our view, are unmistakable. To paraphrase Bob Dylan, we don't need a double-blind study to tell us which way the obesity trend will be heading with the widespread adoption of the GLP-1 drugs.

As we wrote in this space a few weeks ago, we believe that GLP-1 drugs, which are incredibly expensive, should be covered by health insurance so that they can become affordable for all Americans, not just the wealthy.

Obesity is the leading cause of a multitude of diseases in this country and not making the GLP-1 drugs affordable for all Americans is penny-wise and pound-foolish (pun intended)

GUEST OP-ED

Revere Must Stand Up to the State's Heavy- Handed ADU Law

By Michelle Kelley

Revere is a city with a proud identity, shaped by the unique needs and dynamics of our residents. Under Article 89 of the Massachusetts Constitution, we have the right-through home rule—to govern in the best interests of our community. That's why I have urged the Revere City Council to approve a request for a Home Rule Petition to exempt our city from Section 8 of the Commonwealth's Affordable Homes Act on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). Instead of bowing to the state's one-sizefits-all mandate, we should preserve our sensible local ordinance under Title 17, Chapter 17.25, which fits Revere like a glove.

Our existing ADU rules were crafted with care. They help single-family homeowners—many of them seniors—legalize un-per-

mitted "in-law" apartments built decades ago. We require owner-occupancy for two years, prohibit add-ons to principal dwellings, and limit ADUs to one per single-family home. These are common-sense measures that protect our neighbor-

The state's new law, however, throws that balance out the window. It allows ADUs on any principal dwelling single-family, multi-family, even townhouses—in single-family zoning districts, with no owner-occupancy requirement and the option for multiple ADUs on a single primary dwelling. Worse, it bans off-street parking requirements for ADUs within a half- mile of a "public transit stop"—a term the state defines to include every MBTA bus stop. In a city like Revere, where bus stops blanket our streets, this means ADUs could sprout up everywhere

required. Meanwhile, towns like Danvers, with fewer bus stops, skate by with far less impact. This isn't equity—it's a disproportionate burden on dense, working-class communities like ours.

Our police, fire, and ambulance services are already stretched thin. Traffic congestion clogs our streets, and side streets groan under the weight of scarce parking. Our single-family neighborhoods—the backbone of Revere's character-are under attack. The state's heavy-handed approach ignores these realities, imposing an unfunded mandate that forces cities and towns to bear the costs of enforcement, infrastructure strain, and lost quality of life with no financial support from Beacon Hill.

And let's be clear: this law won't create a single unit of affordable housing.

with no off-street parking It merely allows property owners to add market-rate units - it is not a solution for families struggling to find homes they can afford. Revere deserves better than a policy that dresses up as progress but delivers chaos presented under the guise of a housing crisis.

> By pursuing this Home Rule Petition, we're not rejecting housing—we're defending our right to shape it. Our ordinance already strikes the right balance, supporting homeowners while safeguarding neighborhoods. This exemption is a practical step. But it starts with us. We must act now to protect Revere's future and send a message to the Commonwealth: we know what's best for our city.

> Michelle Kelley is a Revere City Councillor-at-Large.

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purposes in the future."

This. demonstration project reflects our commitment to exploring the use of drones to meet critical needs, such as the timely, cost-effective delivery of supplies and devices for health care and emergenmanagement, across Commonwealth," said MassDOT Aeronautics Acting Administrator Denise Garcia.

MassDOT Aeronautics already uses drones to improve transportation safety, including for infrastructure inspection and incident response, supporting Mass-DOT, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).

MassDOT Aeronautics is dedicated to making air transportation safer, cleaner, more efficient, and more economically advantageous for the people, communities, and businesses of Massachusetts. MassDOT Aeronautics employs the highest standards in safety, engineering, and financial management to regulate and promote air transportation in the Commonwealth. The Agency oversees 35 of the State's 38 public-use airports, supports economic development and job growth, reduces aviation's environmental impact, and explores the introduction of advanced aviation systems. The Agency's Drone

Operations Program aims to facilitate the adoption and use of Uncrewed Aircraft Systems (UA/drones) in the Commonwealth in a manner that is safe, efficient, and cost effective.

NEIGHBORHEALTH EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION FROM HRSA FOR QUALITY **EXCELLENCE**

NeighborHealth, Massachusetts' largest community-based primary care health system, has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) with four distinguished quality badges for 2024. These awards, distributed in late 2024, highlight Neighbor-Health's commitment to delivering exceptional patient care and advancing health outcomes in our communi-

The quality badges awarded to NeighborHealth include three different Community Health Quality Recognition (CHQR) badges in addition to Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) recognition.

National Quality Leader - Cancer Screening (Gold)

This coveted gold badge NeighborHealth places among an elite 1% of health centers nationwide recognized for excellence in cancer screening - underscoring the tireless efforts of NeighborHealth's clinical teams in early detection and preventive care. NeighborHealth's ability to foster close partnerships between providers, clinical and operations leaders allows them to seamlessly maintain quality teams to support preventative cancer screening.

Health Center Quality Leader (Silver)

NeighborHealth received silver status as a leader in overall quality performance, demonstrating its dedication to providing high-standard, equitable healthcare services. This badge is only awarded to the top performing health centers nationwide. NeighborHealth has demonstrated commitment to holistic health care, with compassion, curiosity and empathy to receive this accolade.

Advancing Health Information Technology for Quality

This recognition reflects

NeighborHealth's commitment to leveraging innovative health information technology to enhance patient outcomes and streamline care delivery. NeighborHealth was awarded this badge for meeting all criteria to optimize Health Technology Information services that advance telehealth, patient engagement, interoperability, and lection of social risk factors to increase access to care and advance quality of care. NeighborHealth has implemented multiple care delivery options, including telehealth through the coordination and partnership between information technology, clinical, quality and operations.

Patient-Centered Medical Home

honor, recognizing NeighborHealth's implementation of the Pa-Medical tient-Centered Home model, emphasizing patient-focused, comprehensive and coordinated care.



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GUEST OP-ED

An open letter to the Massachusetts Port Authority Board

Dear Editor,

The following letter was submitted to the Massport Board members.

Dear Massport Board Members,

AIR, Inc., Mother's Out Front, GreenRoots, Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, and other member organizations of the Logan Community Clean Air Coalition wish to endorse Massport's proposal to institute rational ground access fees and improve transit options to Logan.

Logan is one of a growing number of airports, like Seattle, Los Angeles, Newark, and others, that are drowning under excessive roadway and curb congestion caused by unregulated private vehicle access. Not only does this congestion degrade the airport's performance, it also burdens the residents of adjacent communities with excess air pollution. The fact is: private passenger car vehicular access to Logan has severe costs and the fees Massport charges for access to Logan's curbs should reflect those costs.

But how would increasing ground access fees help? Realistic fees for access to the terminal curbs will help if at the same time Massport couples them with giving travelers a far better way to get to Logan.

And how can Massport do this?

The first half of the answer comes from Switzerland, where post offices, bus and train stations

have offered airport baggage handling for decades. Swiss travelers' luggage is scanned at bus and train stations and gets checked-through to their flights and final destinations. The technology that makes this possible means that we can add baggage checking services anywhere.

The other half of the answer comes from Philadelphia, where American Airlines is offering 'land flights' between Allentown PA and Atlantic City, and Philadelphia International Airport (PHL). Travelers can book their travel out of the smaller local airports using the normal American Airlines reservation system online. On the day of travel, they head to their local airport, where they check their bags normally, and clear TSA security as usual. Then, instead of boarding an aircraft for the 50 mile trip to PHL, they board a high quality bus on the secure side of TSA at those outlying airports and are dropped right at their gate in PHL.

These aren't the kind of buses that take you to the local mall. They are luxury coaches set up with seating and amenities that meet modern aircraft comfort standards -a cross between an aircraft cabin and a bus. They're outfitted with first class width, leather airline style seating, WiFi, overhead storage bins, onboard entertainment, power outlets, and onboard restrooms, just like an airplane.

If the Swiss can check luggage at bus stations, and TSA can allow ground access links between facilities, Massport can reimagine its Logan Express system as a series of state of the art, full service, world-class remote airport terminals which provide land flights between them and Logan. Land

flight service could even be expanded to replace air travel routes for trips under 150- 200 miles, saving airlines considerable expense and dramatically reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Of course Massport would need to be trusted to do this properly. But new Massport CEO Rich Davey has a legitimate transit background and he's been publicly talking about this sort of idea. There's no doubt that this system would work, nor is there any question that it would be wildly popular. So we need to get behind this.

It's not hard to imagine how much smoother getting through Logan would be if Boston's cramped and crowded airport were streamlined by moving a bunch of baggage handling, curb congestion, and security screening activity offsite.

It's also not hard to imagine how much less stressful traveling out of Logan would be if you could just take an Uber to the Framingham or Braintree Logan Remote Terminal, -or if you could drive your own car to the well-lit, secure and affordable parking garage attached directly to the heated and air conditioned 'New Woburn or Danvers Logan Remote' and check your bags and clear security. right there. You then would not need to drag your luggage in and out of your ride. and through the terminal, like a beast of burden.

The more you think about

it, the better this idea sounds, and the less an outrageous price hike for a service you no longer want to use actually matters. Now imagine that these airplane buses could fly right through the barbary of Boston's regional standstill traffic on high speed bus-only dedicated bus lanes, cutting your trip time in half.

Increasing existing ground access fees is part of a policy that can drive up use of true HOV/Transit options. But it could also cause an uptick in private pick-up and drop-off activity. So if Massport wants to use pricing increases to drive down congestion, they'll need to prepare an effective curb activity monitoring program and prepare for implementation of an airport roadway or curb access fee.

Massport has a choice of how to implement these changes. We urge the Port Authority to move forward with this fee proposal, but to do it by first offering the traveling public significant relief from the stress and frustration of getting to Logan by investing in immediate improvements to the pricing, comfort and convenience of its existing transit options.

If we still need to argue over these proposed fee hikes, the conversation needs to recognize that the cost of leaving things the way they are is too high. Forbes reported that traffic congestion cost Boston over \$4 billion in economic losses in 2019 and local airport

adjacent communities pay a far steeper price in chronic disease driven by air pollution

Economically, increasing ground transport efficiency will improve, not damage economic productivity. Metropolitan London's gross domestic product rose by 52% in the 20 years since the city instituted its congestion charge. London's congestion charge has actually been well accepted, and has measurably reduced traffic and pollution. If Massport and the state's eight regional transit authorities' can colocate their bus services with Logan Remote Terminals, the economic and mobility benefits would be significant.

We urge Massport's Board to seize this opportunity to embrace true environmental and transportation leadership and ignore the scare tactics and industry-funded ad campaigns. Ride App drivers will not lose business; they will simply change destinations and save time by avoiding trips into the congested core of the city. The time saved will allow these drivers to take more fares.

The future can be scary, but the future can also be bright. We need to give Massport a chance to give us a better option.

Sincerely,

AIR, Inc., Mother's Out Front, GreenRoots, Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, and members of the Logan Community Clean Air Coalition



COURTESY OF LANDLI

A view of the inside of the buses used for 'land flights.'



