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RBP ANNOUNCES 9TH ANNUAL KITE **FESTIVAL:** A **FAMILY-FRIENDLY SPRING TRADITION** RETURNS

The Revere Beach Partnership (RBP) is excited to announce the return of its much-loved 9th Annual Kite Festival, which takes place on Saturday, May 10, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Markey Memorial Bridge on Revere Beach. This free, family-friendly event celebrates the beginning of beach season and invites the community to enjoy a fun-filled day by the ocean.

Kicking off at 11:00 AM, children can build, decorate, and fly their very own kites, filling the sky with color and creativity. The festival will also feature professional kite flyers, live music, and family-friendly activities to entertain guests of all ages.

There's more than just kite flying – the Kite Festival offers a little something for everyone! Enjoy the sights, sounds, and excitement as Revere Beach comes alive with spring energy.

For more information about the Kite Festival, visit www.reverebeachpartnership.com/events.

TSA BEGINS REAL ID **FULL ENFORCEMENT** ON MAY 7

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

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Councillor proposes change in parking relief decisions

By Adam Swift

One city councillor is looking to change who grants relief for off-street parking in Revere.

Last week, Councillor-at-Large Michelle Kelley introduced a motion seeking to revise the city's off-street parking ordinance, giving the final say on off-street parking relief requests to the council rather than the zoning board of appeals.

"I'm bringing this motion in as a follow up to the motion that was recently submitted regarding changing the zoning board of appeals to an elected body, which I am in full support of," said Kelley. "However, considering that that might take a while, if it even turns out to be successful, that change that this motion is requesting is something that we can get done now as the city council and it does not

See PARKING RELIEF Page 2 Zuko (performed by Jaden ed the Jack Satter house to



Shown above, an Easter egg hunter running through the bookshelves of Revere Public Library on April 12 during their Easter Egg hunt, where children searched for over 800 eggs hidden amongst the books.

Shown left, Melissa Mahecha and Luna Perez.

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Revere steps back to the 1950s with RHS Drama production of 'Grease'

By Melissa Moore-Randall

Revere High School traveled back in time to the 1950s with a show stopping performance of "Grease" by the RHS Drama Club. The musical was based on the 1978 film depicting the lives of Greaser Danny

X) and Australian transfer student Sandy Olsson (performed by Dina Oufessa). The performance also included former RPS alum and Kiss 108 radio personality Gianna Gravalese who portrayed Vince Fontaine

During February vacaion, the Drama Club visitget 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. The residents shared stories of being a part of drama club, cheering, sports teams and what life was like

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City okays **Affordable** Home Plan

By Adam Swift

Last week, the city council approved the conveyance of five properties the city has taken for the nonpayment of taxes to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund's Board of Trustees.

The trust fund board will be able to put those properties out to bid for either the development of affordable single-family homes, or for other development with the money from the sale being placed in the affordable housing trust fund.

The council supported an amendment made by Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky that due to easement issues, the property on Hitchborn Street be designated as an unbuildable lot. Novoselsky said it would still be possible for the abutters on either side of that property to bid on it in an attempt to expand their lots.

The other four properties are on North Shore Rear Road, the State Highway, Glendale Street, and Bay

There are potential zoning and conservation issues on those four lots, according to Tom Skwierawski, the city's planning and eco-

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Council approves special permit for Shirley Avenue development

By Adam Swift

The city council approved a special permit for a 50-unit mixed-use development at 114 Shirley Ave. its regular meeting last week.

The developer, Trichilo Development of 13 Victoria Street in Revere, is requesting a special permit from the city council to raze the existing building and build a new five-story building with two commercial units on the ground floor and 48 residential units on the upper floors.

Project attorney Joseph Cattoggio said the project is slightly smaller than the 52 residential unit plan that was originally presented to the city's site plan review committee.

At last week's zoning subcommittee meeting prior to the regular council meeting, Cattoggio also noted that the developer is committed to putting \$20,000 into the city's Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

"This is something that we discussed, it is not a precedent we are looking

for for any other developers, we are just looking to address a concern that was made," he said.

Councillor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo said he was concerned that there was not a greater effort to include affordable housing provisions within the project.

"The folks involved in this project are good people, but I do worry that we are missing the mark on workforce housing here, and \$20,000 doesn't even cover, at 80 percent AMI (Area Median Income), one year's rent for one person," Jaramillo said.

Jaramillo initially requested that the \$20,000 amount be included in the special permit conditions, but later withdrew his mo-

Several councillors raised concerns that including the affordable housing trust amount in the special permit would set a bad precedent for other developments in the city.

There were also some

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COUNCILLOR JOANNE MCKENNA HOLDS CAMPAIGN KICKOFF AT DEMAINO'S



Joanne McKenna, who has been a highly effective voice in her position as Ward 1 city councilor for the past 10 ½ years, kicked off her campaign for councilor-at-large at a reception Monday night at DeMaino's. Shown above, from left to right are Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoserlsky, former Speaker of the House Bob DeLeo, State Reps. Jeff Turco and Jessica Giannino, Councillor Joanne McKenna, Ward 3 Anthony Cogliandro, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Ward 6 Councillor Chris Giannino, Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto, School Committeeman Anthony Caggiano, Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio and School Committeeman John Kingston. See more photos on Page 17.





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Our Office will be closed Monday, April 21 in observance of the Patriots' Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday. Deadlines for next week's edition will be Friday, April 18 at noon

Fredericks Park resilience project moves ahead before **Conservation Commission**

By Journal Staff

The Revere Conservation Commission (ConsCom) held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, April 2, in the City Council Chambers. Chair Nicholas Rudolph and fellow members Brian Averback, Joseph LaValle, Thomas Carleton, Wilson Correa, and Bernardo Sepulveda were on hand for the session.

The first matter to be taken up was a request for a Notice of Intent (NOI) from Leticia Arreaga for the installation of pavers in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF) at her home at 55 Sagamore Street, which is in the neighborhood bounded by Revere St., No. Shore Rd, and the railroad tracks.

Ms. Arreaga presented the application. She told the commissioners that the purpose of the project was to remove the grass from the backyard because her young daughter (who was interpreting for her mother) is allergic to grasses. She also noted that crushed stone had been installed to a depth of 12 inches to provide for proper drainage.

However, Ms. Arrreaga told the commissioners that she already had completed the work, unaware that the project required approval from the ConsComm. Rudolph, who noted that he and other commissioners had walked the site, acknowledged that this was an "after-the-fact" request for an NOI.

"However, I can't see why this would not be acceptable under the Wetlands Protection Act," Rudolph said.

new homeowners of the requirements of the environmental laws and regulations. Ward 5 City Councilor Angela Guarino-Sawaya said she'd heard no objections to the project from neighbors and that she was in favor of it.

The commissioners unanimously approved issuing the NOI.

Next up was a request for an NOI from the City of Revere for the Bennington Street/Fredericks Park Resilience Project at 15 Everard St. The city also was seeking approval for the delineation of the resource

The Resilient Bennington Street and Fredericks Park Project is part of an ongoing effort between the cities of Boston and Revere to address regional flood risk under both current and future conditions. Since early 2023, the cities have been partnering to advance the design of coastal resilience infrastructure that spans both municipalities along Bennington Street in East Boston, Fredericks Park in Revere, and the adjacent areas near the Belle Isle Marsh.

Elle Baker, the Open Space and Environmental Planner with the city's Planning Dept., said that the NOI was being sought for the test borings. This matter had been continued from a previous meeting. The ConsComm received an email from its former chair, John Shue, stating that he had walked the site and that the drawings presented by the engineer matched what he had seen at the site.

Sepulveda said he also "They were not aware of walked the site and stated the law," said Correa, who that the resource area was added that the city should well-marked and the flags do a better job informing accurately represented the declination of the resource areas after one correction had been made.

Taylor Donovan, an Environmental Scientist with the international consultant firm VHB, told the ConsComm that a few flags had been moved from the initial plan after the site walk to delineate the wetlands more accurately.

Cindy Baxter from the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh asked whether the plans could be made available to the public and Rudolph responded that they will be on the web site.

The members unanimously approved both issuing the NOI and approving the Delineation of the Wetlands Resource Area.

The next matter was another request for an NOI from ARM Construction LLC, 61 McKinley LLC, for the demolition of an existing structure and construction of a duplex on property located in an LSCSF area.

Paul Finocchio from PJF and Associates presented the application, showing the members the architectural plans. He noted that the property is at the end of McKinley St. (where it backs up to Atwood St.) and that the existing home already had been torn down.

Finocchio said the owner is proposing to construct a two-family dwelling in which the finished floor will be at an elevation of 14 feet, which will be two feet above flood elevation. There will be garages under the structure with flowthrough vents.

The members noted that the majority of the homes in the area are duplexes.

"I have no problem with this project at all," said Guarino-Sawaya. "I think it will be a great addition to the neighborhood. I think it will raise everyone's property values."

The members unanimously approved the application.

The final matter of the evening was a request from Kevin Chiles, Madison Real Estate Group, LLC, for an NOI for 30 Floyd Street (a small side street off Revere St. that is across the wetlands from the Amazon warehouse on American Legion Highway) for the demolition of an existing structure and construction of a single-family dwelling located in an LSCSF.

Finocchio also presented this application. He said the city's Zoning Board of Appeals already has approved a variance for the construction of the home. He noted that the home is within the 100-year flood plain and will be constructed at elevation 11 with the first floor at elevation 13. He said there will be six foundation openings in the structure and will include the installation of a "smart fence."

Mr. Chiles also appeared at the hearing and answered questions from LaValle concerning proposed parking spaces. Chiles noted that most of the new parking surface area will be more permeable than the concrete surface that exists now.

There were no opponents, but the commissioners were unable to issue the NOI because they have not performed a site walk. The matter was continued until the ConsComm's next meeting in May.



RHS Drama brought down the house with their production of "Grease."

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as compared to now with some even dressing up as Grease characters.

Theatre returned to RHS in 2023 after a 30 year hiatus under the direction of Kristina Menissian. "I am beyond proud of our drama students and their hard work and dedication they gave to this show."

Fine Arts Director Kelly Williams was in awe of another successful drama production. "Thank you to each and everyone of these teenagers for giving my job true meaning. They inspire me everyday and I am beyond lucky to have them in my life. While I am sad to see "Grease" come to an end, these memories will forever remind me of how important the arts are for kids. Watching them go from auditions in December to confident performers, friends, and a community in April is an amazing gift to be part of. Congratulations to the case and crew of "Grease", you should all be very proud of what you accomplished. And a huge thanks to Ms. Menissian for always supporting our students and giving them the direction to shine. All your efforts, hardwork and dedi-

Cast included Dina Oufessa, Jaden X, Mariah Ayala, Santiago, Agamez, nez, Izabelly Santos, Santo Michelangelo Chino, Da-

cation is irreplaceable."



Jaden X portraying Danny Zucco in the RHS production of

Martell, Susie Niclas, Adrian Santos, Valery Echavarria, Diego Vigil, Gabriel Engel, Leila Selman, Hadassa Negrini, Lindsey Pineda, Valeria Vasquez, Marcus Jones, Gwen Maillard, Victoria Ackles, Vick Flygare, Ashley Garcia, Mikaylah Le, Saphira Restrepo, Janiya Ayala, DIana Powell, Karen Mazariego, Kaylee Hercules, Melany Cosme, Melanie Hernandez Pleitez, Ashley Garcia, Jaisy Gomez, Lisandro Gonzales, Aleina Gutierrez-Barreto and Genesis Hernandez.

Crew included Noura Adel, Amine Akouhar, Gisele Alvarez Gomez, Is-Emily Ardon, Derek Martiabella Ayala, Sofia Bolton, Cindy Vasquez Guzman.

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RPS Alum and Kiss 108 Radio Personality Gianna Gravalese portraying Vince Fontaine



Dina Oufessa portraying Sandy in the RHS production of "Grease."

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process."

Last month, Ward 3 Councillor Anthony Cogliandro introduced a motion for a home rule petition to change the ZBA from an appointed to an elected body. Cogliandro said the move would put more power into the hands of the residents and neighborhoods.

"Currently, requests for reductions in parking requirements are done by way of variances through the ZBA," said Kelley.

Kelley's motion would require that those requests are instead done by way of a

require a home rule petition special permit from the city council.

> "I think we can all agree that the parking requirements are a cornerstone of urban planning," she said. "They deeply impact traffic flow, alter street congestion, affect public space usage, and emergency service access. Since they have such broad implications, they are better suits to be dealt with by an elected body like the city council, which is directly answerable to voters, rather than an appointed body such as the ZBA."

An appointed body such as the ZBA does not have the same accountability to residents that the council does as an elected body, Kelley said.

"The bottom line is that we as council members are held to account and answer to residents, demonstrated by residents either voting us in or voting us out," she said. "Therefore, important decisions such as these regarding parking reductions should rest with us and not the unelected members of the ZBA."

The public hearing on the ordinance change is scheduled for the council's Monday, April 28 meeting.



speeches by Steve Morabito, State Representative Jessica Giannino, State Representative Jeff Turco, and Mayor Patrick Keefe. You can watch coverage of this event now playing on the Community Channel daily for the month of April. The video is also available to watch at your convenience on YouTube

In the newest episode of "What's Cooking Revere," join Estephany, Deborah, and Lily from Concilio Latino of Massachusetts as they walk you through preparing a classic Guatemalan breakfast. This simple and flavorful recipe is guaranteed to impress! Follow along, create this tasty dish at home, and discover more about Guatemalan culture. Watch it now on RevereTV's YouTube, Facebook, or the RTV Community Channel.

Victoria Fabbo has recorded her April episode of "Fabulous Foods." In this exciting episode, Victoria is joined by special guest Keyla, founder of Connecting Pieces, a non-profit dedicated to improving the lives of those impacted by gastrointestinal disorders, gastrointestinal cancers, and ostomies. Victoria demonstrates how to make a gut-friendly version of fish tacos and Keyla explains the differences to the norm and benefits of this recipe as they put it all together. Watch on the Community Channel through the end of the month or follow along at your own pace on YouTube as they prepare this delicious dish!

The Revere Chamber of Commerce produced a new program that premiered last week called "Nonprofits." This program was hosted by the Nonprofit Liaison for the Chamber, Judie VanKooiman. If you are a fan of the RTV Community Channel. you may have recognized Judie! Judie is also a longtime community member at RevereTV and has a show of her own that airs a new episode every month. You can watch the April episode of "Life Issues with Judie VanKooiman" on Thursdays at 6pm and Sundays at 2pm. This episode will also be scheduled proceeding "Nonprofits" a few other times this week.

Tune in to RTV GOV for live streams and replays of all city meetings. After the Traffic Commission Meeting on Thursday, April 17th, there isn't another live meeting scheduled until next Wednesday! Use this time to catch up on the April meetings so far by watching on television or YouTube. The current TV replay rotation includes the Revere City Council, Commission on Disabilities, Affordable Housing Trust Fund, RHS Building Committee, License Commission, and Traffic Commission. RTV GOV is channel 9 on Comcast and

channels 13 and 613 on RCN.

REVERE PUBLIC LIBRARY EASTER EGG HUNT



Rahel Michael, holding her 2-year-old daughter, Ruth, and watching her 5-year-old daughter, Sarah Samuel, create an Easter bunny out of popsicle sticks.



Mary J. with the Easter Bunny.



Sky Teixeira and her friend, Keiveigh McLean, on the hunt for Easter eggs.



Shown to the left, Jonathan, Mayerli, and Emma Gonzalez.



Anthony, Briella, Jionni, and their mother. Angelica Gervais.

Shown to the right,

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potential use of one of the commercial spaces on the first floor by the city's Public Arts Commission.

Cattoggio said the developers were approached by Brian Harkins about the

possibility of the arts commission using one of the two commercial spaces, but that there was no deal in place.

Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky said that there are no commitments for either of the commercial



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account," she said. With the city committed to building a new high school, McKenna said it would be difficult to commit additional funds to

units, and that the public

arts commission would

have to work with the may-

or if it were to lease space

ing for something even now

that they could utilize for

the arts on Shirley Avenue,"

However, Ward 1 Coun-

cillor Joanne McKenna, who chairs the arts commis-

sion, said it is not likely it

"(Harkins) has been look-

on private property.

said Novoselsky.

in the near future.

leasing property for the arts commission. Jaramillo and Councillor-at-Large Michelle Kelley cast the two dissenting votes against the special

during the regular meeting.

Photos by Marianne Salza

Children searched Revere Public Library's bookshelves for over 800 eggs that were filled with toys, stickers, and gummy bears during the April 12 Easter Egg Hunt. Families and their little ones, ages 0-10, also had the opportunity to meet the Easter Bunny and partake in arts and crafts, such as creating popsicle stick bunnies and mosaic tissue paper eggs.



Dereck Avida, exploring the contents of his Easter eggs.



Ari, and Martha Evenchik.



Revere Public Library held an Easter Egg Hunt on April 12.



Anthony, Sabrina, Stella, 3, and Enzo Manzione, 2-months-old, with the Easter Bunny.



Carlos Guerrero with his children, Eileen and Jacob.



BEAUTIFY REVERE 2025

Join us for our annual spring clean-up and help keep Revere beautiful!

Saturday, April 26, 2025 | City Hall Plaza (281 Broadway) | 9:00am - 12:00pm

- Meet at City Hall Plaza at 9:00am to pick up supplies. T-shirts first come, first serve.
- · Group clean-up in the neighborhood of your choice!
- Call 311 when bags are full.
- Complimentary celebration barbecue for participants at 12:00pm at McMackin Memorial Park (249 Broadway).



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HAPPY PASSOVER

Passover, which began at sundown this past Saturday evening and continues for eight days through sundown on this Sunday, celebrates the biblical story of the Exodus, when the Israelites were freed from slavery after the 10th plague on Egypt (each of which was more devastating than the last). God spared the Israelites' firstborn by having them mark their doorposts with lamb's blood, which informed God's Angels of Death to "pass over" the Israelites' homes.

This 10th plague, which claimed the Pharaoh's own firstborn son, demonstrated God's power and ultimately compelled Pharaoh to give the Israelites their freedom.

Passover commences with the First Seder, which is a special dinner that includes the recitation of the Kiddush, the Motzi, and other blessings in Hebrew. The story of Passover is retold during the Seder and the youngest person at the table recites, "The Four Questions" that provide the answers to the primary question: "Why is this night unlike all others?"

The Four Questions, which are universal in their application to all humanity, are:

On all other nights we eat either leavened or unleavened bread. On this night, why do we eat only unleavened matzah (a bread made with flour and water that is baked quickly to prevent it from rising)?

Answer: To remind us of the haste with which our ancestors left Egypt.

On all other nights we eat all kinds of herbs. On this night, why only bitter herbs?

Answer: To remind us of the bitterness of slavery.

On all other nights we do not dip our herbs even once. On this night, why do we dip them twice?

Answer: Some say to remind us of our coming and going from Egypt.

On all other nights we eat sometimes sitting and sometimes reclining. On this night, why do we all recline?

Answer: To remind us of how free people relax. We wish all of our friends and readers of the Jewish faith

a Happy Passover.

HAPPY EASTER

This Sunday is Easter, the holiest and most significant day of Christianity, which marks Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead after his crucifixion two days earlier on Good Friday.

Christians believe that Christ died to redeem us from our sins. His resurrection represents the victory over death and sin, a testament to the power of God and a promise of eternal life, offering hope that they too, can have eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ.

We wish all of our friends and readers of the Christian faith a Happy Easter.

"THE FATE OF A NATION WAS RIDING THAT NIGHT"

This week (April 19 to be exact) marks the 250th anniversary of the battles of Lexington and Concord in which civilian militia, known as the Minute Men, routed British troops who had marched from Boston overnight in search of munitions that were being concealed by the colonists.

Paul Revere and two others rode from Boston ahead of the British troops to spread the warning that the British were coming -- a feat immortalized in the poem, "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

With the Minute Men having been forewarned, hundreds of them were prepared for the arrival of the British troops, eventually confronting the hated Redcoats in the pitched battles on Lexington Green and at the North Bridge in Concord (where the first volley by the Americans famously was referred to as "the shot heard 'round the world" by Ralph Waldo Emerson in his poem, The Concord Hymn), lighting the fuse of revolutionary fervor that had been building in the American colonies, especially in Massachusetts, for a number of years.

We recall the 200th anniversary celebration in 1975 when then-President Gerald Ford gave an eloquent speech in which he said, "When all is said and done, the finest tribute that may ever be paid to this nation and people is that we provided a home for freedom."

However, as we approach the 250th anniversary of the historic events that marked the birth of our nation, President Ford's words are being put to the test.

Rather, it is the sentiments of another American President, Abraham Lincoln in his Gettysburg Address, that seem most relevant today: "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure."

In view of the recent events occurring throughout our country and the world, the question facing all Americans at this crucial juncture in our democracy is simply this: Will those principles for which the Minute Men put their lives on the line survive another 250 years?

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LETTER to the Editor

THE MUSEUM OF **AFRICAN AMERICAN** HISTORY | BOSTON & NANTUCKET **NEEDS YOU**

Dear Editor,

On March 27, the White House issued an executive order titled "Restoring Truth and Sanity in American History." On its surface, this directive may appear to target the Smithsonian Institution and the National Park Service, institutions under direct executive control. However, as with previous executive actions on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and the Department of Education's letter regarding race in public education, the implications reach far beyond Washington. This executive order gives credence to the practice of minimizing, deprioritizing, and potentially erasing African American history. We have already seen the scrubbing of African American history on a number of federal government websites.

This is a direct challenge to our mission, our work and our future.

The Museum of African American History (MAAH) stands as a living testament that Black people were not only present but instrumental in the creation and advancement of this nation. MAAH also reflects a long history of multiracial coalitions that fought for justice. The African Meeting House in Boston is the founding site of the New England Antislavery Society, established by William Lloyd Garrison, which hosted numerous interracial antislavery events. Inspired by Boston's African Meeting House, Nantucket's Black community established its own African Meeting House

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community has preserved its legacy through oral traditions, historic buildings, art and objects, as well as the unwavering commitment of a community of historians and scholars. Our preservation efforts were made possible by the diverse cadre of supporters from the historic synagogue that occupied the African Meeting House - Boston and later sold the building to MAAH in 1972 to the family of Florence Higginbotham, last property owner of our Nantucket campus.

As you may know, last June, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) awarded MAAH a transformational grant of \$500,000, to be distributed this fiscal year, to help build our organizational capacity—support that was timely and essential. A small portion of the grant was dispensed at that time. However, recently IMLS staff have been placed on administrative leave, had their email accounts disabled, and the vast majority of our grant funds withheld without explanation.

Now, we've received official notice that our IMLS grant has been terminated. The letter cited that our work is "no longer consistent with the agency's priorities and no longer serves the interest of the United States and the IMLS program." We understand that receiving this notice requires us to return the initial installment we received.

Make no mistake, these efforts are designed to marginalize and destabilize the Museum of African American History, and African American public history institutions like us. We are all in danger of being erased. MAAH is at a critical junc-

MAAH will not be Historically, the Black erased. We will continue to fight for the preservation, conservation and interpretation of the contributions of people of African descent in New England. But we cannot fight this fight alone. We need your help.

MAAH stands as a beacon of truth, resilience, and cultural pride. It is where generations come to learn the real, often untold stories of African American struggle, triumph, and contribution to American history.

But now, with the Administration's elimination of crucial funding, this vital institution faces unprecedented financial challenges. Without immediate support, the ability to preserve, educate, and inspire may be compromised.

Here's how you can help: Urge Donate: friends, colleagues, and community members to financially support the Museum. Now is the time for people to match their words of support with meaningful action. Donations are a direct investment in protecting our history and sustaining our mission.

Engage Your Elected Officials: Contact your U.S. Senators and Representatives. Encourage them to defend IMLS and ensure full funding for MAAH. Share what this Museum means to you and your community. This Call & Write link from American Alliance of Museums (AAM) provides simple and easy access to Congress ensuring that they receive your message urgently.

Spread the Word: Amplify our message—on social media, in your organizations, and across your personal and professional circles.

Join MAAH's Membership: Become an annual member of the Museum. Show your solidarity at a critical moment while accessing exclusive member benefits. Already have a membership? Give one to a

The time to act is now. In the words of noted orator Frederick Douglass:

"Power concedes nothing without a demand.

It never did and it never will."

We are living in uncertain times, but as history has shown us, resilience is in our DNA. Just as the Black communities of Beacon Hill and Nantucket persevered in the face of adversity, we too will press forward.

We ask that you stand with us because history should never be silenced.

With appreciation and resolve,

> **Dr. Noelle Trent President & CEO**



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Reverend Phillips Payson, an Unsung Hero of the American Revolution

By John J. Henry

As the 250th anniversary of the adoption of our Declaration of Independence draws near, on July 4,2026, many will call to mind the famous names of some of the great signers of our Declaration of Independence, John Hancock, Samuel Adams, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson.

Few now know the name of a local unsung hero of our revolution, who by his deeds and acts of courage made our independence from Great Britain possible as well as our Constitution of Massachusetts a reality.

He lies buried in our Rumney Marsh Burial Ground on Butler Street. His name was Phillips Payson.

Phillips Payson was born at Walpole, in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, in British North America, on January 18, 1736. He was raised in Walpole and later educated at Harvard College, from which he graduated in 1754. At Harvard he distinguished himself in divinity studies, the classical languages and astronomy. One of his classmates at Harvard was John Adams of Braintree, (now Quincy), whose paths would cross again many years later after independence from Great Britain.

Phillips Payson was ordained as a minister of the Gospel at Chelsea, (now Revere), on October 26, 1757, whereupon he became the settled pastor of the Church of Christ. He served as rector of his church for nearly 44 years. Pastor Payson was a courageous patriot of the American Revolution for Independence from Great Britain. He rendered important services in the cause of freedom not only by his sermons and writings on political and constitutional

questions, but also by enlisting troops to fight the British occupation army.

Two-Hundred and fifty years ago, on April 19, 1775, near Lexington, at Menotomy, (now Arlington), Pastor Payson demonstrated his zeal for independence from Great Britain by placing himself at the head of a party of troops from his church taking up arms in the cause of freedom. Payson and his troops engaged the "Redcoats", killed some and took the rest of the British Regulars as prisoners and gained possessions of all of their arms and stores without any loss whatever to themselves during the first battle for American Independence. For his gallantry during the battle, Reverend Payson was given the name, "Fighting Pastor Payson" by those who fought alongside him.

After independence from Great Britain, the Massachusetts Colony was obliged to write a constitution establishing how Massachusetts would be governed. A Massachusetts Constitutional Convention was formed, headed by John Adams, and for three years from, 1778 to 1780, the political energies of John Adams and others were absorbed in drafting a charter of government that would be accepted by the voters of Massachusetts.

At that time, Reverend Payson was admired as a bright, yet conservative philosophical thinker of constitutional questions. At the outset of the process of drafting the Massachusetts Constitutional Convention, Reverend Payson preached a sermon at Boston, on May 27,1778, before the Honorable Council and the House of Representatives of the Massachusetts, advocating for the moral basis of government and the need for state financial support for religion, on the grounds that religion was necessary for

public happiness, prosperity and to preserve order and government in the state.

John Adams, who was the principal draftsman of the Massachusetts Constitution agreed with Reverend Payson's philosophical position, relative to the moral basis of government and incorporated Payson's thoughts into Article Three of the draft constitution that was submitted to the voters of Massachusetts authorizing a general religious tax to be directed to the church of the taxpayer's choice.

In 1780,the Massachusetts Constitution was declared approved by the required two-thirds vote of the people. To this day it is the oldest written constitution in the world. It originated the famous phrase, "a government of laws and not men", and was the source of the inspirational words, "We the People", most commonly associated with the Preamble of the United States Federal Constitution which was written in 1787, ratified in 1788, and operational in 1789, years after the Massachusetts Constitution had been ratified.