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 6 STRETCH - CHERYL (50 MIN.) 2
4:30PM - GENTLE YOGA - CORINNE (45 MIN.) *
5:30PM - BARRE - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263

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.) *
6:30PM - GENTLE YOGA - CORINNE (45 MIN.) *

WEDNESDAY

5:15AM - STRENGTH - ANGELA - (45 MIN.) *
6:00AM - BOOTCAMP - MIKEY (50 MIN.) *
6:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263
9:30AM - SPIN - CHERYL (45 MIN.) 2
10:30AM - STRENGTH & STRETCH - CHERYL (50 MIN.) 2
5:00PM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MINS.) *
5:15PM - ZUMBA - VANESSA (45 MINS.) *
6:00PM - GENTLE YOGA - HALEY (45 MINS.) *

THURSDAY

7:00PM - STEP - MIKEY (50 MINS.) *

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.) *
5:25PM - MAT PILATES - NIKKI (50 MIN.) 263
6:20PM - BRAZILIAN DANCE - MARCELO (40 MIN.) *
6:30PM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263

6:30PM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) *

FRIDAY 5:05AM - STRENGTH & CONDITIONING - MIKEY (50MIN.) 2

6:00AM - BOOTCAMP - MIKEY (50 MIN.) *
6:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263
9:30AM - SPIN - CHERYL (45 MIN.) 2
10:30AM - STRENGTH 6 STRETCH - CHERYL (50 MIN.) 2
12:30PM - HIIT - MIKEY (30 MIN.) 3
6:00PM - GENTLE YOGA - MIKE (60 MIN.) *

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

SUNDAY

8:00AM - GENTLE YOGA - CORINNE (45 MIN) *
9:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263
10:00AM - BARRE - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263
11:00AM - SPIN - APRIL (45 MIN.) 2 6 3

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- THOMAS J. BUTLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
- STEM SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship applications must be received by Massport no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 2025.

For more information on these scholarships, including application checklist and criteria please visit www.massport.com/community/scholarships-and-internships

Fundraiser for 7 year old Paul Baglio set for Friday

By Melissa Moore-Randall

Seven year old Paul Baglio is in the fight of his life. In September, Paul was diagnosed with Embryonal Rhabdomyosarcoma, extremely rare, aggressive, fast growing cancer that is mostly found in children under age 5 that affects their soft tissue. Paul was further diagnosed with Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma FOX-O1::PAX3 Fusion Positive, a much rarer and aggressive form of what the original diagnosis was.

On Friday, a night in support of Paul and his battle,



Paul Baglio shown at Boston Children's Hospital. A fundraiser to support Paul's battle against Embryonal Rhabdomyosarcoma is set for this Friday.

will be held at the Beachmont VFW. Tickets for the event are \$25 which will include food and entertainment. A cash bar will also be available. 100% of the proceeds will go directly to Paul and his family as the venue, food, and entertain-

ment have all been generously donated.

In addition to a live auction, raffle prizes, and a 50/50 raffle, the night will also include entertainment from DJ Rob Bulla, DeJa Vu Boston, Family Affair, Ricki Erik, Christina Viarella, Bianca McGlew, St. Marv's Dance, Ariana Lara Dance, and Ed Senibaldi. The night will be hosted by The Boston Guido and Steve Amato of NESN's Wicked Bites.

If you are not able to attend the event, donations can also be made via Venmo to @AnnMarie-Lara or by check to Jade Baglio □ Angela Guarino Sawaya, 15 Bateman Avenue, Revere. For more information you can also contact event organizers Angela 781-588-0103, Renee 857-488-7887 and Annemarie 617-480-

Paul, a second grader at East Boston Catholic Central School, has been being treated at Boston Children's Hospital since the fall. The son of Robert and Jade Baglio, Paul is part of what his Mom refers to as the "Baglio Brunch" which also includes Paul's siblings Makyla "KyKy", Joseph "Joey, Anthony, and Coral.

250th anniversary of the **Battle of Chelsea Creek**

Explore Chelsea's rich history at the Governor Bellingham Cary House this spring

Special to the Journal

The Governor Bellingham Cary House recently announced a series of open houses, along with historical programming, this spring as the city celebrates the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Chelsea Creek.

This series of events is held in partnership with the City of Chelsea and made possible by a Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism grant.

The Governor Bellingham Cary House and the acreage surrounding it at 34 Parker St. have been witness to over 350 years of American history. From the beginning of European settlement in the early 17th century, when it was a bountiful place full of natural resources to the 21st century, bustling city that now exists, it has evolved and survived.

The Cary family and their extended household lived here from the 1760s until the beginning of the 20th century. Their home, known lovingly as "the Retreat", was a bucolic oasis remembered fondly by both family and friends alike.

At the start of America's War of Independence, and most notably during the Siege of Boston from April 19, 1775 to March 17, 1776, the property was used by the newly formed Continental Army as they assisted refugees escaping Boston via the Winnisimmet Ferry, moment in the Revolution.

The open houses and talks at the Cary House begin on Thursday, April 17 at 6 p.m. with artist Max Pro. The Chelsea artist will explore personal and cultural ties between Chelsea and the Caribbean in a compelling presentation on the history of Cuba. The Cary family, whose historic home serves as the backdrop for this event, lived in Chelsea while also overseeing plantations in Grenada and other Caribbean islands. Their story is intertwined with the contradictions of colonial trade and enslavement within the aspirations for freedom and prosperity that shaped the American dream. This talk highlights contemporary immigrant experiences between these two regions.

Max Corona, also known as Max Pro, was born and raised in Chelsea, where his family has deep roots, with his grandparents having migrated from Cuba. Max's artistic journey began at the age of four when he first watched his mother draw a flower. From there, his art continued to grow, and his creative journey expanded.

On Thursday, April 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be an open house and Cuban History display by Max Pro. There will also be an open house on Sunday, May 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Cary Square Day.

On Saturday, May 10, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. there

will be a historical presentation on the Battle of Chelsea Creek, presented by Robert Allison, Professor at Suffolk University, and Jeff Pearlman, at 11:30 a.m. Allison is a Professor of History, Language and Global Culture at Suffolk University. He is one of the the coordinators of The Revolution 250 Advisory Group that is overseeing commemorations across Massachusetts of the American Revolution. He is the author of numerous publications including books on The Boston Tea Party (2007), The Boston Massacre (2006), and A Short History of Boston (20040).

Pearlman is a city historian in Revere and a member of the Revere Society for Cultural and Historical Preservation as well as the Colonial Society of Massachusetts. Pearlman is currently an adjunct professor at Salem State University. He previously taught public school in Revere for 36 years.

Future events include: Thursday, May 15, 6-8pm

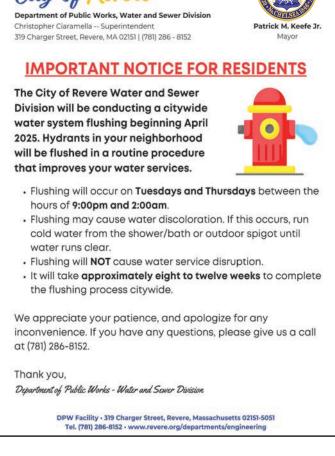
Letters from Chelsea and the Siege of Boston, with a presentation by Mimi Graney at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 24, 11

a.m. to 3 p.m., open house on the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Chelsea Creek.

Saturday, June 7, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Curator's Choice Day

Saturday, June 12, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., open house.

a.m. to 2 p.m., Strawberry









REVERE ELKS CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND HOSTS ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER



The Officer of the Year Award was presented to Susan Friburg (left) by Exalted Ruler Sandra DeFrancisco.



The Elk of the Year Award was presented to Samantha Smith (left) by Exalted Ruler DeFrancisco.



Following dinner, Exalt-

ed Ruler Sandra DeFran-

cisco passed out the annual

awards from the lodge, in-

cluding the Citizen of the

The Revere Lodge of

Elks 1171 on Shirley Av-

enue celebrated St. Pat-

rick's Day with a delicious,

corned beef dinner with all

The Elks Distinguished Citizen of the Year was presented to Robin DeFrancisco (right) by Exalted Ruler Sandra DeFrancisco.



The Grand Exalted Rulers Out Standing Service Award was presented to James Bocchetti by Exalted Ruler Sandra DeFrancisco.



The Grand Lodge of Elks Grand Exalted Ruler's Award for outstanding service was presented to Katie Tardiff by Exalted Ruler Sandra DeFrancisco.



Ward 2 City Councillor and member of the Revere Lodge of Elks Ira Novoselsky won the door prize from the Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

REVERE SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM COMPETES IN NEEDHAM MARCH MERRYNESS TOURNEY



The RHS Speech and Debate team competed at the 2025 March Merryness Tournament at Needham High School this past Saturday. Team captain Erta Ismahili placed 2nd in Congressional Debate, Noor Ashour placed 3rd and Gianna Cuzzi placed 6th in Novice Oral Interpretation, Fatima Baoussouh and Sala Hoxha placed 3rd and Sala Hoxha placed 6th in Freeze Improv. Additionally the team will be seeing several students to the April 5th stare championship in Walpole and one student to the Grand National tournament in Chicago May 21st.





Katie Tardiff recipient of the Grand Exalted Rulers Award for Service is shown with her family, Noah Veilleux, Emily Tardiff, Henry Tardiff, Courtney Paschal, and Joed Tardiff.



OBITUARIES

Regina Gnerre

Past Vice President of The San Rocco Society of Boston, she was a woman who treasured her family

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Visiting Hours today, Wednesday, March 19th from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Regina (Leone) Gnerre who died peacefully at her home surrounded by the warmth and love of her family on Sunday, March 16th following a brief illness. She was 84 years old. Her Funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Thursday March 20th beginning at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere at 10 a.m. Interment will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Regina was a native of San Nicola di Baronia Provence Avellino, Italy. She was born on August 5, 1940, to her late parents Giovanni Leone and Maria Filomena (Sciaraffa). Regina was one of eight children. She was raised and educated in Italy, before journeying to the United States when she was 15 years old settling in East Boston.

Regina worked as a seamstress for several years before marrying her husband, Antonio Gnerre on February 18, 1962 and immediately began a family.

In 1965, she and her husband moved to Revere. Regina took immense pride in her home and raising her children. She was a loving mother, and she enjoyed cooking and caring for her family. She was a thoughtful, generous and kind soul, always taking time to call family and friends to say hello. Whatever she had, she was quick to share with others. Visits with her always ended with a "Thank you for coming" and a reminder to "be careful."

Cooking was definitely

Prayer To The Holy Spirit

O Holy Spirit, thou who are all know ing, who brightens every path that I may reach my ideal, thou who giveth me the divine gift of forgiving and forgetting wrongs done unto me and who in every instant of my life art with me. I'd like in this short dialogue to affirm my gratitude for all your blessings and reaffirm once again that I never want to part from thee though the illusion of material things abound. My desire is to be with thee and all loved ones in perpetual grace. Thank you for your mercy on me and mine (Person should pray 3 consecutive days without revealing petition. Within three days grace wil be attained, regardless of how difficult the petition may be.) Publish this prayer once grace is obtained.



one of her passions, especially her Sunday gravy. Regina was a woman who treasured her family and her grandchildren held a very extra special place in her

Regina was an avid gardener who enjoyed growing many of her own fruits and vegetables, as well as tending to her flowers that she planted around her home. She was the past Vice President of The San Rocco Society of Boston.

The beloved wife of the late Antonio Gnerre of 35 years, she was the loving mother of Antonietta De-Gloria and her late husband, Edward of Lynn, Louis Gnerre of Burlington, John Gnerre of Revere, Maria Gnerre and her fiancé, Arthur Pelton, also of Revere; the cherished mama nonna of Tyler Gnerre, Mikaila Gnerre, and Devin Gnerre; the dear sister of Carmela Favorito of Chelsea and the late Nicola Leone, Ubaldo Leone, Michael Leone, Carmen Leone, Benito Leone, and Mike Leone. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation in Regina's memory to The San Rocco Society of Boston, c/o G. Leone, 216 Rumney Rd. Revere MA, To send online condolences, please visit www.vertucciosmithvazza.

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Louise Demetrio

Her family was always the center of her heart

Funeral Services and entombment were held privately on Saturday, March 15th at The Sheffield Community Mausoleum Building in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett for Louise M. (DeSimone) Demetrio who died peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday, March 11th, following a very brief Illness. She was 92 years old.