Following the contribution that Reverend Payson made to the writing of the Massachusetts Constitution, he was selected as Revere's first Representative to the Massachusetts General Court in 1783. In 1787, he was named as a Massachusetts delegate, chosen to ratify the Federal Constitution of the United States.

of the United States.

Reverend Payson was also renowned as a distinguished educator of his day, having organized a school for young men who were interested in entering the ministry. His reputation as an instructor was so impeccable that he was chosen by the fledgling United States government to educate the eldest son of General Joseph Warren, the gallant Colonial

at the Battle of Bunker Hill. He also tutored the son of General William Heath, who served as a Major General in the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War; John Rowe, the son of the famous Boston merchant, (Rowe's Wharf), into Boston Harbor during the Boston Tea Party of 1773, protesting a British tax on tea. Also, William Sullivan, son of Governor James Sullivan, fifth Governor of Massachusetts. Samuel Adams, the famous patriot, once referred to Payson as a gentleman of great qualifications and

skills as an educator.

Reverend Payson along with John Adams, Samuel Adams, John Hancock and Robert Treat Paine were the founding members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Payson also published several books including, "The Death of Washington", "The Battle

General who had been killed of Lexington", and "Transat the Battle of Bunker Hill. Academy of Arts and Sci-General William Heath, ences".

Reverend Payson retired as Pastor of his Church in 1799, at the age of 63, although he remained an active citizen of the community. He served the best interests of his Church, his community, his state and his nation, all of his life.

Reverend Payson died in 1801, fifty-one days before his friend and colleague, President John Adams, relinquished his presidency to President-elect, Thomas Jefferson.

Upon Payson's death, on January 11, 1801, at the age of 65, on the last page of his Church record was written by his successor, Joseph Tuckerman:

"Peace be to the memory of, (Reverend Payson), a man of worth; a man of letters and of virtue, too."

His funeral eulogy extolled his virtues with the words.

"In all of our Revolutionary War years was he not the wise and vigorous friend of this country? And since has he not labored to establish the good order of this country and to promote its prosperity? He was always respectful and ever esteemed and loved. Posterity will long rejoice in the fruits of his toil".

While Reverend Payson's deeds, during the early years of our fledgling nation, may have faded into history, he should be remembered as one of the unsung heroes of the American Revolution for Independence and one of the skilled contributors and crafters of the Massachusetts Constitution.

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

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nomic development director. As part of the process, Skwierawski said the city will work with the potential developers to help them through the permitting process, and the sales will only become finalized once that process is complete.

"These are parcels that were taken by the city for nonpayment of taxes a long time ago, over a decade in some cases, and have been in the city's ownership for quite some time," said Skwierawski. "After a review from our legal counsel, they have determined that these are sites that could be utilized for the production of affordable single-family home ownership opportunities, although each of the sites comes with some sig-

nificant restraints."

Novoselsky said he had discussions with Skwierawski about the Hitchborn lot, which has a city utility easement going through it.

"I am not for any construction on that piece of land, the building would be very, very small," Novoselsky said. "I don't mind selling it; I know the abutter is willing to bid on it if it goes out for an RFP. I would still say that it is an unbuildable lot, and we ought to vote to make it an unbuildable lot."

Skwierawski said the remaining lots would need either conservation commission approval, zoning relief, or both to make them buildable.

"All of these are compli-

cated, there is a reason that they have been in the city's hands for a while," he said. "We are going to be working with a realtor who will work and come to a development agreement with a prospective buyer, but we will not close on that agreement until they have worked through the steps."

Mayor Patrick Keefe said there are no guarantees about the development of each parcel, but that the hope is there will be qualified bidders who will purchase the properties and build affordable homes.

"We will not help if it is not for an affordable home ownership opportunity," Keefe said.

State awards over \$16,000 in fire safety grants to Revere Fire Department

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Last week, the Healey-Driscoll Administration announced that more than 300 Massachusetts fire departments will receive over \$3 million dollars in grants to support safety equipment for firefighters and life safety education for kids and older adults.

Revere is set to receive about \$16,350 in those grants – \$4,950 for the Fire-fighter Safety Equipment Grant Program, \$8,500 for the SAFE Program, and an additional \$2,900 for the Senior SAFE program.

"Massachusetts firefighters do much more than fight fires – they're our first line of defense in any emergency," said Governor Maura Healey. "These grants will help firefighters protect themselves from injury and illness, rescue people in danger, and keep our most vulnerable residents safe from fires and other hazards at home. We are proud to be able to support these vital first responders who never hesitate to answer a call for help."

The awards are drawn from three grant programs coordinated by the Department of Fire Services.

The Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant Program reimburses local fire departments for purchases of

turnout gear, hazardous gas meters, SCBA components, accountability systems, thermal imaging cameras, and more. This round of grants will provide \$1.63 million in funding to fire departments in 266 communities. In many cases, the reimbursed purchases will help them attain compliance with Occupational Safety & Health Administration or National Fire Protection Association safety standards.

"Firefighters train tirelessly for every conceivable emergency so that they can be prepared to help those in need," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "Through this program, we acknowledge that tremendous commitment by investing in the equipment they need to be safe in any situation."

The Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Grant Program funds fire-fighter-educators who deliver age-appropriate fire and life safety education to school-age children.

Since the grants' inception in 1995, the number of Massachusetts children who die in fires has dropped to historically low levels, from two dozen or more per year to zero for nearly three consecutive years. This year's awards will deliver more than \$1.1 million to 204 local fire departments.

"For 30 years, the SAFE grants have delivered life-saving lessons to Massachusetts' kids and teens through our local firefighters," said Secretary of Public Safety and Security Terrence Reidy. "This is just one of the powerful local-state partnerships that make Massachusetts one of the safest places in the nation to live, work, and raise a family."

In 2014, DFS launched the Senior SAFE Grant Program, which is geared toward another vulnerable population - older adults, who face a disproportionate risk of death or serious injury in a fire. Nearly \$485,000 will support alarm installation, fire safety education, fall prevention strategies, and other resources delivered by 203 local fire departments in partnership with local senior centers, councils on aging, and other

community partners.

"People aged 65 and older are at greatest risk of death or serious injury in a fire at home," said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. "The Senior SAFE grants make a difference by sending trained firefighters to conduct home safety assessments, install or replace smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, and help our seniors age in place safely and independently."

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OBITUARIES

Richard Minsky

He was known for his infectious sense of humor, Owner of ABC Cigar Store in Revere, his was a A woman who was both beautiful inside and out captivating storytelling, and genuine kindness

Richard Minsky passed away peacefully on March 24, 2025 at the age of 73 in Clearwater, Florida.

Richard grew up in the communities of Revere and Swampscott. He spent many years in Manhattan working in the Garment Center before returning to the North Shore, an area he adored. Most recently, he made his home in Clearwater.

Richard treasured the time he spent with family and friends. His gift for forming lasting friendships was a testament to his warm and welcoming nature. Known for his infectious sense of humor, captivating storytelling, and genuine kindness, Richard left a lasting impression on everyone he met. He was also admired for his strong work ethic and his impeccable style.

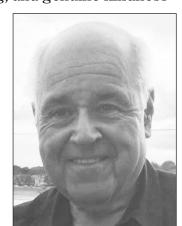
Richard is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Denise (Isabelle) Minsky; his beloved daughter, Alys-

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Your time here with your family and friends made the world a better place. You left too soon, taking with you a part of all of us. We miss you every day, keeping in our hearts that we will meet again. God Bless and keep you, and may you rest in

You are greatly missed, with love your mom Rose, your sister Tanya, son Sean, and the rest of your family and friends.

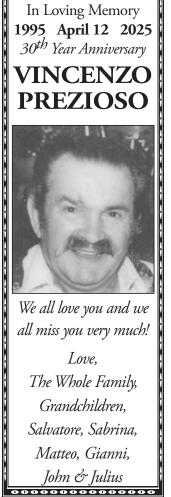


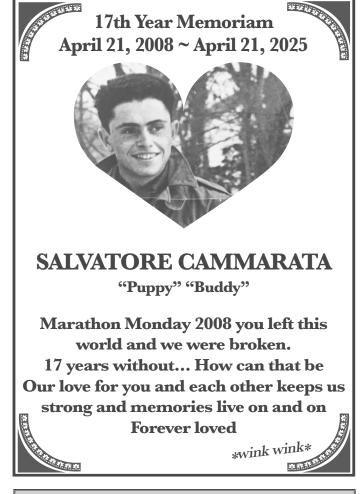
sa Minsky, and her partner, Matthew Manganaro; his brother, Paul Minsky; and many other cherished relatives and friends who will deeply miss him. Richard was predeceased by his parents, Robert and Edith (Itzkowitz) Minsky.

A memorial service will be held on May 1, 2025 at 10 a.m. at Stanetsky-Hymanson Memorial Chapel, 10 Vinnin Street, Salem. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Richard's memory to the American Heart Association or the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts.

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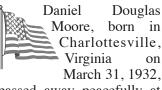
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Daniel Douglas Moore

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family, country and community

Douglas



Virginia March 31, 1932, passed away peacefully at home on April 6, 2025 at the age of 93 with his beloved

wife, Millie by his side.

Dan proudly served his country during the Korean War, where his sharp mind and quick typing skills earned him a position stateside as the Company Clerk. His love for storytelling and entertainment began early - his first job was as an usher at a local movie theater in Virginia. That passion later led him to the airwaves. He became a radio personality in Norfolk, Virginia where he would interview several celebrities about their endeavors. Always one to seek out new experiences, Dan also earned his pilot's license and found great joy in flying, often piloting his

family to new destinations. During the Kennedy Administration, Dan served with great distinction as Chief National Bank Examiner for the U.S. Treasury Department — a role that suited his sharp mind and deep understanding of finance and he received the Certificate for Meritorious Service.

Dan was an avid boater and the proud captain of the family boat, Seven Seas, where he and his loved ones shared countless adventures and unforgettable memories.

For over five decades, Dan owned and operated the ABC Cigar Store in Revere. It was more than just a business — it was a community hub and a place where he formed lifelong friendships, shared stories and mentored many. He worked there faithfully until his final days.

Dan had many passions: he was an enthusiastic sportsman, a lover of history and politics, and a skilled storyteller. Dan was a dedicated historian, and spent years researching his ancestry, leaving behind a legacy of carefully compiled volumes on the Moore family, now housed in the Family History Library in Utah. His love of history, great cigars, and engaging conversations made him a treasured companion to many, especially

Richard F. Gaeta, 78, of

Salem, passed away from

complications of Parkin-

son's disease on April 5,

2025. He was the devoted

husband of Jane M. (Gorm-

ley) Gaeta, with whom he

shared 34 years of marriage.

the son of the late Arthur

and Marie (Pisano) Gaeta,

he was a graduate of Revere

High School, Class of 1964.

dressing and later as a part-

ner with his brother in a re-

tail liquor store. He enjoyed

Boston sports, music and

In addition to his wife,

antique cars.

Richard had a varied career which included hair-

Born and raised Revere,



Millie with whom he loved to travel.

Dan influenced countless lives - friends, customers, mentees, and others he considered family. His wisdom, wit, and warmth left an indelible mark, and he never took a single relationship for granted.

A devoted father, Dan was deeply involved in his children's lives - cheering from the sidelines at football games, encouraging their pursuits, and celebrating their accomplishments.

He is survived by his wife, Carmella, "Millie" of 30 years and his children: Daniel Moore of Virginia (wife Susan), Christopher Moore of Massachusetts (wife Colleen and children: Alexandra and Taylor) Charles Moore of New Hampshire (wifem Angela; children Anthony, Nikolas, and Kaitlin), and Juliana Moore Luz of Maryland (husbandm Ryan Luz; children Madison and Cameron). He is predeceased by his son, David Moore, whose memory lived on dearly in Dan's heart. He is also survived by his stepchildren: Rozie of Iowa (husband Michael Drella; children Chris, Anthony, Samantha), Anne of Iowa (husband David Leclair; children Robert and Jessica), and Duwane of New Hampshire (wife Shannon; daughter Autumn), each of whom held a special place in his life. Annie, in particular, was a constant and caring presence in recent years and Dan was especially grateful for the support she provided to him and Millie.

Dan, lovingly known as Papa, will be deeply missed by his grandchildren, who brought him endless joy and love. To make a long story short: Dan was an extraordinary man. He lived fully, gave generously, and will be missed beyond measure. To leave an online condolence visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Richard Gaeta

Graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1964

Anna "Nina" Cataldo

Anna Nina (DeSimone) Cataldo passed away on Tuesday, April 8th in the loving presence of her fam-

ily at her home, she was 96 years old. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, April 12th in St. Anthony of Padua Church followed by interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Anna Nina, affectionately known by many as Nina, was born in Revere on November 7, 1928, to her late parents, Anthony DeSimone and Michelina (Pesce). She was proudly raised in Revere along with her three siblings, educated in Revere

Public Schools and was a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1946. Nina remained in Revere her entire life and loved her community.

She married the love of her life, Anthony Cataldo and the couple had two children. Nina was a fastidious homemaker and cared for and loved her family deeply. She began working later on, when her children were of age as a Home Health Aide for the Visiting Nurses Association of Boston, for

over 20 years. The most important part of her life was family. She enjoyed being surrounded by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She would enjoy cooking and baking for the people she loved the most and with whom she surrounded herself. Nina enjoyed reading about things that interested her. She will be remembered as a woman who was both beautiful inside and out. She made many friendships that lasted decades, which were filled with love and sincerity. She was always patient for Funerals.



and tolerable with everyone. She was a woman who was inquisitive and fascinated about learning about people and what their story is.

The beloved wife of Anthony Cataldo of Revere, she was the loving mother of Steven Cataldo and his wife, Joan M. of Newport, RI, and Susan J. Cataldo of Revere, cherished nana of Lauren Cataldo and Lindsey Cataldo, both of Revere and Steven J. Cataldo and his wife, Beth of North Andover, great nana of Genevieve, Evelyn, and Vivian Cataldo; the treasured sister of Florence Boudreau and her late husband William of Everett, and the late Lewis G. "Gigi" DeSimone and his late wife, June DeSimone and the late Margherita Corsetti and her surviving husband, Domenic Corsetti of Newton. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. Remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN

To send online condolences, please visit www. vertucciosmithvazza.com. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home

Robert J. Scott

1943-2025

Robert J. Scott, 81, of Sanford, Maine, died Thursday March 20, 2025 at Spanish Plaines Hospital in The Villages, Florida. He was lovingly cared for by his dear friend, Carole Foye of Billerica.

Bob was born May 25, 1943 in Revere, the son of Walter F. Sr. and Mary (Mallio) Scott. He graduated from Revere High School and the University of Southern Maine.

He worked at Pratt and Whitney, leaving due to ill health and later, selling cars until his health problems forced his retirement in 1993.

Bob was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots. He enjoyed reading automobile magazines and collecting die-cast replica cars.

He liked working outside in his yard and spending time with his dog, Dusty, a golden retriever.



Mr. Scott is survived by his daughter Stacey Rowsky; brothers, Walter Scott of Acton, Maine and Richard Scott of Sanford, Maine; his grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at the Black, Heald and Walker Funeral Home, 580 Main Street, Springvale, Maine on Friday April 25 at 2 p,m.

To view Robert's memorial page or share an online condolence, please visit www.blackfuneralhomes.



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book, please visit www.

At Richard's request, a

Helene.

OBITUARIES

James V. Nardizzi

December 31, 1934 - April 8, 2025



Born in Revere on December 21, 1934, the beloved son of the late Vincent Nardizzi and Eleanor (Palladino) DeLuple, Jimmy was a devoted husband to his wife, Carol Ann (Brennan), who predeceased him in 2010. Together, they shared 50 wonderful years of marriage and raised a beautiful family of two daughters and two sons in Chelsea.

A talented culinary artist, Jimmy began his career as a sous chef at the Sheraton Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston, where he showcased his skills at the New York World's Fair and gained recognition for his exceptional talents in food and ice sculpture. In the early 1970's, together with his father and uncle, they established Nardizzi's Restaurant, first in Revere and later in Chelsea, where he nurtured a vibrant community of patrons and friends with his passion for cooking.

Jimmy had an unwavering love for the outdoors, enjoying activities such as hunting and fishing that brought him joy and a sense of peace. He is remembered as a man who valued family above all, treasuring the moments spent with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Jimmy was predeceased by his beloved sister, Olympia Cardillo. He leaves behind a cherished daughters: Mary Ann Cimino and her husband, "Patsy" of Revere and



Donna Forgione of Chelsea; his sons, James V. Nardizzi, Jr. of East Boston, and Vincent Nardizzi, PhD, of Vancouver, British Columbia. He will be deeply missed by his grandchildren, Adrianna Forgione, Shannon Nardizzi, Jennifer Hallissey and her husband, Keith and Michael Cimino, along with his great-grandchildren, Gianni Cimino, Johnny, Max, and Grace Hallissey. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and extended family members and

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours for James V. Nardizzi, Sr. on Sunday, April 13th at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea. His funeral service took place on Monday, April 14th from the funeral home, followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Rose Church, 600 Broadway, Chelsea. Services concluded with entombment at Holy Cross Cemetery Mausoleum in Malden.

As we celebrate the life and memory of a remarkable man, we are comforted by the knowledge that his spirit lives on in the hearts of those who loved him dearly. May he rest in eternal peace.

Should friends desire, in lieu of flowers, contributions in Jimmy's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, loving family, including his TN 38105-1905. WWW.St-Jude.org/Donate

To send expressions of sympathy, visit www.welsh-

Board of Health issues order of condemnation for illegal apartment units

The Revere Board of Health held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 27, in the City Council Chambers. On hand for the session were chair Dr. Drew Bunker, Kathleen Savage, and Viviana Catano, as well as Director of Public Health Lauren Buck,

Health Agent/Director of Inspectional Services Dept. (ISD) Michael Wells, and Bd. of Health Clerk Paula Sepulveda.

Buck presented the Communicable Disease monthly report. which covered the month of March.

"We had a pretty low burden of diseases," Buck. However, Buck cited a state report that stated that most of the state is in a critical drought condition, including the northeastern part of the state, but that the MWRA (which supplies Revere's water) is not affected.

Buck also noted that the U.S. Dept. of Public Health issued a clinical advisory regarding the spread of measles across the country. She said that 90% of the cases occurred in children who had not been vaccinated (or whose vaccination history was not known).

She briefly mentioned the recent measles outbreak in Texas in which 97% of those affected (primarily

children) had not been vaccinated. She said there has been one known case in Massachusetts involving an adult who'd had close contact with a confirmed measles patient abroad.

Wells presented the ISD report for March. Wells said that ISD issued 77 certificates of fitness for housing units; performed 29 reinspections; investigated 14 in-process interior complaints; two new interior complaints; and two pool and spa reinspections.

In the food department, ISD performed 36 routine food inspections, six reinspections, nine complaint inspections, one pre-opening inspection, and three temporary food inspections.

In the exterior sanitation division, ISD agents issued 35 citations for accumulation of trash, litter or debris; two for rodent harborage; 52 for overflowing dumpsters; 369 for improper placement of trash and bulky items; six for multiple unregistered vehicles on a property; six for unclean or unsanitary land; and one for sump pump vi-

Attorney Anthony Brunco, who is outside counsel for the city, spoke to the board regarding the condemnation proceedings for the home at 70 Highland Street.

"This is a property that is a legal four acting as en eight, with two illegal units in the basement," said Brunco. "We had a full inspection with all of the city's various inspectors. As to the two basement units, there were not enough egresses, there was no fire protection, and the ceilings were too low. In the first floor's two legal units, there also were violations. On the second floor, there was a room that housed four or five large truck tires. There was a steel fire escape for which the city had no records."

After Wells noted, "The property owner and the family representative have been cooperative," Brunco further stated that "all of these are violations of the building and health codes and are deemed to be conditions that endanger the health, safety, and well-being of those occupying the premises. The board therefore has no choice but to issue a condemnation order.

"However," Brunco continued, "I can report that all of the tenants have been removed from those illegal units, permits are being obtained, and a remediation plan will be discussed between the owners and the city officials.

"We are asking for a condemnation order specifically for the two illegal units in the basement and units six and eight on the third floor," concluded Brunco, who noted that the proposed order essentially represented only

a partial condemnation of the building.

A general contractor, who is a nephew of the owners (who are both in their 80s), addressed the board. informing them that the owners paid for the moving costs of the tenants who had to be relocated. He also said that the owners have hired a structural engineer to examine the property and that they are committed to ensuring that the building becomes compliant with the health, safety, and building codes.

The board then voted unanimously to approve the Order of Condemnation that had been presented by Atty. Brunco.

The last items on the agenda were requests for the renewal of two Chicken Keeping licenses (by Iphigenie Victorin on High St. and Carmela and Luigi DiChiara on Haumann St.) and for the renewal of two Beekeeping licenses (by Damian De-Marco on Prospect Ave. and Aldo G. DeOliveira on Reservoir Ave.).

Buck explained to the board that her department had performed inspections of the premises of the applicants and all of them were in compliance with the local ordinances. Buck recommended that all four licenses be approved, and the members unanimously voted to issue the licenses for the coming year.

Mass. Firefighting Academy earns international reaccreditation

Special to the Journal

State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine announced that the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy has received reaccreditation by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications, better known as the Pro Board.

The Pro Board is the world's leading fire service accreditation organization," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "The Academy's reaccreditation reflects our commitment to the highest standards of firefighter training and development at every level of experience, from recruits to veteran officers."

The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy is a division within the Department of Fire Services. It is also the operational arm of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council, which is the sole certifying authority for Massachusetts fire service training. Certification is based on a student's knowledge, understanding, and execution of job performance requirements promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association.

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The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy recently earned reaccreditation from the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications, better known as the Pro Board. Pictured from left during a Pro Board site visit are Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier; Assistant Certification Coordinator Vashon Robinson of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy; Pro Board representatives Martinez Jacobs, Matt Sherwood, and Daniel Smith; MFA Registration Coordinator Kevin Robinson; and Dr. Sara Pragluski Walsh, the MFA's instructional design and curriculum development specialist.

18-month process examined and validated the training, exam development, and testing processes that the Academy uses when assessing firefighters for more than 40 levels of professional certification. This entailed a comprehensive review of the job performance requirements for everything from fundamentals such as Firefighter I/II to specialized disciplines such as Hazardous Materials/WMD Technician. It also included a two-day site visit by members of the Pro Board Committee on Accreditation from Florida, Hawaii, and Texas, who met with Academy staff and DFS leadership, observed on-campus training, and examined testing materials.

The reaccreditation period will run for five years.

"Pro Board accreditation is the gold standard for agencies like ours and I want to recognize the staff whose efforts led to this recognition," said State Fire Marshal Davine. He praised the professionalism of Academy instructors and administrative personnel, highlighting in particular the contributions of Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier, Dr. Sara Pragluski Walsh, Certification Coordinator Kevin Robinson, and Assistant Certification Coordinators Scott MacArthur and Vashon Robinson.

The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy recorded more than 12,500 course enrollments last year, with training delivered at campuses in Stow, Springfield, and Bridgewater; on location at local fire departments; and online.

OBITUARIES

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announced the imminent implementation of its REAL ID enforcement measures at TSA checkpoints nation-

"Secretary Noem and the Trump administration are enforcing the 2005 REAL ID Act and regulations on May 7, as directed by Congress and the American people," said Adam Stahl, TSA Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Administrator. "The Real ID requirement bolsters safety by making fraudulent IDs harder to forge, thwarting criminals and terrorists. TSA will implement REAL ID effectively and efficiently, continuing to ensure the safety and security of passengers while also working to minimize operational disruptions at airports."

On May 7, TSA will no longer accept state-issued identifications that are not REAL ID compliant at TSA security checkpoints. All airline passengers 18 years and older, including TSA PreCheck® members, must present REAL ID-compliant identification or another acceptable ID, such as a passport, at TSA security checkpoints. Noncitizens illegally present in the U.S. who are voluntarily self-deporting on international flights will not be denied boarding under this requirement.

Passengers who present a state-issued identification that is not REAL ID compliant and who do not have another acceptable alternative (e.g., passport) can expect

to face delays, additional screening and the possibility of not being permitted into the security checkpoint. More information on

REAL ID can be found at this link TSA.gov/real-id.

PUBLIC INVITED FOR EASTER **SUNRISE SERVICE** ABOARD USS CONSTITUTION

USS Constitution pleased to announce a free, public Easter sunrise service aboard the ship on Sunday, April 20, 2025.

The nondenominational service will be conducted

by a U.S. Navy chaplain. Guests may begin boarding USS Constitution at 6:30 a.m. The service will start at 7 a.m. and conclude at 8 a.m. with morning colors and the firing of the ship's saluting battery.

Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served

All guests aged 18 and older must present a valid state- or federally-issued photo ID or passport to board the ship.

USS Constitution is open for public visitation Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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CITY OF REVERE HONORS ROSARIO "JOE" SPAGNOLO AT MEMORIAL DEDICATION CEREMONY

By Cary Shuman

The City of Revere dedicated a memorial pole at the corner of Washington Avenue and Spagnolo Road in honor of U.S. Army and Vietnam War veteran, Corporal Rosario "Joe" Spagnolo.

Mayor Patrick Keefe lauded Mr. Spagnolo's bravery, sacrifice, and service to the United States of America during the ceremony held on a rainy Saturday morning.

"We're making sure that we're recognizing these brave people that came back to the United States, set their roots up in cities like Revere, and started and expanded their families," said Keefe.

Keefe told the gathering that Mr. Spagnolo

was a retired Revere firefighter, decorated veteran, a property developer, commander of the Italian Veterans Post, and a lifelong resident of Revere "who truly gave his all for his country, his commonwealth, and his city."

Rep. Jessica Giannino noted that as a resident of the neighborhood, she knew the legacy and contributions of Mr. Spagnolo and his family to the community.

"There were certain homes in the city that you knew the families," said Giannino. "You used to always say, 'that's the Spagnolo house."

"This is one of those families that has been in our community for years and years and generations, so for a memorial pole in memory of Rosario to be right on this corner, right on front of the house, is something really special, because it makes something really permanent of the neighborhood that was really important to him. It was an important part of his life, his legacy, and his family," said Giannino.

Brian Spagnolo, Mr. Spagnolo's son, thanked the city of Revere for the impressive tribute that was paid to his father.



City officials and members of the Spagnolo family are pictured following the ceremony in honor of U.S. Army veteran Rosario "Joe" Spagnolo, who served his country during the Vietnam War.



Mayor Patrick Keefe speaks during the ceremony honoring U.S. Amy veteran Rosario "Joe" Spagnolo.



Rep. Jessica Giannino speaks during the ceremony honoring U.S. Army veteran Rosario "Joe" Spagnolo.



Brian Spagnolo, son of U.S. Army veteran Rosario "Joe" Spagnolo, speaks on behalf of the family at the ceremony.



Brian Spagnolo, his wife, Gabriella Spagnolo, and their son, Jackson Spagnolo, stand adjacent to the memorial pole dedicated to Rosario "Joe" Spagnolo.

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Mark the Occasion

Paul Revere's Ride kicks off Boston 250 this Friday

Special to the Journal

Mayor Michelle Wu announced Boston 250, a yearlong commemoration of the city's role in the American Revolution. The kickoff event, Paul Revere's Ride, will take place this Friday, April 18, across the North End and Charlestown, marking 250 years since his historic ride.

Mayor Wu emphasized that Boston 250 honors not only the city's pivotal role in the Revolution but also the "everyday revolutionaries" who continue to shape its future. The Paul Revere's Ride event on Friday, April 18, aims to bring residents and visitors together in the very locations where the Revolution began, encouraging reflection on their connection to this ongoing history.