Louise was born in Chelsea on December 29, 1932, to her late parents, Louis DeSimone and Frances J. (Tomasello). She was one of ten children who were raised and educated in Chelsea. Louise was a proud graduate of Chelsea High School, Class of 1950. Later that year, she married her sweetheart, Joseph Deme-

Louise worked in retail for a brief time in Revere at Almy's. She then took time to raise her three sons, which she took great pride and pleasure in doing.

When her children were of age, she later returned to the workforce in banking. She worked for many years at the Broadway Five, first as a teller, then working her way up to an operations manager. Her career at the bank spanned over 20 years. She retired and cared for her husband, Joe as his health declined.

Louise always remained fiercely independent and lived by her rules. She was still living on her own up until her final days. Her family was always the center of her heart, and spending time with them was her greatest joy in life.



The beloved wife of 63 nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

Remembrances

lences, please visit www. vertucciosmithvazza.com

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Carlo Pagliuca

Retired Postal Employee

The beloved husband of Diana Pagliuca, he was the devoted father of John and daughter-in law, Jeanmarie Pagliuca and the late Jason Pagliuca; cherished grandfather of Dylan Pagliuca, the loving brother of Marie Blazo and family, dear son of the late Pasquale and Gil-Dippolito.

For 57 years, Carlo was a devoted husband and father raising a family in Revere while working for over 30 years as Postal Employee in Boston. Carlo loved all thing Boston sports, from the early days of watching the Bruins and Celtics in the original Boston Garden to enjoying the Patriots and Red Sox win multiple championships. He loved playing cards with his closest friends, traveling to New Jersey annually, attending youth hockey and baseball games and cherished time with his beloved dogs, Koko and Kay. He will be missed among many of his longtime friends and co-workers.

Visiting hours will be held at Buonfiglio Funeral Home in Revere on Thursday, March 20, at 11 a.m. followed by a Mass at St. Anthony's Church in Revere with interment at Puritan Lawn Cemetery located at 185 Lake St, Peabody, MA 01960.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor to the American Heart Association.(https:// www.heart.org/)



years of the late Joseph F. Demetrio, she was the loving mother of Joseph S.Demetrio of Lynn, John Demetrio and wife, Carol of Tewksbury and Michael Demetrio of Dover, NH: the cherished Nonnie of Michael Demetrio and his wife, Iryna of Lynn and John Demetrio and his wife, Alexa of Londonderry, NH; the adored great Nonnie of Mia; the dear sister of Theresa Fiore of Revere and the late Tony DeSimone, Jennie Maccini, Evelyn DeNicola, Elizabeth Davidson, Sarah Wojciechowski, Joey Wojciechowski, Helen Lanni and Marciano DeSimone. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces,

be made to The Wounded Warrior Project P.O. Box 758516 Topeka, KS 66675-

To send online condo-

visiting wood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere, for who passed away on March al service will be conducted day, March 21, at 11 a.m., followed by entombment in

when Joe wasn't indulging

in a round of golf! Joe is

predeceased by his siblings,

Anthony (Diane), Salvatore

(Elaine), Betty Bacon, Ann

(Arthur) Cafarella. He is

also survived and loved by

Stacey Bronsdon Rizzo, Su-

san McLellan Noble, Patri-

cia Driscoll, Kelly Mattera,

Wendy Hennessy, and Lori

A celebration of life will

Cacciatore.

ful driving trips together be held at a later date.

Joseph A. Santosuosso, Sr.

Of New Hampshire, formerly of Revere

Joseph Internicola

He lived a life marked by dedication and

resilience

Joseph Internicola,

90, of Spring Hill,

passed

peacefully on Wednesday,

March 6, 2025. He was born

April 1, 1934 in Boston to

the late Nicolo and Filome-

High School, Class of 1954,

he enlisted in the military

and became a US Air Force

Veteran as a radio controller

repairman. Joe lived a life

marked by dedication and

resilience. Whether in his

professional endeavors or

personal relationships, he

was known for his stead-

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Joseph A. Santosuosso, Sr.,

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Joseph was a native of

Revere. He attended Ever-

ett Technical High School,

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He worked for several years

at Polaroid and also fulfilled

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the cherished grandfather of Sean and Dante and the great-grandfather of Autumn and Dean. He was the former husband of the late Janeen (Murphy) Santosuosso. Joseph is also the dear brother of Nancy E. Collins and her husband, Joseph and the late Albert C. Santosuosso, Christopher J. Santosuosso, Kathryn A. Santosuosso, and James Santosuosso. He is lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

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.

Carlo Pagliuca of Revere entered into rest on December 8, 2024, at the youthful age of 82.

at Wentworth College.

da Pagliuca and son- in-law of the late Peter and Anna Carlo was born in Rome Italy and moved to the North End of Boston as a teenager. He graduated from the Latin School and attended classes





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OBITUARIES

LouAnn (Perullo) Stanton

Of Revere

LouAnn Stanton passed away peacefully on March 9, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on February 24, 1955, in Revere, MA, to the late Charles and the late Lucy (Gato) Perullo.

LouAnn was a proud graduate of Revere High School's Class of 1972, carrying the spirit of her hometown with her throughout her life. That same dedication and sense of community guided her 38-year career with the Department of Health.

LouAnn met the love of her life in 1983, her devoted husband, Chris Stanton, and together they shared 40 wonderful years of marriage filled with love and adventure. She found joy in traveling with him, making memories in new places, and especially treasured their summers by the lake in Barnstead, New Hampshire, and their winters on the beach in Hollywood, Florida. LouAnn was known for her kindness, generosity, and unwavering love for her family. She shared a deep bond with all of her nieces and nephews, always offering a guiding hand, a listening ear, and a voice of reason.

LouAnn was the heart of every family gathering, bringing loved ones together with warmth, laughter, and a spirit that made every occasion feel special. Whether hosting cookouts, celebrating anniversaries, or making graduations unforgettable, she poured her heart into every moment, ensuring those around her felt valued and loved. She had a rare ability to turn simple gatherings into cherished memories, and her home was always a place of comfort, joy, and togetherness—a true reflection of the love she gave so freely.

LouAnn is survived by her beloved husband, Christopher Stanton of Melrose, her sister Mary O'Neil and her husband David of Bridgewater, and her broth-



er Charles Perullo and his wife Joanne of Revere, MA, her brother-in-law Martin Stanton and his wife Eileen, sister-in-law Anne Stanton, brother-in-law Joe Stanton and his wife Charee all of Melrose, sister-in-law Catherine Stanton of Revere, brother-in-law Patrick Stanton of Salem, NH, brother-in-law Michael Stanton and his wife Deborah of Sandwich, and brother-inlaw Mark Stanton of Melrose. She also leaves behind many cherished nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends who will forever hold her in their hearts.

Visitation was held on Sunday, March 16, 2025 from 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM at the Gately Funeral Home, 79 W. Foster Street, Melrose. A Mass Of Christian Burial was held on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 10:00 AM at St. Mary's Church, Herbert St, Melrose. Interment followed the mass at Wyoming Cemetery, Mel-

In lieu of flowers, gifts in memory of LouAnn Stanton may be made to support the Be a Piece of the Solution Fund at Massachusetts General Hospital in support of lung cancer research. Gifts can be made online at https://giving.massgeneral. org/donate/ or mailed to the MGH Development Office, attention: Keith Erickson, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114. Checks should be payable to Massachusetts General Hospital. Please include "LouAnn Stanton" on the memo line.

City council addresses quality of life issues

By Adam Swift

Last week, the city council approved several quality of life motions filed by Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio.

The first asked that the Mayor request the Department of Public Works to install bollards in front of 110 Ridge Road.

Argenzio said the house is directly across from Homer Street, which is an extremely steep hill. On several occasions, during snow storms, Argenzio said vehicles have come down the hill and into the resident's home and property.

"Even when I was the (public works) superintendent a few years back, one of our dump trucks slid down and right into the person's home," said Argenzio. "We're just looking for a few bollards to give them a little piece of mind during snowstorms; it's happened several times."

Council President Marc Silvestri said the resident came to him about the issue as well, telling them there have been at least four incidents over the past two years where vehicles have slid into his yard, once coming within feet of his front door.

In his second motion, Argenzio asked that the mayor request the DPW Superintendent to install a sidewalk approximately 175 feet in length to include curb in front of 15 Seaview Avenue to the corner of Mountain

Argenzio said this area

is the only location on Seaview Street without a formal sidewalk, and the area currently is grass and vegetation making it impossible to traverse.

"It's only 25 percent of the street that doesn't have a formal sidewalk; it's impossible for them to park their

car in front of their house because it goes up a hill," said Argenzio.

In other business, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya introduced a motion asking the mayor to request a representative from the state's Department of Public Utilities to appear before the council to conduct a presentation explaining gas supply rate hikes.

"I'm calling for transparency and accountability regarding the gas supply rate hikes," she said. "Residents and businesses in the community deserve transparency when it comes to rising utility costs. This is about accountability, and ensuring that our community gets the answers it needs."

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Winthrop Harbormaster, MEP offering newly required basic safety boating course

Special to the Journal

Town Manager Anthony Marino and Harbormaster Arthur Hickey recently shared that the Winthrop Harbormaster's Marine Unit, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Environmental Police, will be offering Basic Boating Safety courses at the Town Land-

The Massachusetts Legislature recently passed legislation requiring that anyone operating a motorized vessel in Massachusetts possess a Boater Safety Certificate by April 1, 2028.



Those who were born after 1989 must obtain a certificate by April 1, 2026.

In response, the Winthrop Harbormaster will be offering Boating Safety Courses to anyone age 12 and up throughout 2025. The classes are being offered at no cost.

The courses are nationally approved. Course completion will allow anyone to operate a boat in states requiring Basic Boating Safety courses.

All classes will be held at the Town Marina, 707 Shirley St. Classes are scheduled for May 3, May 10, May 17, May 24, May 31 and June 7, all from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, or to register to take one of the courses, visit the Winthrop Harbormaster's website at: https://www.winthropma. gov/659/Boating-Safety-Course.

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COUNCILLOR JUAN PABLO JARAMILLO BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF

Photos by Cary Shuman

Councillor Juan Pablo Jaramillo celebrated his birthday with a packed house of supporters, including state and local officials, at Las Delicias Colombianas.

The event also served as the launch of his re-election campaign, where he reaffirmed his commitment to affordable housing and opportunities for Revere's working families.



Councillor-at-Large Juan Jaramillo, with his wife, Crystal Jaramillo, and their son, Lucas Jaramillo.



Councillor-at-Large Juan Jaramillo, with guests, Richard Bruno and Mary Jane Bruno.



Councillor-at-Large Juan Jaramillo and Chris Smith.



Councillor-at-Large Juan Jaramillo, with guests, Gladys Martinez (left) and Paula Cano (right).



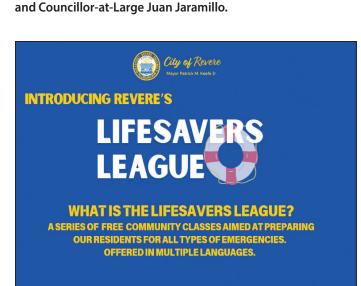
Councillor-at-Large Juan Jaramillo, with his colleague, Councillor-at-Large Michelle Kelley, and her husband, David Kelley.



Police Lt. Thomas Malone, Police Lt. Rob Impemba, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya,



Councillor-at-Large Juan Jaramillo, with some of the many guests who attended his birthday celebration, Liana Jorge Matute, Ana Santos, Jory Santos, Jorge Santos, and Danyal Najmi.



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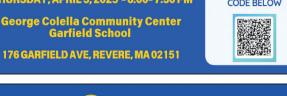
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Sen. Lydia Edwards introduced Councillor-at-Large Juan Jaramillo for his remarks at the birthday celebration and re-election campaign kickoff.



Pictured at Councillor-at-Large Juan Jaramillo's birthday celebration are candidate for School Committee, Stephen Damiano Jr., and School Committee member John Kingston.



Councillor-at-Large Juan Jaramillo, with supporters, Gloria Sanchez, Guadalupe Panameno, and Henry Lopez.



Members of the Revere City Council, Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri, Councillor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, and Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna.



Councillor-at-Large Juan Jaramillo welcomes Chaimaa Hossaini (left) and Natividad Hernandez to his birthday celebration.



Councillor-at-Large Juan Jaramillo welcomes Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky to his birthday celebration March 13 at Las **Delicias Colombianas.**

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Sports

RHS BASKETBALLERS HONORED BY GREATER BOSTON LEAGUE







Three Revere High School Boys Basketball Senior Tri-Captains, Josh Mercado (All-Star), Avi Lung (All-Star) and Ethan Day (GBL Co-MVP, first Revere Boy to be named to this award) were honored by the Greater Boston League for their outstanding performance during the 2024-2025 season.

IC Basketball // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

and how we play. We compliment each other. We help each other get better."

The captains expressed their appreciation of working with Coach Elena Martinez, who admitted that she can be strict and tough. Her son, Vincent Martinez, especially appreciates how helpful his mother is.

"They're going to varsity next year. Hopefully I will be a part of that, too. I'm not easy to deal with," chuckled Coach Elena, who is proud of her team for their dedication to training and practicing even during vacations.

The 12-year-old boys described their enjoyment of playing with their friends outside of the classroom in a challenging environment.

"I get to become a leader," embraced Carlos. "When in an intense game. It was

The captains recalled the competition's belittlement, but they did not allow the negativity to discourage them, continuing to bolster

out. "We know each other one another. They praised the bench players, who do not participate as often on the court, yet never lack enthusiasm. During overtime, when three of the team's starters fouled out, the boys rose to the occasion to help

> "They're good kids," said Coach Elena.

> Coach Elena reflected on a specific game in which the Boys JV Team played against another that had a special needs student on their team – a detail that she did not express to her players. It warmed her heart to witness them instinctively respecting his space, and encouraging him.

"When he scored, they were as happy as anybody else, like he was on their team," beamed Principal Tracy. "It was one of the we lost, it was the first time sweetest moments. I cried. There are lots of moments like that."

Principal Tracy and Coach Elena are equally as proud and impressed with the school's Girls Varsity Basketball Team for their

"I was excited because this was a big accomplishment for us," shared Captain Melania Bartalini, about the regionals. "A lot of emotions were going through me. We're one of the only girls' varsity teams to win this. Everybody stepped up over the season."

Captain Maria Martinez, 8th grade, was also excited because it was the last year for her grade to participate on the team, and felt it was their best year.

"Those who are considered bench players stepped it up and learned how to play the game and keep the speed of the game," noticed Maria, 13-years-old.

The Girls Varsity Basketball Team also continued onto the RCAB (Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston) finals, losing against Saint John the Baptist School, Peabody. Not allowing fear to overwhelm them is a lesson learned from the experience.

"That was a painful game," shrugged Coach Elena. "We succumbed to fear, unfortunately. I think that's a stepping stone. Every success is built on defeat. If they learn that they were not outplayed - that it was their own heads that got in the way – they will be better in the future, in sports and other things."

During that tournament, Principal Tracy realized that there were many opportunities for the girls to become negative. She expressed her pride that they were never mean in their responses, even though they were upset. The girls remained strong and respectful.

Maria and Melania described the qualities that make them an exceptional

team, such as understanding that everyone learns at an individual pace, and embracing their diverse talents.

"We don't put each other down. We hype each other up. We're always mindful of how we can help the people around us improve," said Maria, who is Coach Elena's daughter. "We support each other. We're always kind. We help each other with homework. It's like a study group for us."

The IC Girls Varsity Basketball Team truly loves one another. Their friendships are deep.

"An advantage we have is our family bond," said Melania, a 14-year-old 8th grader. We love each other. We like working together. We're friends because we want to connect and spend time with each other.'

Coach Elena has observed how hard the bench players try to learn the offensive and defensive runs of the team, and how present they always are.

Along with assistant coaches, Kevin Adams and Juan Velasques, Coach Elena has received comments from other coaches and parents about how impressive and uplifting Immaculate Conception students are.

"These kids [Girls Varsity Basketball Team] play basketball six out of the seven days a week," boasted Coach Elena. "As basketball players, they absolutely stepped it up. They're incredible ballers."

Maria and Melania plan to continue playing basketball when they enter high school at Malden Catholic.

Both girls are high honor students who are actively involved in their school and community.

Maria is a member of the IC track and cross-country teams, as well as a softball team outside of school. Melania, who is leading a Cradles to Crayons pajama drive at the school, plays senior and major league softball for the City of Revere.



Immaculate Conception School Girls Varsity Basketball Team captains, Maria Martinez and Melania Bartalini, holding their team's regional championship trophy.



Immaculate Conception School Girls Varsity Basketball Team with Coach Elena Martinez.



Immaculate Conception School Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Team captains, Luca Bartalini, Carlos Campos, and Vincent Martinez, holding their team's regional championship trophy.







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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CHELSEA TEEN KILLED IN STABBING ON EASTERN AVE.

CHELSEA - Police continue to investigate a violent incident that took place on Eastern Avenue last week that resulted in the death of 17-year-old Chelsea High School student Juan Carlos Lemus and the hospitalization of a 15 year old.

At about 8:45 p.m. on Saturday, Chelsea and State Police responded to an incident on Eastern Avenue. They found two male stabbing victims.

Lemus was transported to Everett CHA, where he was declared dead, and the 15 year old was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital with serious but non-life threatening injuries, according to the Chelsea police.

Chelsea detectives, along with Massachusetts State Police detectives assigned to the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, are actively investigating the incident that allegedly involved a firearm and knives, according to Chelsea police.

"Our thoughts are with the victims, their families, and the entire Chelsea community as we work diligently to bring those responsible to justice," said Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Chelsea Police Department at (617) 466-4805 or provide an anonymous tip through the department's social media (FB / X / IN-STAGRAM / www.chelseapolice.com).

"Violence like this shocks and saddens our immediate neighborhoods and our entire society, as it should, especially when the victims are so young," said Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden. "We move forward best when we have help from the community and we hope anyone with information about this tragic incident will contact us."

The Chelsea School Department offered its condolences and support to the family and friends of Lemus.

"We want to remind evervone that our counseling services are available to provide help to anyone in need, and we encourage those seeking support to reach out," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta. "The loss of Juan Carlos has deeply affected us all, and our thoughts and prayers remain with his loved ones."

The Chelsea City Council held a moment of silence for Lemus and the 15 year old who was injured at its meeting on Monday night.

RENOWNED CARTOONIST LINIERS VISITS WITH CHS STUDENTS



Chelsea High School Librarian Trent Bordok, in coordination with Wondermore, hosted an awesome, educational event that featured the world-renowned cartoonist, Liniers, visiting and speaking with three separate groups of students inside the Andrew P. Quigley Memorial Library. Liniers, whose real name is Ricardo Siri, delighted the students with stories of his childhood in Argentina and his early career in advertising before deciding to become an illustrator and cartoonist for magazines and newspapers. It was a great day for the CHS students who had the opportunity to hear from a talented man who has reached the highest level

From left, Chelsea High School ELA teachers Gisele Francioli, Emily Oberg, Kadian James, Zoe Novak, guest speaker, Liniers, CHS Librarian Trent Bordok, and ELA teacher Frances Hart.

"I hope this type of violence doesn't happen anymore in our city; I hope it completely," disappears said District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero. "I feel sad for the young man and the other young man who is in the hospital still, and the parents."

ORDINANCE SEEKS TO REGULATE TREE **CANOPY**

EVERETT - The City Council unanimously approved a tree ordinance offered by Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers at its meeting last week.

Rogers said the ordinance will essentially give Everett Arborist Jacob St. Louis "the opportunity to regulate our tree canopy to make sure it doesn't continue to decrease with future development."

Rogers said she has been working on the ordinance with the Mayor Carlo De-Maria Administration and other departments since the summer of 2024.

"The reason that we need a tree ordinance is because we have an arborist, who we hired about a year, and right now he has certain limitations in what he is able to do with his position because there are no ordinances in place in the City of Everett," explained Rogers, "It opens a lot of opportunities at a state level for grants."

Rogers subsequently noted the Healey-Driscoll Administration awarded Everett a \$150,000 grant Monday for the installation of 75 new trees in the City.

In interpretating the legal ramifications of the new ordinance for property owners, Ward 6 Councilor Peter Pientrantonio asked" If a city tree's roots were going on to my property, and I wanted to build a swimming pool, are we saying we can't do it on my own private property?"

Responded Rogers, "If you were destroying a significant tree - a 100-year old tree, for example - and you were a developer, it would be up to the discretion of the arborist to determine those

Pietrantonio asked if a resident wanted to remodel his house, "would he be affected by this?"

"It's aimed to go after people who have four units or more and avoid the momand-pop, landlord situation," said Rogers.

MADARO APPOINTED HOUSE **CHAIR OF THE** JOINT COMMITTEE ON REVENUE

EAST BOSTON - State Representative Adrian Madaro (D-East Boston) has been appointed by Speaker Ron Mariano (D-Quincy) as the House Chair of the Joint Committee on Revenue, a key legislative committee responsible for reviewing matters related to state and local taxation, revenues, and fiscal policy.

"I am honored to take on this new role as House Chair of the Joint Committee on Revenue," said Representative Madaro. "As Massachusetts continues to navigate economic challenges and opportunities, I look forward to working collaboratively with my colleagues to advance policies that promote fiscal responsibility, economic growth, and equity in our tax system. I am grateful to Speaker Ron Mariano for entrusting me with this responsibility."

Representative Madaro has served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives since 2015, representing the 1st Suffolk District, which encompasses East

Boston. Throughout his tenure, he has been a strong advocate for working families, environmental justice, and transportation infrastructure. His leadership in these areas has prepared him to take on the important task of ensuring Massachusetts maintains a fair and sustainable revenue system.

The Joint Committee on Revenue oversees legislation related to tax laws, municipal finance, and other revenue-generating measures. As House Chair, Representative Madaro will lead efforts to evaluate and advance policies that strengthen the state's financial foundation while ensuring that the tax system remains equitable and transparent for all residents.

Representative Madaro served as House Chair of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery for the past four years. During this time, he was proud to lead the Legislature's work to pass two major bills on mental and behavioral health, including substance use treatment.

UPDATED FIRE STATION PROJECT WEBSITE GOES LIVE

WINTHROP town's website with information on the proposed \$38.5 million fire station at the old middle school site on Pauline Street is active and has been updated with new information on the project.

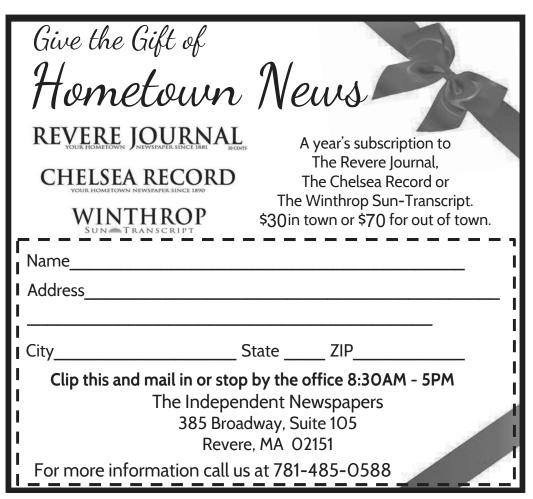
Voters will be asked to approve a Proposition 2-1/2 debt exclusion for the proj-

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EAST COAST JUNIOR PATRIOTS COMBINED HOCKEY TEAM FALL IN PAYOFF GAME



The East Coast Junior Patriots of Everett and Revere hung tough this weekend in their playoff game versus Woburn before losing in a shootout in front of an excited crowd.