The evening's events on April 18 offer a multi-sen-

sory experience, blending historical reenactments with contemporary elements like the Boston Pops performance and the drone show over the harbor. The lantern procession symbolizes the passing of information and the unity of the communities involved. The activities in both the North End and Charlestown are designed to engage a wide audience, from historical enthusiasts to families looking for a unique evening out.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a reenactment at the Paul Revere House, followed by a play reading at Paul Revere Mall. At 7:30 p.m., Mayor Wu will officially launch Boston 250 at the Mall with special guests and a Boston Pops brass quintet. NBC10's Latoyia Edwards will emcee, and Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll will attend.

The Old North Church lanterns will be lit, followed by a lantern procession to the Harborwalk at Langone Park. At 8:30 p.m., a drone show over the Harbor can be viewed from Langone Park and Pier 1 in Charlestown Navy Yard. Dunkin' will offer free samples at Langone Park. Following the drone show, a reenactment of Paul Revere's row to Charlestown will occur, where he will "begin" his midnight ride, visiting bars and restaurants along Main Street. Children can decorate lanterns at the USS Constitution Museum in Charlestown, and talks will be held at City Square. The evening concludes with the illumination of Bunker Hill Monument. All events are free and open to the public. A full schedule for Fri-

day, April 18, can be found at boston.gov/boston250.



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Sports



first in the discus vs. LC.

Distance standout Ol-

ivia Rupp (who also was

part of the 4 x 400 relay)

finished first in the mile vs.

both opponents while jog-

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impressive given the weath-

er," said MacDonald-Ciam-

belli, "knowing that in ideal

conditions and with compe-

tition, Olivia will be easily

able to drop back down to

her low five-minute mile

times this outdoor season."

Kesley Morales took first

in the 100m hurdles versus

both Somerville and LC

with an impressive time of

19.9. "This was exceptional

given the weather and the

fact that this was Kesley's

first time approaching 10 hurdles," said MacDon-

Other first-place finish-

ers for the Lady Patriots in-

cluded: Francoise Kodjo in

the shot-put vs LC (2nd vs.

Somerville); Nisrin Sekkat

in the javelin vs LC (2nd

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vs LC (3rd vs Somerville);

Victoria Osias in the 100m

v LC (3rd vs Somerville);

Isabella Marin in the 200m

vs LC (3rd vs Somerville);

Marwa Riad in the 400m v

LC; Gianna Chiodi in the

800m (3rd vs Somerville);

and Manuela Canaveral in

the two-mile in both meets.

Revere came from Izzy

Marin in the HJ vs. LC;

Fatima El Hariri in the shot

Third-place finishes for

Somerville); Jocelyn

Second-place performers

ald-Ciambelli.

-- Newcomer to the team

RHS GIRLS TRACK OPENS SEASON WITH TWO WINS; NIPS SOMERVILLE IN THE LAST EVENT

The Revere High girls outdoor track and field team opened its 2025 season with a pair of victories over Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals Somerville and Lynn Classical in a trimeet last Monday at a cold and wet Harry Della Russo Stadium.

The with matchup Somerville came down to the last event, the 4 x 400 relay, with the Lady Patriot quartet of Marwa Riad, Jaliyah Manigo, Olivia Rupp, and Rania Hamdani outracing their Lady Highlander counterparts by a margin of 20 seconds with a winning time of 5:06.5 to earn the five points that provided Revere with the winning margin for a 68-66 victory.

."We went into the 4 x 400 knowing that it was the only way we would win, although we weren't sure just how close it was at that time," said RHS head coach Racquel MacDonald-Ciambelli. "We ended up running a 5:06.5 and the Somerville team ran a 5:26.

"At this point in the meet, the girls were wet, cold, and tired. Marwa Riad (our lead leg) came out blazing to set up an early lead for us. She had about a 50 meter lead on Somerville, but didn't let up once. As we moved to the second and third legs (Jaliyah and Olivia), the gap continued to grow but the girls didn't let up, even though it would have been very easy for them to do so given the conditions," Mac-Donald-Ciambelli continued.

"Our anchor leg, Rania Hamdani, who will be a top competitor in the 400m in the GBL, finished up the race with a 100m lead," the coach added. "In that weather, running is all mental and I'm so proud of the girls for not giving up when the ending was unsure."

Among the Lady Patriots who provided highlights from the meet were:

-- Gemma Stamatopoulos had a perfect meet versus Classical (whom Revere defeated 117-13), taking home four first-place finishes (high jump, long jump, 400m hurdles, and 800m) to score 20 points. Gemma had two first place finishes (the long jump and 800m) and two second-place finishes (400m hurdles and high jump) vs. Somerville to score 16 points.

"Despite the weather, Gemma dug in and gave some amazing early-season performances, even jumping a personal record PR of 14'-8" in the long jump," noted MacDonald-Ciambelli.

-- Senior captain Ashley Cabrera Rodriguez, who also competed in the maximum of four events, took first place vs. both foes in the triple jump; first vs. Classical and second vs. Somerville in the 100m dash; and second place in the 400m hurdles vs. LC.

THE REVERE HIGH SCHOOL LADY PATRIOTS BASKETBALL TEAM HOLDS ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER AT BEACHMONT VFW POST 6712

Last Wednesday evening the Lady Patriots Basketball Team gathered at the Beachmont VFW Post 6712 to close out the 2024-2025 season, ending with a 11-10 record.

LC and Somerville and took

Last Wednesday evening the Lady Patriots Basketball Team gathered at the Beachmont VFW Post 6712 to close out the 2024-2025 season, ending with a 11-10 record.

The athletes and their family members were treated to an Italian Food buffet

dinner, and dessert before the awards were given out.

Head Coach Ariana Rivera and her coaching staff were pleased with the performance of the team, noting many memorable moments together, bringing them together as teammates and friends



Head Coach Ariana Rivera with the RHS Lady Patriot GBL All-Stars: Allyson Ollivierra, Shayna Smith, Marwa Riad.



The RHS Lady Patriot Senior Captains and the RHS Coaching staff: Head Coach Ariana Rivera, Nisrin Sekkat, Belma Velic, Daniela Murillo, Lea Doucette, Marwa Riad, Asst. Coaches Victoria Correia and Elizabeth Lake. Back row; Asst. Coaches Nicholas Canalas



Team gifts of new workout jerseys were given everyone. Showing off their new Patriot attire Destiny Borges-Kelly and Sara Sbai.



The 2024-2025 RHS Patriot Award went to Senior Captain Belma Velic, and the 2024-2025 Clutch Award weas presented to

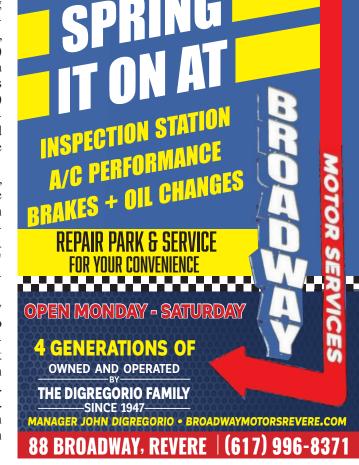


Patriot Rebecca Mercardo with her #1 fan, her dad Boga Mercardo.



The combined RHS Lady patriot Basketball Teams at the Beachmont VFW Post 6712, at their annual break-up awards night.







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Spring Break Fun: Aquarium offers more hours, animal encounters

Special to the Independent

The New England Aquarium is looking forward to welcoming guests during the upcoming April school vacation week with extended hours, exciting animal encounters along the exhibit path, and special educational programming on Massachusetts Right Whale Day, plus the return of Boston Duck Tours to Central

Wharf plaza.

The Aquarium will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily the week of April 20 when public schools in Massachusetts, Maine, and Vermont are on spring break. Hours of operation during vacation week for Connecticut and Rhode Island (April 14–18) and New Hampshire (April 28-May 2) public schools are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Guests can purchase tickets

to reserve timed ticket slots online at neaq.org. New England residents receive \$5 off standard Aquarium admission or admission and movie combinations.

Highlights include: Daily presentations and

interactive programs

• Aquarium guests can enjoy daily presentations with the penguins, sea lions, harbor seals, and residents of the Giant Ocean Tank,



A seahorse at the Aquarium

including Myrtle the green sea turtle. Full schedule available online.

• Join an educator along the exhibit path for an upclose experience with one of the Aquarium's animal ambassadors. Learn more about the secret world of lobsters, local turtle species, or axolotls during animal encounters happening daily at 10:45 a.m. and 3:15 p.m.

• Guests can also stop

by an interactive educational space on the third floor called the Exploration Station, which offers both guided and self-led themed activities. Families can engage with sensory activities, pretend to be an Aquarium veterinarian, and spend some down time reading books.

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in the discus vs. LC; Halev Peralta in the javelin vs. LC; Dayana Ortega in the 100m hurdles vs LC; Mayahh Ndi in the 200m vs LC; and Jade Dang in the 400m vs LC.

The Lady Patriot 4 x 100m relay quartet of Lesly Mendoza, Kesley Morales, Amy Astu Rodriguez, and Victoria Osias took first vs. LC.

"We knew that we were starting off with our hardest meet of the season against Somerville and the weather did not make it any easier," said MacDonald-Ciambelli. "We also were down a fair bit of girls in this meet. This close win truly shows the drive of this team to step up when they are down physically. Mentally, they never let tough conditions or tough meets get the best of them. We're pretty early on for some extremely impressive times, jumps, and throws, but we know those will be coming

soon." The Lady Patriots were scheduled to make the short trip westerly down Broadway this past Monday for a contest at Chelsea. Their next meet will be at HDR on April 28 with a tri-meet vs. two GBL opponents.

RHS SOFTBALL **OPENS WITH WIN**

After two postponements,

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the Revere High softball team finally got a chance to open its season and made the most of the opportunity with a 13-3 victory over non-league opponent Northeast Regional Friday afternoon at. chilly St. Mary's field.

The Lady Patriots never trailed, grabbing the lead in the bottom of the first thanks to a Northeast error after Shayna Smith and Lea Doucette had singled.

After the visiting Lady Golden Knights tied the score in the top of the third, a base hit by Valentina Cruz gave the Lady Patriots a lead they never would relinquish. Revere then put the game away with a five-run rally in the sixth, the key hit coming off the bat of Michelle Pineda for a two-run

Also contributing to the rally were Cruz and Anna Doucette, both of whom struck for RBI-singles. In addition, Danni Hope Randall was hit by a pitch to force in a run.

Randall earned the victory with a strong pitching performance. Danni tossed all seven innings, allowing just six hits and two earned runs while striking out nine and walking only three.

The final offensive stat line showed the Lady PaPineda, Lea Doucette, Cruz, and Jordan Martelli drove in two runs apiece. Smith stole two bases.

Coach Megan O'Donnell and her crew, who were scheduled to play at Chelsea this past Monday, will host Malden today (Wednesday) at 4:15 at the St. Mary's Field. They will make the long trek to Whittier Tech this Friday and then return home for two key Greater Boston League contests with Everett on the holiday on Monday and with Somerville next Wednesday. The opening pitch for both games is set for 10:00 at St. Mary's.

The contest with undefeated and perennial GBL power Everett will match O'Donnell vs. her alma mater and her former coach, Stacy Poste-Schiavo, who is in her 27th season at the helm of the Everett softball program in which she has racked up 352 career victories.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL TOPS GBL FOES

The Revere High boys volleyball team earned a trio of victories this past week over Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals Lynn English, Medford, and Chelsea.

In a 3-0 triumph over

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triots accumulating 13 hits. English, Larry Claudio earned 10 assists and Chris Choc Chavez was credited with 13 assists. Juan Perez delivered 10 kills.

In a 3-1 victory over Medford, Chavez set 19 assists for his teammates. Claudio earned 15 assists and had eight kills. Perez and Kawan Dias delivered 12 kills apiece.

This past Monday, the Patriots topped Chelsea by a score of 3-1. Perez was a force on offense, recording 15 kills. Dias added 10 kills and Claudio earned 12 as-

Coach Lianne Mimmo and her crew, who stand at 5-2 on the season, will travel to Malden today (Wednesday), to Everett next Monday, and to Somerville next Wednesday.

RHS GIRLS TENNIS **DEFEATS** WINTHROP

The Revere High girls tennis team opened its season in successful fashion with a 5-0 victory over Winthrop.

Senior Erta Ismahili won her match at first singles in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3. Senior Cesia Loza defeated her Lady Viking opponent handily at second singles, 6-0, 6-1, as did freshman Genevieve Belmonte at third singles, 6-1, 6-0.

The senior duo of Rachel Sanchez and Keila Loza defeated their Winthrop counterparts at first doubles, 6-3, 7-5, and fellow seniors Kiara Munguia and Stephanie Phan won their match at second doubles, 6-3, 6-1.

Although the Revere girls came up short to Somerville by a score of 5-0 in their next contest, long-time RHS head coach Carla Maniscalco noted, "They all played

Senior Dayna Phan put up a strong fight at first singles before falling in three sets, 6-3, 1-6, 3-6. Genevieve Belmonte also fought hard in a three-setter at third singles, 6-3, 1-6, 2-6. Erta Ismahil, playing at second singles, dropped her match, 3-6, 2-6.

The first doubles tandem of Rachel Sanchez and Cesia Loza lost at first doubles, 1-6, 4-6 and at second doubles, Kiara Munguia and Keila Loza came up short in two close sets, 6-7, 4-6.

Maniscalco and her crew, who were scheduled to play at Lynn Classical this past Monday, will trek to Lynn English today (Wednesday) and will host Everett at the Gibson Park courts tomorrow (Thursday). They will play at Malden on the holiday on Monday and will make the short trip to Winthrop on Tuesday.

BOYS TENNIS TEAM WORKING HARD TO IMPROVE

Although the Revere High boys tennis team came up short in its season-opening match with Winthrop, veteran head coach Mike Flynn has been pleased with his team's effort.

"We have a lot of new players who are experiencing tennis and improving every time they play," said Flynn.