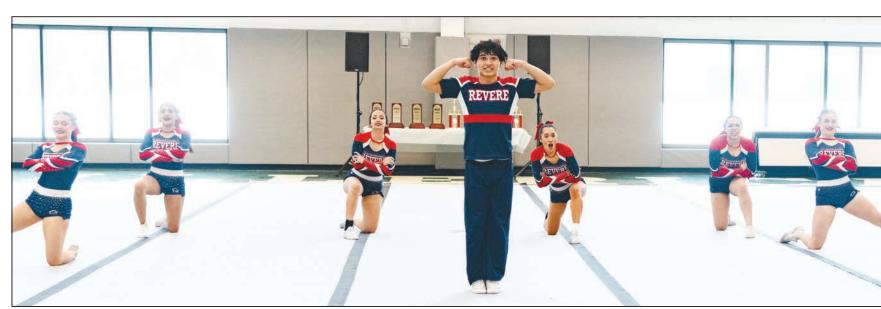


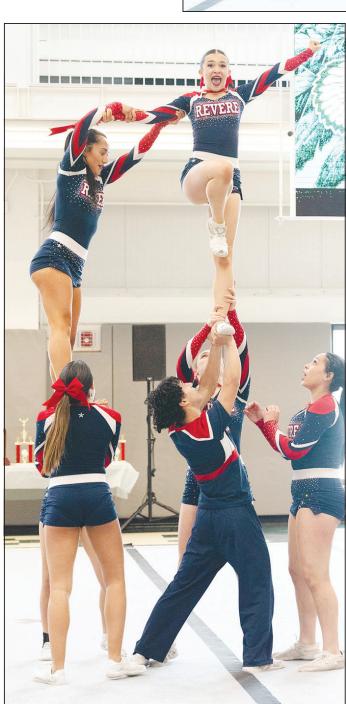
RHS CHEERLEADING TAKES 1ST PLACE IN GBL CO-ED DIVISION

The Revere High Patriot Cheerleaders competed in a GBL Competition in February at Billerica High School, taking First Place in their division.

Shown to the left: RHS Cheerleaders hitting their final pose at the end of their routine.

Left to right: Charlotte Harrity, Isabella Marin, Briana Capunay, Captain Geovanny Acetty, Captain Vita Somboun, Jaelynn Smith, Jessica Farro.

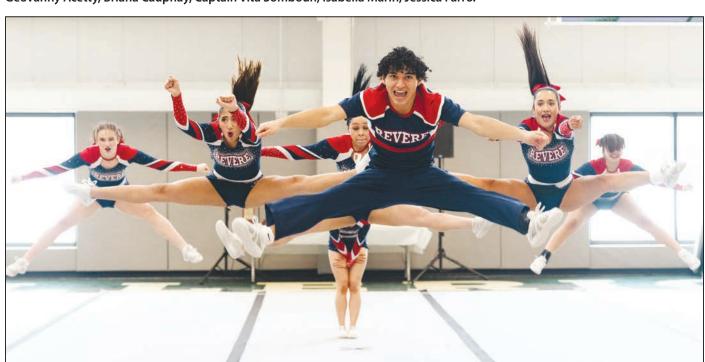




Captain Geovanny Acetty holds Charlotte Harrity in a one-man stunt during the pyramid sequence while Captain Vita Somboun braces.



The RHS Cheerleaders excitedly taking the floor at their GBL competition. Left to right: Jaelynn Smith, Charlotte Harrity, Captain Geovanny Acetty, Briana Caupnay, Captain Vita Somboun, Isabella Marin, Jessica Farro.



RHS Cheerleaders doing a toe touch during their jump sequence. Left to right: Charlotte Harrity, Isabella Marin, Briana Capunay, Captain Geovanny Acetty, Captain Vita Somboun, Jaelynn Smith, Jessica Farro.

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ect during a special election on Saturday, April 5. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the election, which will also include two override questions regarding the school budget.

The website is winthropfirestation.com, and there is also a link to the site on the town's website.

The website provides information on the background, rationale, considerations, and community involvement related to the project. There is information about the condition of the town's two existing fire stations, plans for the new building, and the financial impact of the override on homeowners.

"The website is completely up and running now," said Fire Chief Scott Wiley. "The numbers are all accurate, the interactive finance page is accurate. If anybody hasn't been to it, it will tell you exactly ... there is a link to the assessor's page, you can type in your address and it will tell you your exact assessed value.

"Plug in your exact assessed value, and it will tell you not only what your annual cost for the project will be, but your quarterly cost for the project," the chief continued. "It goes on to give you an update on the debt exclusions that are coming off the rolls in the future during the lifetime of this debt exclusion."

Wiley said there is also a tab on the website for anyone who has questions about the project.

"Somebody on the firehouse committee will get back to you right away," said Wiley.

Anyone who wants to host an informational coffee hour on the project can also request that through the website, he added.

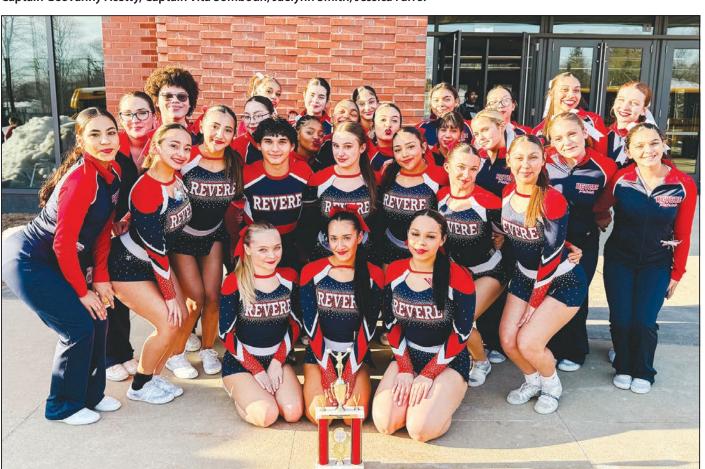
There are currently two coffee hours that are on the schedule and will be open to the public, Wiley said. One is this Thursday, March 13 at 6 p.m. in the function room at Seal Harbor 3. The second is on Tuesday, March 25 at 1 p.m. at the senior center.

At Monday's firehouse building committee meeting, Town Council President Jim Letterie reviewed the details of the question residents will be asked to consider during the special election on Saturday, April

"It's a \$38.5 million debt exclusion that we're asking for," said Letterie. "The thought is to pay this off in 25 years instead of 30, like it's a typical home mortgage, and the savings to the town by doing that is roughly \$8.4 million."

The average assessed value of a home in Winthrop today is \$697,305.

"Based on that property, this cost would be roughly \$495 a year, roughly \$135 a tax bill, a quarter," Letterie said. "This would not start, the full impact of this, that \$135 a tax quarter, would not kick in until Jan. 1 of 2028. There would be some early anticipated (bonds) that would go out ... to pay for demolition and such, but the full borrowing would not take effect until fiscal 28."



Revere High School Cheerleaders with their First Place GBL Co-ed trophy. In the front row left to right: Jayla Foster, Captain Vita Somboun, Jaelynn Smith. Second row left to right: Briana Capunay, Isabella Marin Isaza, Captain Geovanny Acetty, Jessica Farro, Cristiana Rosa, Charlotte Harrity, Gianna Guzman. Third row left to right: Camila Ramas, Ashley Duncan, Ian Alvarez, Kaylee Hercules, Wilsa De Pina, Karyna Willie, Danna Ramos, Heba Marouane, Katherine Aborn, Sophia Keane, Valentina Cataldo. Last row left to right: Jesaliah Lopez, Isabele Bocate, Analyse Byrd, Aleina Barreto, Amithi Ho, Jelitza Jerezano, Madison Matheson heerleading.

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REVERE Through the Years

10 years ago March 18, 2015

Sunday night's snowfall was enough to set a new record for snow accumulation in Boston in a single season, reaching a total of 110 inch-

Mayor Dan Rizzo announced his intention to run for another term during his annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration last Thursday, March 12.

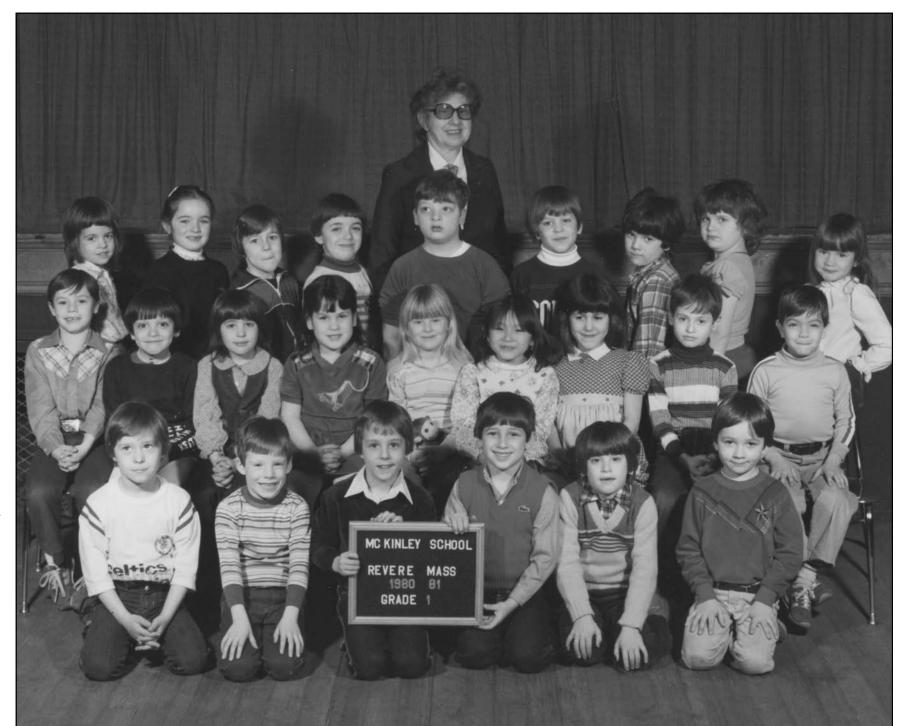
A violent attack at the Seacoast Academy last week has led to serious charges against three girls and a call by School Supt. Paul Dakin for the state to review new regulations that hamper the schools' ability to expel students. The attack, according to police and to Dakin, was allegedly planned by one girl and her two friends and centered around a fight over a boy.

With many feet of snow still occupying many baseball and softball fields due to the Snowmageddon of the past 60 days, many local high school programs are scratching their heads about what they'll do to start their spring season without a field for the foreseeable future.

House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo joined Representative RoseLee Vincent and their colleagues in the Mass. House to pass a supplemental budget which allocates additional funding to critical programs and initiatives, including a critical provision to help racing return to Suffolk Downs. The legislation will allow horse racing and simulcasting to continue at Suffolk Downs until 2016.

Cinderella and Get Hard are playing at the Revere paredness," according to Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago March 23, 2005



Shown above, in 1981, Ms. Josephine Reppucci's First-Grade class (1980-1981) at the McKinley School during class photos.

ations unit of the Revere Police Department conducted a mock drill entitled, "Intruder in the Building," at Revere High School this week in an effort to "ratchet up our security and pre-Police Chief Terence Reardon.

The Licensing Commission disciplined the Lido The new Special Oper- Club for the second time in two months, this time ordering a 14-day suspension of its liquor license and rolling back the club's hours. The Lido has been the scene of numerous stabbings in recent weeks.

Stearn's Hardware Store, operated by Harvey and Helaine Cotton, a fixture on North Shore Road for 60 years, will be closing its doors effective April 1.

The city's third Stop & Shop supermarket opened its doors last Thursday.

Lieut. James Caramello is the new President of the Revere Firefighters Union, succeeding Chris Bright, who held the post for the past 13 years.

The Ring Two, Robots, and Sideways are playing at the Revere Showcase Cine-

30 years ago March 22, 1995

Revere Tobacco Control Commissioner Natalie Cohen said she was shocked by results of a recent sting operation which revealed that 80 percent of the city's tobacco vendors sold tobacco products to minors. Cohen said she will ask the City Council to adopt a local ordinance to prohibit the sale of tobacco products to minors with appropriate penalties.

State Senator Robert Travaglini, co-chair of the Commission, Megaplex said that Suffolk Downs is not a good location for a proposed megaplex and that it is not one of the five sites being considered by the commission. Mayor Robert J. Haas has been pushing Suffolk as a site for a mega-

Point of Pines residents are expressing their delight with a recent decision by the State Supreme Judicial Court which appears to have killed the possibility of a \$190 million power plant in Lynn.

Bye, Bye Love, Losing Isaiah, and Dolores Clairborne are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago March 20, 1985

Acting Police Chief Edward Sasso has placed on administrative leave six police officers who are being investigated by State Police for their alleged role in the ransacking of the Northgate CVS after they responded to an early-morning burglar alarm. Only one of the six reportedly passed a lie detector test concerning the incident.

A foundation building permit was issued by Building Commissioner Stanley Ferragamo to Carabetta Enterprises this week, signaling the start of construction of the long-awaited Ocean Ave. development on Revere Beach, to be known as Ocean's Edge, that will have 630 units of condos and rentals.

The city is mourning the passing of former threeterm City Council member Joseph DelGrosso, who passed away Monday at the age of 83. DelGrosso, the father of current City Council President Joseph A. DelGrosso, first was elected to the City Council in 1937 and was elected a State Representative in a special election in 1961. The Journal, in an editorial about Mr. DelGrosso, writes, "He was outspoken, blunt, and straight to the point. He never ducked an issue and never minced words."

Mask, The Breakfast Club, and Witness are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

50 years ago March 19, 1975

City Councillor John F.X. Hurley has proposed that the city create a Revere Finance Commission, consisting of a chairman named by the mayor and two other members named by the City Council, in order to lift the city out of its economic doldrums.

Lee Rizzo, Exec. Dir. of the Parks and Recreation Commission, said that vandals caused \$2000 in damage to the Youth Center Monday. He called for more police protection after the center closes at 10:00 p.m.

The second annual charity basketball contest between the Revere Journal Jets and the City Hall Clumsies will be held at the RHS gym Friday night. A battle between the McKinley and Garfield junior high basketball teams for the city championship will precede the charity game.

The Colonial Acres Civic Group held its 16th annual dinner-dance at Caruso's Diplomat with more than 250 persons in attendance. Charles Giuffrida is the group's new president, succeeding Charles Cavallaro, who was honored as the

group's Man of the Year. Report to the Commis-

sioner is playing at the Kincade Theatre in Winthrop.

60 years ago March 25, 1965

After a 10-day trial, a Suffolk Superior Country jury has found Building Inspector Michael Ancilo not guilty on charges of soliciting and accepting a bribe. The prosecution had alleged that Ancillo had received a bribe from an East Boston man in connection with a building permit in August, 1962. Another charge, involving an alleged \$12,000 bribe from a Revere man in return for receiving Ancillo's help in obtaining a variance of the zoning ordinances, still is pending against Ancillo. Ancillo was represented by Atty. Joseph Gorfinkle.

A group of local mothers has warned that they will picket day and night to protest a proposed site for a dump in Saugus and Revere State Rep. Ray Carey further predicted that "all hell will break loose on the floor of the House" if the House transfers the authority for regulation of fill and dredging from the State Department of Natural Resources to the cities and towns.

With the resignation of Walter A. Hickey from the Board of Assessors, Acting City Manager Joseph F. Mc-Christal has named Frank Thomas of 91 Prospect Ave. to the board.

Revere families flocked to the grand opening of the new McDonald's restaurant at 126 Squire Rd., where they eagerly responded to the idea of purchasing 15-cent hamburgers on a speedy, self-service basis.

Walt Disney's Emil and the Detective is playing at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago March 24, 1955

The 14 year-old Revere boy who stabbed his 10 year old sister to death in an argument over a TV show has been committed to nine years with the Youth Service Board. He will spend his time at the Institute for Juvenile Guidance in South Bridgewater.

Revere teachers have filed suit in Suffolk Superi-

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Fine Arts Director Karen Agnetta (above) and Revere Public Schools celebrate March on the Arts. PAGE 10.

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Garfield Community Magnet School second quarter honor roll. PAGE 11.

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Revere resident Chris Dwyer publishes fictional horror story. **PAGE 9**.

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COMMUNITY

One man's incredible journey from Albania to America, and how a Revere attorney helped make it happen

Freedom fighters

BY SETH DANIEL seth@reverejournal.com

olitics is serious business in Revere,

but most of us don't have to worry about being killed in our hometown for our political views.

Others around the world don't benefit from such freedom of speech and reason-

When Julian Balili first came through the door two years ago at Revere Attorney Valerie Giglio's Beach Street office, he became one of many political asylum cases on the lawyer's caseload.

During Balili's successful two-year legal battle, Giglio evolved from being his legal adviser to a friend fighting for his

life, knowing he would face certain death if he were shipped back to his hometown

For Balili, now 25, the case took him from the once-dangerous circles of Albanian politics, through an International people-smuggling operation and into



Revere attorney Valerie Giglio has been involved in many political asylum cases, but none as compelling as Julian Balili's. The two are shown inside her Beach Street office.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Health Dept. meets new challenges, requirements

BY SETH DANIEL seth@reverejournal.com

The city's Health Department is no longer just looking for rats and cockroaches In today's world they're preparing for the dire consequences of a dirty bomb explosion.

In fact, since Sept. 11 hit, the department has been forced to plan for the worst, and now they're charged with coming up with an Emergency Medical Operation Plan that would decontaminate the entire city's population in the event of a medical epidemic, terrorist induced or not.

Since last fall, Health Agent Nick Catinazzo and Public Health Nurse Carol Donovan have been working exclusively on the plan, which is mandated for every city and town by the federal Department of Homeland Security.

"After 9/11, all medical emergencies became part of the Health Department's mission," said Catinazzo. "Now, every city and town in the state and country has to have a workable emergency operation plan by June. This is really

A JUNIOR HIGH



A group of impeccably dressed Revere High School students gather on the dance floor during the Junior Prom last Thursday at the Danversport Yacht Club. More color prom photos, Page 8.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Domestic violence initiative receives a major boost from the Dept. of Justice

BY SETH DANIEL

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Just a few weeks ago, a Harris Street woman was relaxing in her home, trying to calm down after an argument with her long-term boyfriend.

Then the boyfriend arrived.

The door was locked.

He kicked it open and began yelling. He punched the walls and argued with the woman. Then he likely will happen again. pushed her down and began hitting her repeatedly with a shoe. Fearing for her safety, she called police. She had called for the same reasons

The boyfriend, who has a drug

and alcohol problem, was arrested and carted off to jail for the night, but the problem is circular and most

This domestic violence scenario is real and is one that plays out all over the city several times a week. It's not new to Revere, but - as

INDEPENDENT



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

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

ICA/Boston announces Sarah Sze as inaugural recipient of the Meraki Artist Award

New \$100,000 award recognizes the achievements of women visual artists

Special to the Journal

The Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston (ICA) is pleased to announce Sarah Sze (b. 1969, Boston, MA) as the inaugural recipient of its new Meraki Artist Award. Widely recognized for expanding the boundaries between painting, sculpture, video, and installation, Sze's work blends the intimate with the monumental, precision with chaos, and the physical with the digital. Her intimate paintings and large-scale installations and public works challenge perceptions of space, time, and scale, making her one of the most compelling artists of our time.

"It's a huge honor to be the first recipient of the Meraki Artist Award and I'm inspired by the dedication to love, care, and art that the award stands for," said Sze.

Generously funded by Fotene Demoulas, the \$100,000 award celebrates



Sarah Sze, inaugural recipient of the Meraki Artist Award

the artistic achievements of women artists and their impact on the field of contemporary visual art. Sze will accept the Meraki Artist Award at the museum's annual Women's Luncheon on May 5, 2025.

"I am honored to collaborate with the ICA to spotlight the passion and presence that women visual artists bring to their practice through the Meraki Artist Award," said Demoulas. "I want to offer heartfelt congratulations to Sarah, whose innovate work inspires us to see the world in new ways."

"In Greek, the word meraki means to pour your soul into something, and I can think of no better way to describe Fotene's longstanding support of artists and the ICA," said Jill Medvedow, Ellen Matilda Poss Director of the ICA. "The generosity of this award is echoed in the open spirit and artistic expansiveness of Sarah's work. We are thrilled to recognize Sarah as the inaugu-

ral recipient of the Meraki Artist Award and to celebrate her important contributions to art and culture."

An exhibition of works promised to the ICA by Fotene and Tom Coté will go on view at the museum in January 2026. Reflecting their longtime support of artists at every stage of their career through exhibitions, publications, and museum acquisitions, the exhibition features work by 20 artists including Charlene von Heyl, Deana Lawson, Deborah Roberts, Diedrick Brackens, Laura Owens, Lynette Yiadom-Boakye, Mickalene Thomas, Njideka Akunyili Crosby, Olga de Amaral, and Sarah Sze. The artworks reflect multiple generations, styles, media, and thematic concerns, exemplifying a sustained interest in formal and material complexity and a steadfast belief in the singular perspectives that artists contribute to the world.

Sarah Sze gleans objects

and images from worlds both physical and digital, assembling them into complex multimedia works that shift scale between microscopic observation and macroscopic perspective on the infinite. A peerless bricoleur, Sze moves with a light touch across proliferating media. Her dynamic, generative body of work spans sculpture, painting, drawing, printmaking, video, and installation while always addressing the precarious nature of materiality and grappling with matters of entropy and temporality.

Born in Boston, Sze earned a BA from Yale University in 1991 and an MFA from the School of Visual Arts, New York, in 1997. While still in graduate school, she challenged the very nature of sculpture, at MoMA PS1 in New York, by burrowing into the walls of the building, creating sculptural portals

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Gov. Healey visits Boston Children's Hospital, highlights harm caused by cuts to NIH funding, Medicaid

Special to the Journal

On March 17, Governor Maura Healey and First Lady Joanna Lydgate visited Boston Children's Hospital, a world leader in pediatric health care, to highlight how the Trump Administration's cuts to National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding and Congressional Republicans' proposal to cut Medicaid funding would negatively impact the care that Boston Children's provides to sick children and the innovative research they conduct to save lives. The Governor and First Lady toured the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and Cardiac Intensive Care Unit (CICU), where they met with clinicians, patients and families.

"Massachusetts is proud to be home to the best health care system in the country, and that's because of our incredible hospitals like Boston Children's that deliver lifesaving care and innovative research every day. Joanna and I greatly appreciated the opportunity to see this work in action today and to talk directly to clinicians and families about the importance of NIH and Medicaid funding," said Governor Maura Healey. "Right now, the Trump Administration and Congressional Republicans are trying to gut NIH and Medicaid funding, which would take away health care from babies, pregnant women, seniors and people with disabilities and halt clinical trials at Boston Children's and institutions across the state. These actions will have real harm on the health and wellbeing of our children and will prevent doctors and researchers from doing their jobs."