In a 5-0 loss to Winthrop in their season-opener, Nick Aguilar turned in a spirited performance at first singles against his Viking counterpart, dropping two hardfought sets, 6-3, 6-4. "Nick played really well for the start of the season and lost a competitive match," said Flynn.

At second singles, Indrit Tamizi also fought hard in a 6-4, 6-4 loss.

"Indrit played extremely well and played a good opponent in a competitive match," Flynn said.

In the third singles slot, Steven Espinal also turned in a nice effort. "Steven played really well in a competitive match, 6-2. 6-3," noted Flynn.

In their first match ever, freshman Andre Nguyen and Noah Shanley played well at first doubles, coming up short by a score of 6-1, 6-1.

In a match with Somerville last week, Indrit Tamizi played really well at #1 singles against a good Somerville opponent and came up short, 6-1, 6-2; Abbes Ghiati played his first match at second singles and fell, 6-1, 6-1; and the duo of freshman Andrea Nguyen and Yasser

Elmzadi dropped their doubles match, 6-1, 6-1.

Flynn and his Patriots play at Everett tomorrow (Thursday). They will host Malden at 10:00 a.m. on the holiday on Monday and Winthrop on Tuesday morning at 10:00 on the courts at Gibson Park.

RHS BOYS TRACK SPLITS TRI-MEET

The Revere High boys outdoor track and field team split its season-opening trimeet at a raw and wet Harry Della Russo Stadium, defeating Lynn Classical, 104-22, but coming up short to Somerville, 77-58.

In the contest with Somerville, Revere dominated the throwing events, taking 23 of a possible 27 points, but the Patriots were shut-out in both the triple jump and long jump.

Youness Chahid and Bryan Maia were double-winners for coach David Fleming's Patriots to score 10 points each. Youness won the 800 meter race with a clocking of 2:13.9 and the two-mile in a time of 10:48. Bryan's first-place performances came in the shotput with a throw of 41'-7" and the discus with a toss of 116'-9".

Sophomore Nathan Krokos was a key multi-per-Fleming's squad vs. Somerville. Nathan took first place in the javelin with a throw of 95'-10", second in the 400 hurdles, and second in the 100 hurdles for a total of 11 points to rank as the Patriots' top scorer on the day.

Oliver Escobar also was a key performer for the Patriots, taking first place in the high jump with a leap of 5'-2" and second in the 100 dash to tally eight points.

Second-place finishers for the Patriots in the Somerville portion of the meet were: Silvio Neto in both the shot-put and the discus; Jeremy X in the 200 dash; Amari Miller-tobey in the 400 dash; Edwin Alarcon in the mile.

Scoring single-points vs. Somerville with their thirdplace efforts were: Fajr Riazi in the javelin; Kevin Vargas in the 400 hurdles; Andy Andrade Hernandez in the discus; and Anthony Pelatere in the 200 dash.

Fleming and his crew were scheduled to make the short trek to Chelsea this past Monday. Their next meet will be at HDR on April 28 with a tri-meet vs. two GBL foes.

RHS BASEBALL TEAM HITS THE **ROAD FOR THREE**

The Revere High baseball team will be on the road for three games this coming week against Greater Boston League rivals. Coach Sebastian Salvo and his crew play at Malden today (Wednesday), at Everett on the holiday on Monday morning, and at Somerville next Wednesday.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN SCHOOL PTA ANNUAL FUNDRAISER BASKETBALL GAME DRAWS OVER 600 TICKET SALES



The Harlem Wizards Topflight signing autographs before the game.



Lots of Wizard memorabilia for sale, Gina DeSisto, Linda Allwood, Laura DeLuca, Jennifer Tango, Noelle Molley, Danielle Saponaro Zaccaria and Natalia Saponaro Zaccaria.

The Abraham Lincoln School faculty teamed up with several player volunteers to take on the World-Famous Harlem Wizards.

The game was held at the RHS Field House, but earlier in the day the Wizards visited the Lincoln School to meet the students.

This annual fundraiser was a huge success with ticket sales reaching over 600 plus. Courtside tickets allowed for floor seating and a special up close and personal meet and greet in the RHS Cafeteria and autographs too.

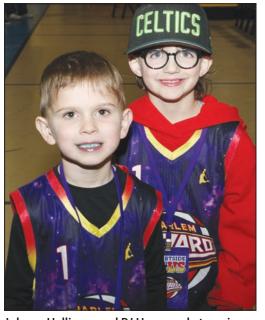
Thanks to the huge amount of ticket sales and

the generosity of the many donors to the school's event, student programs will have a boost in funds.

No great event just happens, thanks to the many volunteers that made the day a success and a memorable one for all the kids that enjoyed the court with the Wizards that evening.



The Abraham Lincoln PTA Officers with First Priority Credit Union, one of the many sponsors. Jacquline Damiano, Jenn Hallissey, Sanjana Kumar, Aisha Milbury-Ellis, Nanci Haas, and Michael Zaccaria.



Johnny Hallissey and RJ Haas ready to enjoy the game



Joziah Bell in his new Wizard game shirt.





Shown above, The Harlem Wizards Topflight with the Principals of the Abraham Lincoln School, K-2 Asst. Principal Stacie MacKenzie, Principal Cassandra Sermon, and Asst. Principal 3-5, Stephanie Mango.

Shown right, former RHS Track Coach Sam Ros and his son Jordan at the Wizard meet and greet.



Olivia Freni performed the National Anthem, shown with "Rocket" from the Wizards.



The Wizard's Topflight with the Revere fans at the meet and greet.



The Abraham Lincoln School Home Team with Charlie from the Revere PD.



King Arthur with some fancy ball handling.



Jadiel Ibanez gets a rider into the stands by Topflight.

Revere man arraigned on check fraud charges

A Revere man was arraigned last week in Brighton municipal court on multiple fraud charges after police linked him to transforming a \$26.36 check, originally meant for a utility bill, into an attempted \$20,040 payout for himself, according to Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden.

Yerson Yepes, aka Yeison Yepes Puerta, 38, of Revere was charged with uttering counterfeit note, forgery of bank note, and attempted larceny by check.

Judge David Donnelly ordered Yepes held on \$750 bail. Yepes is due back in court on May 1 for a pre-trial hearing.

On October 17, Boston police took a walk-in fraud report from the victim, 70, who reported mailing a check in the amount of \$26.36 made payable to National Grid, according to the Suffolk County District Attorney's office. The victim mailed the check on September 23 in a United States Postal Services mailbox at the intersection of Franklin

and Holton streets in Brighton. The victim on October 17 received a phone call from her bank notifying her that the same check was made out to a Yeison Puerta in the amount of \$20,040.

The victim informed officers that she never wrote that check and she is not familiar with anyone by that name. The check had not been paid out pending the bank's investigation.

The victim provided investigators with a copy of the forged check, dated October 2. Investigators observed a number placed over another indistinguishable number in the dollar amount box on the check. The rear of the check was endorsed with the name Yeison Yepes Puerta, according to the district attorney's

Investigators said they were able to trace the destination account to a Santander Bank account belonging to Yeison Yepes Puerta.

Based on the information provided by the bank, investigators obtained a warrant for Yepes's arrest.

Hayden said his office has seen recent increases in check theft and check washing schemes.

"Some fraud attempts are elaborate and sophisticated and some are rather basic, but they're all designed to do one thing: separate people from their money," Hayden said. "The safest way to mail a check is to hand it directly to a postal worker or bring it to the post office. Paying bills online is the most secure of all. Fortunately, here, the bank discovered the fraud early on and was able to prevent a large amount from being lost," Hayden said.

With financial exploitation and abuse on the rise, District Attorney Hayden in 2024 launched the Suffolk County Fraud Fighters, a multi-agency effort to help residents, particularly older adults, recognize common scams and signs of financial fraud. The next Fraud Fighters presentation will be held on Thursday, April 24, at 4 p.m. at the Neighborhood Network Center at 434 Warren Street in Boston.

REVERE Through the Years

10 years ago **April 9, 2015**

Mayor Dan Rizzo expressed vindication this week when his repeated, and seemingly ignored, calls for a review of the land deal between Wynn Everett and the MBTA on Rt. 99 were finally recognized, and that recognition has put a likely delay in the process for Wynn's traffic mitigation efforts in Charlestown and Everett.

The Revere Police and its Community Relations arm, based out of the Pleasant Street substation, is preparing to ratchet up several programs and initiatives this spring. Community Officer Gerard Salvati and Community Relations directors Carl Borgioli and Dennis Moschella said they are preparing to place signs throughout the city where Neighborhood Watches and Business Watches are being established.

Revere's Nick Silva is currently playing a part as a member of the group Vocal Adrenaline on the television series Glee.

20 years ago **April 20, 2005**

State Senator Jarrett Barrios said this week that if Middlesex County D.A. Martha Coakley decides to run for Attorney General, he will seek Coakley"s D.A. post. The current Atty. General, Tom Reilly, recently announced his candidacy for governor.

Revere school officials and the teachers' union have agreed that the schools will be in session for a half day on Bunker Hill Day in order to make up for some of the large number of snow days that occurred this winter.

After police broke up a group of 45-50 underage youths who were engaged in a beer bash on top of the abandoned overpass at Copeland Circle, from where the youths were hurling rocks at passing motor vehicles, police officials said they will step up their enforcement of the underage drinking laws in the city.

Police arrested youths for their assault with a brick upon another youth at the Bell Circle bus stop.

30 years ago **April 19, 1995**

A Superior Court judge has reconsidered his decision that had thrown a major roadblock at the construction of the Wonderland Marketplace, thereby clearing the way for the construction of the mall that will feature a Super Stop & Shop. However, some residents of Ward 6 said they will continue to oppose the project.

Acting Fire Chief Daniel Doherty said that the explosion and fire at the house at 107 Larkin St. Monday morning has been deemed an arson. The family who lived in the home reportedly had received threats prior to the blaze.

40 years ago **April 17, 1985**

The residential tax rate has been set at \$17.98, an increase of 43 cents. The commercial tax rate has been set at \$32.01, an increase of 10 cents.

Carabetta Enterprises, the developer of the Ocean's Edge condo and rental development of 630 units at Revere Beach, has agreed to the selection of an accounting firm by Mayor George V. Colella to determine whether the state financing plan known as TELLER for low and moderate income tenants is feasible.

The Post Office has curtailed mail delivery in certain sections of the city because mailmen have been attacked by loose dogs in recent weeks.

Mayor George V. Colella reiterated this week that the \$15.7 million school budget proposed by the independent accounting firm of Peat, Marwick is unrealistic given the state of the city's finances and that the school budget must be cut by about \$2 million.

50 years ago **April 16, 1975**

School officials discovered what they believe had been an arson attempt at the new Revere High over the weekend when they came to work Monday morning.

Strict enforcement of the parking regulations in the Pt. of Pines area starting this weekend is expected to alleviate the parking problems stemming from the Jacob's Ladder nightclub.

The Revere Journal reports that Supt. of Schools William J. Hill, Mayor William G. Reinstein, and six members of the School Committee will be attending the 35th annual National School Board Convention in Miami at a cost to the taxpayers of \$3528. Air fare for each person is \$296 and a night's stay at the Eden Roc Hotel is \$73.

60 years ago **April 22, 1965**

The city has retained a Boston architectural firm to draw up plans to renovate the former Suburban Gas and Electric facility on Beach St. into a youth center and to renovate the entire top floor of City Hall including the City Council Chamber and auditorium.

John F. "Red" Moran

of 70 Neponset St., a vice president of the International Longshoreman's Assoc., presently is recognized as among the most respected labor leaders in the nation.

Building Inspector Michael Ancillo has been found guilty of attempted larceny in Suffolk Superior Court and sentenced to one year in the House of Correction by Judge Harry Kalas. Ancillo allegedly sought to obtain \$12,000 from Elmer Taber to secure a variance to allow Taber to constrict a \$1.5 million apartment building on Revere Beach Blvd. at the corner of Revere St. Ancillo allegedly had been acting as an intermediary for other parties and reportedly has been given until Friday to name the other parties in exchange for a lighter sentence.

70 years ago **April 21, 1955**

Mrs. Ruth Rosenthal is the new President of the Prince-Strauss Jewish War Veterans Ladies Auxiliary and Samuel Sallop is the new Post Commander.

Parents must give their consent by the end of next week in order for their children to receive the Salk polio vaccine before the end of the school year.

The shareholders of the Revere Cooperative Bank have voted to convert the bank into a Federal Home Loan and Savings Association, the first such banking entity north of Boston. The bank, which was founded 50 years ago, now will be able to borrow up to 50 percent above its assets, which total \$2 million, thus enlarging the bank's borrowing and lending capacity by \$1 million.

Rev. John W. Crowther has resigned as the rector of St. Ann's Episcopal Church to take a new assignment in Fall River. He came to Revere in 1952 from Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Matilda Boote is the new president of the local Emblem Club.

A capacity throng attended the 50th anniversary reunion banquet of St. Anthony's parish at the Oceanview Ballroom Saturday night.

Philip J. Scimone is the new President of the local Orioles.

80 years ago April 19, 1945

Revere joins the nation in mourning the passing last Thursday of our wartime President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was elected to an unprecedented four terms starting in 1932. Mayor Raymond Carey declared that the city shall observe 30 days of mourning. School was let out early Friday and all stores were closed Saturday. Pres. Roosevelt had been popular in Revere and had received a majority of votes from Revere's men and women in all of his four presidential elections.

A spectacular, threealarm blaze destroyed the once-famous Ocean Pier Baths at Eliot Circle on Revere Beach Friday night. Fire Chief Thomas McCarrick said the blaze caused \$10,000 in damage and required 400,000 gallons of water to extinguish. A crowd of some 3000 persons watched the scene. The city had been set to take the property by foreclosure because of \$12,000 owed in back taxes.