"We were deeply inspired by the strength and optimism of the families at Children's Hospital, who remind us all what's at stake in this moment," said First Lady Joanna Lydgate. "Our children are so fortunate to live in a state with the best health care in the country and to be cared for by amaz-

ing doctors and nurses at hospitals like Boston Children's. That care is at risk right now, and we will do everything in our power to protect it."

"At Boston Children's,

our mission is clear - to improve and transform the lives of children through compassionate care, groundbreaking research, and unwavering commitment to every child, no matter their circumstance, because we believe that care is a right, not a privilege," said Dr. Kevin Churchwell, Chief Executive Officer of Boston Children's Hospital. "That conviction drives our

work every day."

"Nearly half of all children in Massachusetts rely on MassHealth – our state Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program – for their health care coverage. It's critically important that their access to care continues so we can give kids the healthiest possible start in life," said Secretary of Health and Human Ser-

vices Kate Walsh. "Cuts to funding for things like medical research and grants for graduate medical education at children's hospitals are really creating a no-win situation, not only impacting research teams but harming our Massachusetts economy (which is a net contributor to the federal budget), undermining the US's world leadership in medical research, and depriving patients and families of life-saving innovations."

Boston Children's Hospital is dedicated to improving and advancing the health and well-being of children around the world through its life-changing work in clinical care, biomedical research, medical education and community engagement. Boston Children's is ranked the #1 pediatric hospital in the world by Newsweek and among best in the nation by U.S. News and World Report. It is home to the world's largest pediatric research enterprise. It is the primary pediatric teaching

hospital for Harvard Medical School. Boston Children's treats more children with rare diseases and complex conditions than any other hospital.

Boston Children's is the leading recipient of pediatric research funding from the National Institutes of Health, with more NIH awards than any other children's hospital. They receive more than \$200 million in NIH funding per year, including \$230 million in 2024. The Trump Administration's cuts would cut that funding in half.

Congress recently passed a budget resolution that would require severe cuts to Medicaid, which approximately two million Massachusetts residents and nearly half of the children in the state rely on for health care. Approximately 46 percent of Boston Children's patients are covered by MassHealth, including 60 percent of patients with the most complex medical needs



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or Court to compel the city to honor the pay raise agreement that was entered into with the School Committee, but which City Manager Edward P. O'Toole has refused to accept, saying that the city cannot afford the raises.

The City Council has adopted a new ordinance which requires the owner of any excavated land to fence it in. The council's action comes in response to the recent, tragic drowning of a young boy who fell through thin ice at the clay pit.

A fire completely destroyed the house of long-time police officer Edward Leach and his family at 65 Leverett Ave. The Leaches, who have resided at the house for 40 years, were not home at the time of the blaze.

St. Anthony's Church will observe its 50th anniversary April 18 with a gala evening of dancing and entertainment at the Oceanview Ballroom.

Alan Ladd stars in Branded at the Winthrop Theatre.

80 years ago March 22, 1945

The War Department delivered the sad news this week that Flight Officer Samuel Gordon, 27, of 9 Orr Square, who had been reported as missing in action over Germany on January 13, now has been declared as killed in action. News of his death comes as a shock to his friends and family, who had been hoping that he was a prisoner of war. Gordon was a 1936 graduate of Revere High and a 1939 grad of Michigan State University.

Capt. George S. Burnett, the Revere City Engineer, has been assigned the task of restoring electrical service to the battered city of Cologne, Germany, which the Americans recently captured.

Former Revere Fire Chief and civic leader Colin Chisholm, of 152 Beach St., passed away this week at the age of 84. Chisholm was a pioneer in the electrical field. He served as a vice president of the Suburban Gas and Electric Co. up until a few years ago and directed the construction of the first electric railway in the country which operated between Revere Beach and Orient Heights.

Edward G. Robinson and Joel McRea star in Barbary Coast at the Revere Theatre.

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Susan B. Anthony Middle **School's Annual Community Outreach Civics event a success**

Over a dozen state and city leaders discuss government, civic engagement

Special to the Journal

Middle School students at the Susan B. Anthony (SBA) recently heard from over a dozen state and city leaders as part of the annual Community Outreach civics event. The guests spent the morning at the SBA fielding questions from students as part of their civic action project.

Organized by SBA civics teachers, Alexandra Butler and Shalyn Peterbark, the event brings together leaders like Mayor Patrick Keefe, State Rep. Jeff Turco, School Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly, Revere



School Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly.

School Committee members, and others to discuss their roles in government and how to increase civic engagement in Revere.

"This is our fourth year



then created a list of questions they still had for local and state leaders about their topics. The goal of this event was to connect students with community leaders who can partner with them to create change for their issues."

running the Communi-

ty Outreach event, and I

think it was our best yet," said Butler. "We had so

many community leaders take time out of their day

to answer questions from

students about their civic action projects. It has been

awesome to watch these

partnerships between SBA

and local, as well as state,

Butler said some of the

presenters from this year

have attended the SBA's

community outreach events

dents conducted some back-

ground research on their

topics," she said. "They

"Before the event, stu-

government grow."

from the start.

As part of the project, students were tasked with reflecting on the event and what they learned from leaders.

"I feel like this event helped me learn more about



The guests spent the morning at the SBA fielding questions from students as part of their civic action project.

my project topic, which is focused on student engagement," said SBA student Sam.

Another SBA student. Tyler, said, "After talking with leaders, I found the best way to create change and some of the difficulties of my topic."

Etienne reported that she enjoyed hearing from leaders and "how they each go about addressing certain issues and their personal views."

"I learned a lot about how you need to advocate for yourself and the change you



State Rep. Jeff Turco.

want," said Angelina, another SBA student.

"Students were able to gain some confidence in their public speaking skills by asking questions to community leaders," said Peterbark. The civic action project is a multi-month project, and the feedback and answers students receive will make their projects stronger. I hope that five years from now these same students will be adult citizens that are making similar efforts to make positive change in Revere."



Mayor Patrick Keefe and Revere Parks and Recreation Director Michael Hinojosa.



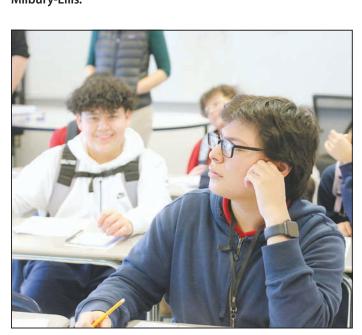
SBA students discuss civic engagement topics during the



Assistant School Superintendent Dr. Lourenço Garcia with HarborCOV's Co-Executive Director Kourou Pich.



School Committee members Anthony Caggiano and Aisha Milbury-Ellis.



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School Committee member John Kingston.



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that radically transformed host architecture. A year later, for her first solo institutional exhibition, at the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, she presented Many a Slip (1999), an immersive installation sprawling through several rooms in which flickering projections were scattered among complex assemblages of everyday objects. This marked Sze's first foray into video, which has since become a central medium of her installations. Citing the Russian Constructivist notion of the "kiosk" as a key inspiration, she conceived subsequent installations as portable stations for the interchange of images and the exchange of information. Sze represented the United States in the 55th Venice Biennale in 2013, and her work has been the subject of numerous solo exhibitions, including recently at Nasher Sculpture Center, Dallas (2024); Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York (2023); and Fondation Cartier, Paris (2020), and featured in the Carnegie International (1999); Whitney Biennial (2000); and the Bienal de São Paulo (2002). She was awarded a MacArthur Fellowship in 2003.

The Meraki Artist Award is an annual artist award that is a key part of the ICA's efforts to exhibit, present and

and crafting ecosystems collect the work of women artists. The award takes its inspiration from the Greek word "meraki" (may-rahkee), which means to do something with soul, love, or creativity. The Meraki Artist Award is funded by Fotene Demoulas and will continue to be supported for the next ten years. The artist will be recognized at the ICA's annual Women's Luncheon.

> Since its founding in 1936, the ICA has shared the pleasures of reflection, inspiration, imagination, and provocation that contemporary art offers with its audiences. A museum at the intersection of contemporary art and civic life, the ICA has advanced a bold vision for amplifying the artist's voice and expanding the museum's role as educator, incubator, and convener. Its exhibitions, performances, and educational programs provide access to the breadth and diversity of contemporary art, artists, and the creative process, inviting audiences of all ages and backgrounds to participate in the excitement of new art and ideas. The ICA is located at 25 Harbor Shore Drive, Boston, MA, 02210. For more information, call 617-478-3100 or visit our website at icaboston.org. Follow the ICA on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok.



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as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Workforce Development under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, (26 to (27H, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before bid opening, to request, if necessary, any additional information on minimum wage rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract. The City of Revere is an equal opportunity employer. It is the policy of the City of Revere to take positive steps to maximize the utilization of Disadvantaged **Business Enterprises** (DBE). The City of Revere has established a goal of five percent (5%) participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in all construction projects. The bidding and award of this contract will be under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30 (39M. No bidder may withdraw their bid within thirty (30) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Michael Piccardi **Purchasing Agent**

Minimum wage rates

City of Revere

Public Hearina Notice **Proposed Program** Year 2025 Annual Plan **HUD Community Development Block Grant Program** The City of Revere, acting through its Chief Executive Officer, Mayor Patrick Keefe, is a HUD Community Development Entitlement Community in the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and is required to submit a FY 2025 (July 1, 2025 - June

30, 2026) Annual Plan

detailing its planned

receive approximately \$715,000 for its FY 2025 CDBG Program. At this time, the exact appropriation has not yet been determined by Congress. An important part of this process is obtaining public input and comments. The Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) will hold the second public hearing on April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at Revere City Hall, at 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151. At this public hearing, the DPCD will describe the goals and objectives as well as the eligible uses of funds for the FY 2025 Annual Plan including enhancing parks, public facilities, and public infrastructure. The FY 25 annual action plan will be available for public review from now to May 5th, 2025 during regular business hours at the following locations: the Department of Planning and Community Development, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151; the Revere Public Library, 179 Beach Street, Revere, MA 02151; and at the City Clerk's Office, Revere City Hall,

use of funds. The City

of Revere expects to

281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151. The Annual

Plan will also be posted on the City's website **LEGAL NOTICE** (www.revere.org). The DPCD has established a 30-day comment period on the FY 25 Annual Plan. Written comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. on May 5, 2025. Such comments will be considered by the DPCD and responded to in the formal plan to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on or before May 15, 2025, following the conclusion of the formal comment period. Persons with speech, hearing, or sight

disabilities and persons

requiring interpreta-

tion services will be

accommodated at the public hearings to the greatest extent possible provided a request for such assistance is made at a reasonable time prior to the hearing to the DPCD at the above address, by telephone at 781-286-8181 x20323 , or by email to idemauro@revere.org.

LEGAL NOTICE

3/19/25

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor Docket No. SU25P0465GD Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 In the interests Of: Genesis A. Baez Martinez Of:Revere, MA Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 03/04/2025 by Gisela Adorno-Ramos of Revere, MA will be held 04/11/2025 09:00 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located 24 New Chardon Street.3rd Fl., Probation Dept., Boston MA 02114 You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all inter ested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing. The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor. If you are a parent of

the minor child who

is the subject of this

proceeding you have a

right to be represented

by an attorney. If you

want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests. THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has heen scheduled If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal

advice. Date: March 6, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

3/19/25

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND **FAMILY COURT** NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor Docket No. SU25P0244GD Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 In the interests Of: Ethan J. Lake Of:Revere, MA Minor NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 02/04/2025 by Tonya C. Shoup of Fitchburg, MA will be held 06/06/2025 09:00 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located 24 New Chardon Street, 3rd Fl., Probation

Dept., Boston MA 02114

filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days hefore the hearing. The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor. If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard. A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing,

unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests. THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice. Date: March 7, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE Action Emergency Management Service, Inc.