Aquarium // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12

Massachusetts Right Whale Day programming

• On Thursday, April 24, the Aquarium will offer special programming free of charge on Central Wharf plaza to mark Massachusetts Right Whale Day. On Central Wharf plaza, guests can learn from scientists with the Aquarium's Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life, meet a life-size inflatable whale, and engage in hands-on educational activities. For those with an Aquarium admission ticket, programming indoors will include presentations by educators, kid-friendly right whale activities in the Exploration Station area, and scientist talks at the top of

the Giant Ocean Tank.

Film showings in Simons Theatre

- The Aquarium's Simons Theatre will offer daily showings of three films: Secrets of the Sea, Animal Kingdom, and Call of the Dolphins. The newest film, Call of the Dolphins, takes viewers beneath the ocean's surface for an up-close exploration of how dolphins live, play, and interactboth with each other and with us.
- are available at all Aquarium ticketing locations by calling 617-973-5206 or by visiting neaq.org.

city's most popular sightseeing tour, has returned with a stop in front of the Aquarium. The tours depart hourly from Central Wharf. Duck Tours guests receive \$3 off New England Aquarium standard price tickets at the Aquarium's Box Office.

• Boston Duck Tours, the

Newly renovated café and gift shop

• The newly renovated Harbor View Café and gift shop is open daily, where guests can enjoy delicious new menu items and find the perfect souvenir. The café is open from 9:00 a.m. until one hour before closing, and the gift shop is open during

Tickets and show times

Boston Duck Tours Re- regular Aquarium hours. turn

APRIL SCHEDULE

MONDAY 5:15AM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) *

6:00AM - BOOTCAMP - MIKEY (50 MIN.) 2 6:00AM - MAT PILATES - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263 9:30AM - SPIN - CHERYL (45 MIN.) 2 10:30AM - STRENGTH & STRETCH - CHERYL (50 MIN.) 2

4:30PM - GENTLE YOGA - CORINNE (45 MIN.) *

5:30PM - BARRE - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263

6:30PM - GENTLE YOGA - MIKE (60 MIN.)

TUESDAY

5:05AM - STRENGTH & CONDITIONING - MIKEY (50 MIN.) 2 5:15AM - SPIN W/ WEIGHTS - APRIL (45 MIN.) 263

5:45AM - POWER YOGA - HALEY (45 MIN.) 283

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8:00AM - ZUMBA - VANESSA (45 MIN.) *

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WEDNESDAY

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6:00PM - GENTLE YOGA - HALEY (45 MINS.) *

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

THURSDAY

5:30AM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) * 6:30AM - HIIT - MIKEY (30 MIN.) 3 9:00AM - BARRE - HALEY (45 MIN.) 2 12:00PM - GENTLE YOGA - HALEY (45 MIN.) * 5:25PM - MAT PILATES - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263 5:30PM - BOOTCAMP - ANGELA (45 MIN.) * 6:30PM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263 6:30PM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) *

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10:30AM - STRENGTH & STRETCH - CHERYL (50 MIN.) 2 12:30PM - HIIT - MIKEY (30 MIN.) 3

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

6:30AM - FITCLUB - 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

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MOTHER'S DAY

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LEADING THE CHEERS

Mayor Ambrosino helps the Revere High School cheerleading team celebrate another successful season. Photos, **PAGE 21**.



A BLESSING

Blue Knights are finalizing plan for annual Blessing of the Wheels. **PAGE 5**.

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ZONING

Revere Dairy proposal receives final OK

BY SETH DANIEL seth@reverejournal.com

The city's Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) met on April 27 and approved seven items for zoning relief, including one variance that paves the way for a new mixed-use building on the old Revere Dairy, after months of ups and downs with various city boards.

The ZBA approved Michael

Venditto's plan to construct a fourstory, 36-foot high building that would house two commercial spaces on the first floor and four condo units on the upper floors. Officially, the board granted him a variance for a front-yard setback, enabling him to build the Broadway building up to the curb. The board's only stipulation was there can't be any entrances or exits onto School Street.

After a contentious political battle

among city councillors, Venditto received approval for a special permit from the City Council in mid-April.

Also approved were bids from: • Paul and Rosemary Pisani of 624 Malden St. received approval for two variances that allows them to build a 35-by-14 foot, three-story addition to the rear of their existing two-family

• Gregory Simone of 516 Beach

St. received approval to convert his two-family dwelling to a three-family dwelling via a parking variance. He was denied the right to build a 22by-22 foot garage that would have been over 15 feet tall and located in

• Donald and Dawn Comeau of 39 Pearl Ave. received a special permit to build a 32-by-18 foot, two-story addition to the rear of their singlefamily home.

• Maryann Maguire of 9 Albert Ave. was granted a rear yard setback variance that allows her to build a 12by-16 foot, single-story enclosure and a 12-by-10 foot exterior deck.

· Joseph and Eleanor Catino of 591 Bennington St. were granted variances for building height and building stories allowing them to construct a 2.5 story, single-family

LAW AND ORDER

Prostitution ring leads Feds to **North Revere**

BY SETH DANIEL seth@reverejournal.com

Federal authorities and Revere police raided a North Revere home Friday morning and arrested two Morris Street residents for federal violations of the Interstate Commerce Act, resulting from an alleged prostitution ring at a Maine health club.

Authorities raided 44 Morris St. at 7 a.m. on Friday and - after having to kill a pit bull that came at them arrested Lance Lance Jones), 46, and Cheryl "Sheree" Stilwell, 39, on a federal warrant out of Portland, Maine.

The federal warrant, obtained by the Journal, charges Williams and Stilwell with conspiring with Gary Reiner, owner of the Kittery Health Club (a.k.a. the Danish Health Club), by transporting, persuading, inducing and enticing persons and minors to engage in prostitution at the health club.

The allegations by the federal authorities charge the defendants with using the massage parlor/health club as a brothel between 1990 and June 2004. The Route 1 establishment in Kittery allegedly offered showers, a steam room, a hot tub and a sauna. After using those amenities, clients could allegedly proceed to a

A GAME OF TAG



Revere High School catcher Kevin Flaherty tags out a Medford runner at home plate in what turned out to be a crucial play in Revere's 2-1 victory over the Mustangs last week. Story, Page 19.

POLITICS

Election season underway

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The start of various hunting seasons depends on the weather and the time of year.

Similarly, the start of the city election season starts with the pulling of nomination papers from the Election Department at City Hall. That being said, the first day to pull papers came on Tuesday morning, May 3, so the city's election season - a very unique time around here - is officially open.

By 11 a.m. on Tuesday. hadn't been many politicians and prospective politicians to sign the 'green book" at the Election Department, to verify they are seeking nomination for office.

For at-large councillor, only

FROM THE STATEHOUSE

Senate passes compromise measure on stem cell research

Journal Staff Report

A week after Archbishop Sean O'Malley prohibited a local priest from protesting against stem cell research outside of Senate President Robert Travaglini's St. Andrews Road home, Travaglini

scored a major victory by brokering cloning and establishes a licensing a compromise stem cell bill in the and oversight framework to regu-Senate that focuses on the ethics of late the research. the research.

that legalizes stem cell research, eral weeks to mediate differences outlaws human reproductive between Senate and House versions

The legislation is the final prod-The Senate overwhelming sup- uct of a conference committee that ported the compromise bill 34-2 has been working over the last sev-

of the bill.

"I am pleased with the hard work of the members of the conference committee on this crucial legislation," said Travaglini. "The issues and concerns of members of both

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.

Can you find all the words in this puzzle? Words are hidden $\Psi \rightarrow$ and Ψ

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REVERE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOSTS BOOKS 'N BREWS

Cary Shuman Photos

The Revere Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Murray's Tavern, and the Revere Public Library hosted a Books 'n Brews networking event April 10 at the library.

Mayor Patrick Keefe and RCC Executive Director Erica Porzio welcomed the many guests to the program.

Board Secretary Don Martelli, a member of the Library's Board of Trustees and a coordinator of the event, was the master of ceremonies.

Revere Chief of Planning

and Community Development Tom Skwierawski, Rep. Jessica Giannino, Amanda Bonasoro, owner of Bono Appetit, and RCC board member and entrepreneur Armen Davtian were the guest speakers.

Adult Services Librarian Kim Maniscalco, who helped coordinate the event as well, enthusiastically told the gathering about the many activities, events, and programs that the busy institution hosts during the year and the many offerings available to residents at the local treasure.



Amanda Bonasoro and her husband, Christopher Bonasoro, with their daughters, Leyla Bonasoro and Lily Bonasoro.



Guest speaker Tom Skwierawski speaks to attendees in the Library foyer.



Revere First Lady Jennifer Keefe, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Rep. Jessica Giannino, and program master of ceremonies Don Martelli.



Proudly representing the Revere Public Library at the event are Kim Maniscalco and Maddie



Melissa Dominguez and Steven Jaramillo of Murray's Tavern.



RCC Executive Director Erica Porzio, Marty Stallings, Armen Dautian, RCC President Niles Welch, Don Martelli, and James Gibson.



RCC Executive Director Erica Porzio, Mayor Patrick Keefe, and Revere Chief of Planning and Community Development Tom Skwierawski.



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Shown above, Susan Martelli, Revere High School coach Megan O'Donnell, and Don Martelli.

Shown to the right, Library **Board of Trustees Secretary** Dr. Toby Pearlstein and Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky.



WARD 1 COUNCILLOR JOANNE MCKENNA KICKS OFF CAMPAIGN FOR AT-LARGE COUNCILLOR SEAT

Cary Shuman Photos

Joanne McKenna, who has been a highly effective voice in her position as Ward 1 city councilor for the past 10 ½ years, kicked off her campaign for councilor-at-large at a reception Monday night at De-Maino's.

Mayor Patrick Keefe, First Lady Jennifer Keefe, State Reps. Jessica Giannino and Jeff Turco, former House Speaker Robert A, DeLeo, and several members of the City Council and School Committee joined a large crowd of supporters in attendance.

Mayor Keefe, who served alongside McKenna on the Revere City Council, praised the councillor's multi-faceted life of achievement and accomplishment in his introductory speech.

"Talk about a role model for young women in our community and also for young women in general everywhere," said Keefe. "These are some of the abilities that Councilor McKenna has and some of the roles that she has served in, so many different perspectives growing up in Revere. As a first-generation Revere resident from immigrant parents, she became a teacher, an athlete, a coach, a musician, a police officer, a photographer, a social worker, a city councillor, and a community advocate."

"I sat on the Council with her for many years and I realized that her greatest strength is her heart," lauded Keefe, adding that "she has done a phenomenal job as a city councillor."

Following are Joanne McKenna's remarks:

"Good evening, every-

Thank you all for being here tonight, for your support, and for joining me as I officially kick off my campaign for Councillor- at-Large. Your presence means the world to me.

A special thank you to Mayor Keefe for the warm introduction and kind words, my good friend Councillor Anthony Cogliandro and to my City Council colleagues for their steadfast support and friendship.

Lastly, a big thank you to my former Campaign Managers Carole and Larry



Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna thanks DeMaino's owner Lenny DeMaino for his hospitality at the famed restaurant on Malden Street.

Smith and my new Campaign Manager Michael Laberge.

Many have asked me, "Why are you running again? I thought you said you were done." Honestly, I thought so, too. But I've realized there's still so much more I want to accomplish for our city.

Having lived in Revere my entire life, my commitment to this community and the people is unwavering. I am deeply passionate about ensuring our city continues to thrive and prosper for generations to come.

So, why am I running for Councillor at Large instead of remaining as Ward One Councillor? Over the past decade, I've authored and co-authored with Rep Giannino more than 17 ordinances that have positively impacted the city as a whole.

This broader role will allow me to continue advocating for initiatives that benefit all of Revere.

A few of my key accomplishments include:

• Banning plastic bags, polystyrene, and billboards citywide. This was significant in improving the clean-

liness of our city and beach-

- Introducing the regulations and registration for Airbnbs and short-term rentals.
- Implementing a 12-hour snow removal policy for residents and businesses.
- Extending street sweeping and yard waste collection through December.
- Prohibited commercial vehicles to park on Revere streets without a commercial sticker
- Holding utility companies accountable for maintaining city trees and requiring them to plant two trees for every one removed.
- Prohibiting tobacco, drugs, and alcohol in public city parks.
- Adding a bus stop at the Stop & Shop and Target shopping center to improve accessibility for all residents
- Advocating for less invasive rat poison to protect wildlife and domestic animals
- Banning 5G Antennas in neighborhoods all across the city for the health and safety of our residents

(which Fire Captain Kevin O'Hara helped me with).

These initiatives have made a tangible difference in our community, and I am proud of the progress we've made together.

But there is still more work to be done. I am committed to continuing my efforts to make Revere a better, safer, and more vibrant place to live. Starting tonight, I humbly ask for your support in electing me as your Councillor-at-Large.

I thank you once again for coming tonight and for believing in our shared vision for Revere's future.



Ward 1 Councilor Joanne McKenna, with Councillor-at-Large Bob Haas III and friends from the



Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna and friends, pictured her councillor-at-large campaign kickoff reception Monday night.



Rep. Jeff Turco, former House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Rep. Jessica Giannino, and Revere Police Lt. Robert Impemba.



Ward 5 Coucillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Ward 1 Councilor Joanne McKenna, former House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo, and former City Treasurer George Anzuoni.



Revere Business Liaison John Festa, Ward 1 Councillor Joanna McKenna, and former city councillor Arthur Guinasso.



Ward 1 council candidate Jim Mercurio, Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, who is running for a councillor-at-large seat, Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto, and Rep. Jeff Turco.



School Committee Member Anthony Caggiano, Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, campaign manager Michael LaBerge, and School Committee Member John Kingston.



Joanne McKenna, with her former campaign managers, Larry Smith and Carole Smith.



Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna and Councillor-at-Large Juan Jaramillo.



Ward 1 Councilor Joanne McKenna and prominent property developer Jamie Russo.



Joanne McKenna, candidate for councillor-at-large, pictured with her campaign manager, Michael LaBerge.



Michael LaBerge, manager of the McKenna Campaign, councilor-at-large candidate Anthony Parziale, Michael Zaccaria, Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, Ward 3 Councillor Anthony Cogliandro, and School Committee candidate Steven Damiano.

Eligible Massachusetts households can now apply for financial assistance for the 2024-2025 heating season

Special to the Journal

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities announced that the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) enrollment period for the 2024-2025 winter heating season will open on October 1. This critical program provides financial relief to eligible households to help them pay their winter heating bills, ensuring they

can keep their homes safe and warm during the colder months.

HEAP is a free, statewide resource that assists eligible renters and homeowners by paying a portion of their winter heating bills directly to their heating companies. Starting Oct.1, homeowners and renters can apply online or through local administering agencies across the state. The assistance period runs from Nov. 1, 2024,

to April 30, 2025. HEAP offers grants that do not need to be repaid; however, households must meet specific eligibility requirements to qualify.

"No resident should have to worry about heating their home during the winter," said Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities Ed Augustus. "With high costs continuing to strain household finances, the Home Energy Assistance Program is more critical than ever. We urge anyone in need of heating assistance to explore their eligibility by applying online or visiting the nearest administering agency. Please share this valuable information with loved ones or neighbors who could benefit from this support during the colder months."

Eligibility is determined by several factors, including household size and the combined gross annual income of residents 18 and older. Qualifying households, including those with the cost of heat included in the rent, can receive assistance for all heating sources, including

oil, electricity, natural gas, propane, kerosene, wood and coal. Households do not need to be on public assistance or have unpaid heating bills to qualify.

For more information find your local HEAP agency or apply for HEAP online at https://www.toapply.org/ MassHEAP.

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LEGAL NOTICE



A-25-08 **Public Hearing** Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere (RRO) that the City of Revere Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday evening, April 23, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 on the application of Ammar & Brothers, LLC, c/o D'Ambrosio LLP, 14 Proctor Avenue, Revere,

at 140 Beach Street, Revere, MA 02151: RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to minimum lot area requirement of 10,000 s.f. within the NB Dis-

MA 02151 requesting

the following variances

to enable the appellant

to construct a 31-unit

within the NB District

apartment

building

trict; RRO 2. Section 17.24.010 with respect to minimum front yard setback requirement of 10 feet within the NB

Section 17.24.010 with respect to minimum side yard setback requirement of 15 feet within the NB District;

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RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to minimum rear yard setback requirement of 20 feet within the NB District;

Section

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17.24.010 with respect to maximum lot covrequirement erage of 50% within the NB District;

RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to maximum height requirement of 35 feet within the NB District; 7. RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to the maximum requirement of 2 1/2 stories within the NB District:

RRO Section 17.28.020 with respect to minimum parking requirement of 2 spaces/unit within the NB A copy of the afore-

mentioned application

(A-25-08) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, peals Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from

and Friday 8:00AM to 12:00PM. Proponent/ opponent testimony will be accepted in writing via email to amelnik@ revere.org on or before April 15, 2025.

8:00AM to 5:00PM,

Ashley E. Melnik, Clerk City of Revere Zoning Board of Ap-

4/9/25, 4/16/25

LEGAL NOTICE



A-25-09 SP **Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Section 17.40.040 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere (RRO) that the City of Revere Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday evening, April 23, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 on the application of Andrew Piedra, 150 Speen Street, Suite Framingham, 306, MA 01701 requesting a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals to enable the appellant to expand an existing non-conforming single-family dwell-

at 90 Gage Avenue, Revere, MA 02151. A copy of the aforementioned application (A-25-09 SP) 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,

ing by constructing a

second story addition

and Friday 8:00AM to 12:00PM. Proponent/ opponent testimony will be accepted in writing via email to amelnik@ revere.org on or before April 15, 2025. Ashley E. Melnik, Clerk

City of Revere Zoning Board of Ap-4/9/25, 4/16/25

LEGAL NOTICE Action Emergency Management Service,

Inc. 1087 Broadway Revere, MA 02151 P: 781-286-3900 F: 781-286-3924 Call #: 33681 2000 Honda Accord

VIN 1HGCG-6574YA087605 PLATE #: 4GBZ48 (MA) Call #: 33635

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Call #: 33631 2013 Jeep Wrangler Green

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VIN #: 1HGCS1B-37BA016098 PLATE #: 4MHT45 (MA) 4/2/25, 4/9/25, 4/16/25

LEGAL NOTICE

Of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Suffolk Probate **And Family Court** 24 New Chardon St Boston, MA 02114 **DIVORCE SUMMONS** BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING Docket No. SU24D2440DR Illeana Yasbeth

Plaintiff VS. Salvador Mendoza Defendant

Arreaga

To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for irretrievable break-

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

ing Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

An Automatic Restrain-

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Illeana Yasbeth Arreaga 26 Camel St. Apt. 3 Chelsea, MA 02150 your answer, if any, on or before 05/06/2025. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of

this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of

said Court. Date: April 04, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate 04/16/25

LEGAL NOTICE



C-25-07 **PUBLIC**

HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Section 17.40.030 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere that the Revere City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday evening, April 28, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 on the application of 250 Lee Burbank, LLC, 20 Railroad Street, Revere, MA 02151 requesting a special permit from the Revere City Council to enable the appellant to reconstruct the existing building with a new two (2) story commercial structure with a total of twenty-six (26) parking

spaces at 250 Lee Bur-

bank Highway, Revere,

MA 02151.

City of Revere: A Zoning Ordinance Further Amending the Revere Revised Ordinances Relative to Off-Street Parking Be it ordained by the

A copy of the afore-17.28 Off-Street Parkmentioned application

(C-25-07) is on file and ing and Loading Article available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday

LEGAL NOTICES

through Thursday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM and on Friday 8:00AM to 12:00PM. Proponent/ opponent testimony will City Council. be accepted in writing A copy of the aforeon or before April 22, mentioned zoning

amelnik@revere. org. Attest: Ashley E. Melnik

City Clerk

2025. Testimony can

be submitted via email

4/9/25, 4/16/25

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CZ-25-03 City of Revere, MA Public

Hearing Notice

Notice is hereby given,

in accordance with the

provisions of Section 5 Chair of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 17, Chapter 17.56, Sections 17.56.010 - 17.56.030 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere, that (a) the Revere City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 6:00PM in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber of Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts 02151, and (b) the Revere Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 5:30PM in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber of Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway,

Revere, Massachusetts 02151, relative to the following proposed amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the

City of Revere as fol-Section 1. Chapter I Generally is hereby amended by inserting the following new sec-

Section 17.28.030 Relief - Reduction in parking space ratio requirements shall require a special permit from the

(CZ-25-03) ordinance is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM and on Friday 8:00AM-12:00PM. Proponent/opponent testimony will be accepted in writing on or before April 22, 2025. Testimony can be submitted

via email to amelnik@ revere.org. Attest: Ashley E. Melnik City Clerk

Attest: Simmons-Her-Megan ling Planning Board, 4/9/25, 4/16/25



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT **Suffolk Division** INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU25P0791EA Estate of: Edith M. Shaheen Shaheen Date of Death:

Also Known as: Edith 02/23/2025 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner David J. Shaheen of Nashua, NH A Will has been admitted to informal probate. David J. Shaheen of Nashua, NH has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety

on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative

Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives pointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any,

under the Massachu-

setts Uniform Probate

the Petitioner. 04/16/25

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can be obtained from



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 25 SM 001028 **ORDER OF NOTICE**

To: Laura R. Pabon and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for MASTR Asset Backed Securities Trust 2006-WMC3, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates,

Series 2006-WMC3 claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Revere, numbered 27 Fenwick Street, given by Michael Vasquez, Laura R. Pabon to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for WMC Mortgage Corp., dated May 24, 2006, and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 39661, Page 155, as modified by a certain

21, 2013, and recorded with said Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 51015, Page 166, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object

to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before May 19, 2025, or you of 05/01/2025. may lose the opportuni-

of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on April 7, 2025.

Recorder 20531

Deborah J. Patterson

ty to challenge the fore-

closure on the ground



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate **And Family Court** 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

> Docket No. SU25P0677EA Estate of: Paula Lee Tirro Also known as: Paula L. Tirro, Sr.

Date of Death: 11/12/2023 To all interested per-

sons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with been filed by Dina M. Tirro of Revere, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

Appointment of Person-

al Representative has

The Petitioner requests that: Dina M. Tirro of Revere, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised adminis-

tration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Peti-**Provident Funding Asso**tioner or at the Court. ciates, L.P. You have a right to claiming to have an object to this proceeding. To do so, you or

your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further

notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMIN-ISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNI-FORM PROBATE CODE

(MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised ad ministration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 27,2025 Stephanie L. Everett.Esa. Register of Probate

04/16/25

LEGAL NOTICE



LAND COURT **DEPARTMENT OF** THE TRIAL COURT **Docket Number:** 25 SM 001025 ORDER OF NOTICE

Zhaonan Wang And to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq):

interest in a Mortagae covering real property in Revere, numbered 354-360 Revere Beach Boulevard, Unit 416, given by Zhaonan Wang to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Leader Bank, N.A., dated May 12, 2015, and recorded at Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 54461, Page 135, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney

closure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on April 7,

must file a written ap-

pearance and answer in

this court at Three Pem-

berton Square, Boston,

MA 02108 on or before

May 19, 2025 or you

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ty to challenge the fore-

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder

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INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER GROUP

Motivaction boutique gym opens on Broadway

By Cary Shuman

Motivaction held its grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony Sunday at 220 Broadway, Revere.

"Motivaction is finally here, everybody," proudly proclaimed co-owner Juan Giraldo in kicking off the festive event.

"We're ready to go. We're enthusiastic. We want to go with all the force. We want to put Motivaction on the map. And with wife, Jazmin, and our partners, Javier and Julia, we know we're going to make that happen," said Giraldo.

Co-owner Javier Gallego also delivered welcoming remarks.

"This concept (a boutique physical fitness experience) is something that I was going to try to bring to this

city," said Gallego. "I really like the way Revere is growing health and supporting fitness. We wanted to bring something new, something different and also something entertaining. Many times, working out is hard for many, so we're changing the idea that working out is boring. So, we're going to entertain and motivate people and make sure the results work out for all of you."

Mayor Patrick Keefe congratulated the co-owners "on putting your hardearned time and money and energy and putting your family behind all of this. It's going to be a great success."

"We couldn't be more proud to cut the ribbon today at Motivaction," said Keefe.

Nick Daher, owner of the building, was recognized



Mayor Patrick Keefe joins Motivaction co-owners Javier Gallego and Juan Giraldo and other officials and guests in leading the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

by co-owners Giraldo and Gallego, and Mayor Keefe, for his outstanding efforts in renovating the property.

Luberto's Bakery was the caterer for the event, providing sumptuous pizza and delicious pastries for the many guests.



Pictured at the grand opening ceremony for Motivaction are, from left, Natalia Rios, Juan Giraldo, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Javier Gallego, Julia Zarifullina, and Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio.



Revere Business Liaison John Festa, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, Juan Giraldo, Jazmin Tabares, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Erica Porzio, Javier Gallego, Julia Zarifullina, Judie Van Kooiman, and Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio.

CITY PAWS

Bathing your dog

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

A recent email from the Whole Dog Journal was headlined "Why It's So Important To Dilute." "Dilute what?" you ask. Your dog's shampoo is their answer and ours. After the first time we washed our first Westie, many years ago and wasted gallon after gallon of water trying to get the soap out of Sassy's double coat, we began mixing shampoo and water in a spray bottle and using that to clean our pups.

The second half of this soap opera is that once you have worked the shampoo into all the layers of a dog's coat and to the skin, you have to rinse, rinse, and rinse to get it all out!

Where to Bathe

These days, we only do touch-up cleaning on our dog and leave the heavy-duty work to a professional groomer. Where you set up for a dog bath is, in part, dependent on the dog's size.

We've used a sink or bathtub to wash our small dogs. For more control in a tub or shower, you can use a plastic tub to contain the dog and the soapy water and to help you rinse.

Our friend designed a dog room for clients, including a professional dog grooming area with everything needed to produce a clean dog. Today, this type of setup appears as an amenity in some dog-friendly condos and apartment complexes. There are also do-it-yourself dog wash facilities around the area.

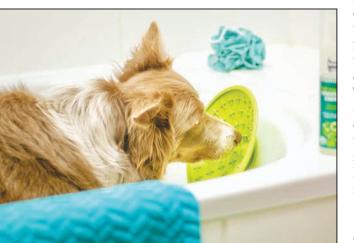
Many years ago, a group of college students held a dog wash fundraiser on the Boston Common. They used kiddie pools and hoses to wash dogs of all sizes. It was a very popular event for a few years. If you have some outside space, this may be your answer.

First You...

Gather everything you'll need: shampoo, brushes, combs, dog hair dryer, and a few towels.

We like to give dogs a good brushing to remove loose hair and matted fur before bathing them.

Then, gently wet the entire coat with lukewarm wa-



Be sure to have a non-slip mat under your dog and perhaps a lick mat with a favorite treat to provide distraction.

ter and work it into the skin. If you don't have warm water outside, consider using a portable camping shower to avoid a cold bath for both of

Next, spray on that well-diluted shampoo and gently massage it into the coat and onto the skin to clean all the hair. This massage is one part of the process all our dogs have loved. Finally, rinse until you are convinced no soap remains. Then, give your pup one more rinse to be sure.

Dry The Dog

You need a plan to dry your dog before you begin the bath. You know the dog will shake, so decide where you want that to happen. Drying is a good reason to use a shower or tub.

You can pull the curtain or close the door to let the dog remove the water in a confined wet space. Once the shaking stops, the toweling begins. Dog blower dryers are available and can be used to finish the drying if your hound is comfortable

with them. One final benefit of having a spray bottle of diluted dog shampoo ready to go is that whenever a paw, tail, or face is dirty while most of the dog is clean, it's easy to do a quick wash for that area. Today, puppy-safe wipes are available for cleaning on the go. At home, we still turn to the wet, spray, clean, rinse, and dry routine when Poppy has muddy paws or a messy rear.

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