3/19/25

1087 Broadway Revere, MA 02151 P:781-286-3900 F: 781-286-3924 Call #: 33271 2006 Jeep Grand

Cherokee

Gold 2016 Chevrolet Malibu VIN #: Blue VIN #: 1G1ZB5ST-1J4GR48K16C157524 PLATE #: 3BRK32 (MA) 7GF303606 PLATE #: VA36 (MA) Call #: 33333 Call #: 32958 2007 Lexus ES350 2014 RAM 1500 Red VIN #: JTHB-Silver VIN #: 1C6RR7FG-J46G472113173 PLATE #: 4NFL68 (MA) 1ES295056 Call #: 33057 PLATE #: 2KDH28 (MA) 3/5/25, 3/12/25, 3/19/25 2006 Chrysler PT Cruiser Silver 3A4FY48B36T292197 Call #: 33066 2009 Ford Edge **LEGAL NOTICE** Red **Public Hearing** Notice is hereby given

A-25-06

in accordance with

Chapter 40A of the

Massachusetts General

the Revised Ordinances

Laws and Title 17 of

of the City of Revere

(RRO) that the City of

Revere Zoning Board

will conduct a public

evening, March 26,

2025 at 5:00 P.M. in

hearing on Wednesday

of Appeals (ZBA)

the provisions of

VIN #: 2FMDK48C-29BA49063 PLATE #: 5MJD27 (MA) Call #: 33259 2009 Honda CR-V Gray #: 5J6RE48539L061302

PLATE #: 4MHT45 (MA) 3/19/25, 3/26/25,

LEGAL NOTICE Action Emergency

PLATE #: 5364AH (MA)

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PLATE #: X992 (MA)

2018 Ford C-Max Hybrid

PLATE #: 5HBR92 (MA)

the City Councillor Stephen R. Caruso, 320 Management Service, Charger Street, Revere, 1087 Broadway MA 02151 requesting Revere, MA 02151 the following variances P: 781-286-3900 to enable the appellant F: 781-286-3924 to construct four (4) Call #: 32224 townhouses on Lots 2007 Toyota Camry 22-346-5A, 7A, and Lots 22-345-89, 90, 91 and Silver 92 Ridge Road, Revere, VIN #: JT-NBB46K573018839 MA 02151: Call #: 32328 1. Noncompliance of 2007 Mini Cooper parcel 7A containing Gold 78 feet of frontage on VIN #: WMWM-Ridge with RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect F33597TL68918 PLATE #: 5NNG69 (MA) to minimum frontage Call #: 32578 requirement of 80 feet in the RB District; 2008 Toyota Sienna 2. Noncompliance of VIN #: 5TDZparcel 7A containing 6,683 sq. ft. on Ridge K23C58S223808 Call #: 32618 Road with RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect 2012 Chevrolet Sonic to minimum greg Silver VIN #: requirement of 8,000 1G1JC5SH9C4163330

sq. ft. within the RB District: 3. Noncompliance of parcel 5A containing 78 feet of frontage on Ridge Road with RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to minimum frontage requirement of 80 feet within the RB District: 4. Noncompliance of

parcel 5A Ridge Road containing 6,697 sq.

ft. of area on Ridge

requirement of 8,0000 sq. ft. within the RB District; 5. Noncompliance of proposed new parcel containing 72 ft. frontage and 7,315 sq. ft. of area on Ridge Road with RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to minimum frontage requirement of 80 feet and minimum area requirement of 8,000 sq. ft. within the RB District; 6. Nonconformance of proposed new parcel containing 72 ft. frontage and 7,514 sq. ft. of area on Ridge Road with RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to minimum frontage requirement of 80 feet and minimum area requirement of 8,000 sq. ft. within the RB District. A copy of the aforementioned application (A-25-06) 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 Friday 8:00AM to 12:00PM. Proponent/ opponent testimony will be accepted in writing via email to amelnik@ revere.org on or before March 18, 2025. Ashley E. Melnik, Clerk City of Revere Zoning Board of Appeals 3/12/25, 3/19/25

Road with RRO Section

17.24.010 with respect

to minimum area

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF **ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION** 320A CHARGER STREET, Parcel ID 30-435C-8A REVERE, MASSACHUSETTS RELEASE TRACKING NUMBER 3-0017187 A release of oil and or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts

Contingency Plan, 310

of Allied Waste Services of Massachusetts, LLC, recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds a NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION on a portion of the disposal site, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1070 through 40.1080 The NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION will limit the following site activities and uses on the above property: Excavation into soils within the Portion of the Property without fulfilling the Obligations and Conditions outlined in the Notice of Activity and Use Limitation: * Use of the soils at the Portion of the Property for agricultural activities where the soil is used for growing fruits or vegetables for human consumption; * Development and use of the Portion of the Property as single family residential use, or multiple family residential use or as a child day care facility, recreational park. school or playground or any other site use which includes the presence of children on a routine basis. Any person interested in obtaining additional information about the NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION may contact Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc., at 31 Bellows Road, Raynham, Massachusetts 02767 (774) 501-2176. The NOTICE OF **ACTIVITY AND USE** LIMITATION and the disposal site file can

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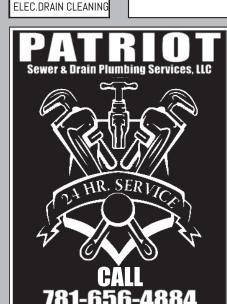
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Doggie Dementia

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

If you've been fortunate enough to have a life filled with wonderful companion animals, you have experienced the sadness of aging and perhaps developed your own assistive and coping mechanisms. As we provide better care for our furry friends, they live longer and experience some of the same problems of age that we humans face.

We experienced the loss of cognitive function or Canine Cognitive Dysfunction (CCD) with our second Westie, Maggie Mae. In her case, the change happened suddenly with an episode of Vestibular Syndrome. She did recover from the dizzy, sick symptoms, but she never regained her previous level of cognitive abilities.

Symptoms

The Whole Dog Journal reported that Veterinarians use the acronym DISHAAL to describe typical symptoms of CCD. The letters stand for:

• Disorientation – Examples include getting lost in familiar places or becoming trapped in corners.

• Interactions—Changes in how or whether the dog interacts with its people. These include becoming clingy, irritable, fearful, or aggressive with strangers.

• Sleep - Changes in sleep patterns or vocalizing at night.

• Housetraining - Increased house-soiling or failing to go when outside.

• Activity level – Decrease in exploration or play with toys or family mem-

• Anxiety - Increased anxiety when separated from guardians, more reactive or fearful, and pace and wander more.

• Learning/memory – Decreased ability to perform tasks and learn new ones.

As with human dementia, your veterinarian will note the symptoms you report and diagnose by exclusion. A careful physical examination and bloodwork can rule out other causes for the changes you're seeing. The good news is that several FDA-approved medications can slow the disease today.

Actions and Resources

We can take steps to promote healthier aging. By increasing exercise, you protect your dog from CCD, and by doing it together, you protect yourself. It's a win-win situation. Always consult both your doctors before starting any significant change in exercise routines.

Certified Veterinary Behaviorist Dr. Lore Haug has said, "A lot of old dogs get what I call the 'shrinking world' syndrome." "Their owners get in a rut with them; they start walking the dog less... and they don't train the dog or teach him tricks. The dog doesn't get as much stimulation and enrichment - maybe they stop taking the dog to the dog park — and there's a significant decline in mental and physical challenges."

Loss of sensory input increases the danger of de-

PHOTO BY MADALYN COX

You can do a lot to prevent dementia in your older dog.

mentia in humans. That's why seniors must have their hearing tested and use hearing aids as recommended. Scientists are working on hearing aids for dogs, and corrective eye surgery for dogs is now standard. However, as guardians, we can ensure we are aware of and provide the necessary care to prevent ear and eye infections from causing deafness

and blindness.

Routines are essential to dogs suffering from CCD. Knowing what is going to happen and when can lessen anxiety. If house training is an issue, you can try more frequent walks or see if the dog can learn to use pads inside. Puppy proof your home to prevent stress when mistakes happen.

Finally, Eileen Ander-

son's book Remember Me? Loving and Caring for a Dog with Canine Cognitive Dysfunction addresses the problem of dog dementia and offers sound advice to those who notice changes in an older dog's behavior.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Email Penny@BostonZest. com with your request.

FKO receives MGH \$300,000 grant for Innovative Apprenticeship

Special to the Journal

For Kids Only Afterschool (FKO) is excited to have received of Mass General Brigham Community Health Impact Funds for a groundbreaking new out-ofschool time (OST) apprenticeship that is advancing economic mobility for lowand moderate-income residents in Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop, Massachu-

This funding is part of \$3 million that has been awarded to 15 local organizations to support economic mobility and financial stability initiatives in Boston and North Suffolk County. The Phillip a multi-year construction a critical role in child deproject that will result in a state-of-the-art clinical care building on the Massachusetts General Hospital campus, triggered this landmark investment through the Massachusetts Determination of Need (DoN) process.

This new grant partnership between FKO and MGH will ignite hope and opportunity for individuals across their service areas and strengthen essential programs for working families. "We are deeply grateful to MGH for believing in our vision and for becoming a vital partner in creating lasting change by empowering both OST educators and

the youth they serve," said Deborah Kneeland Keegan, Co-Founder and Executive Director of FKO.

MGH's significant investment will enhance FKO's newly launched apprenticeship program, which is the first of its kind for full-time OST workers nationwide. FKO's unique model offers full-time paid positions while participants complete a formal apprenticeship recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor and registered with the Massachusetts Division of Apprentice Standards (DAS).

FKO designed the apprenticeship model to help individuals build lasting and Susan Ragon Building, careers in a field that plays velopment. It equips participants with the tools they need to succeed in high-demand roles and addresses workforce shortages while fostering a more inclusive and sustainable OST workforce by recruiting from the communities FKO serves.

> In addition to full-time employment, apprentices receive fair compensation and benefits such as healthcare and paid time off, along with 2,000 hours of on-thejob learning, 150 hours of formal training, and 1:1 mentorship to support their personal professional development. Upon completion, apprentices earn a certifi

cate and acquire valuable, marketable skills that can propel them toward longterm economic well-being and upward mobility.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, many communities have faced more significant barriers to economic mobility, including job loss, increased housing insecurity, limited access to education and healthcare, and a widening digital divide. These challenges have made it harder for individuals to achieve financial stability and upward mobility, highlighting the urgent need for targeted interventions.

"Access to greater economic mobility is essential to advancing health equity, particularly in historically marginalized communities," said Elsie Taveras, MD, MPH, Chief Community Health and Health Equity Officer at Mass General Brigham. Taveras further emphasized that achieving financial stability and economic mobility will enable individuals to prioritize their health while building generational wealth for themselves and their communities.

"The OST apprenticeship demonstrates a profound investment in individuals by placing them on the path toward financial stability and upward mobility, while simultaneously strengthening our programs and fostering a brighter future for the youth we serve," said Kneeland Keegan.

FKO remains steadfast in its mission to deliver exceptional programming and create meaningful opportunities that uplift children, families, and the OST workforce.

For Kids Only Afterschool (FKO) is a leading provider of high-quality afterschool north of Boston. With nearly forty years of experience, FKO programs offer safe and nurturing environments where children can learn, grow, and thrive beyond regular school hours.

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