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NSCS ANNOUNCES NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING

North Suffolk Community Services (NSCS) will host its fourth community meeting via Zoom for neighbors of 5 Winnisimmet St. in Chelsea on Wednesday, April 30 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to provide updates on the construction project at the building.

NSCS leadership will give an overview of the organization and project, as well as an estimated timeline for completion.

North Suffolk announced in February that it has entered a long-term lease for the 30,000-square-foot building at 5 Winnisimmet, which will allow the nonprofit human services provider to bring together a number of programs under one roof that are currently spread across multiple locations.

Registration for this online forum is required. Please email Nina Walat at nwalat@northsuffolk.org to register or scan the QR code.



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City, police unions reach contract agreements

By Adam Swift

The city council unanimously approved the appropriations to fund new contracts with the Revere

Police Patrol Officers and Superior Officers unions on Monday night.

The contracts are retroactive to July 1, 2024 and run through June 30, 2027. In

addition to annual salary increases of 2 to 3 percent for each year of the contract, it also sets in motion a Four and Four schedule for the patrol and superior officers.

The schedule, dependent upon the full implementation of new time and attendance software, calls for four 10-hour shifts in a row followed by four days

off. The schedule change is something that union representatives said they have been pushing for for several years.

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AUTISM AWARENESS IN REVERE



CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

City officials and residents participate in the annual photo at City Hall Plaza in recognition of National Autism Awareness Month. See more photos on Page 6.

Arrigo will leave as DCR Commissioner and take a position at UMass Lowell

By Cary Shuman

Former Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo will leave as DCR Commissioner to take a key position in finance and operations on the Vice Chancellor's leadership team at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Arrigo, who served as mayor of Revere from 2016 to 2023, informed his staff last week that he would be taking a position with UMass Lowell, an institution known for its outstanding

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio announces re-election campaign

Special to the Journal

Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio has announced his bid for re-election to a second term. The following is his announcement:

"I'm excited to announce that I am running for re-election as Ward 4 City Councillor. Serving our community over the past year has been an incredible honor, and I'm proud of all we've achieved together.

From supporting the construction of the new Revere High School, to sponsoring the senior water and sewer discount program, improving traffic safety, and upgrading sidewalks and streets, together, we've worked hard to make our neighborhood safer, stron-



Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio

ger, and more connected. I've also supported expanding home-based childcare opportunities, helping families and small local businesses thrive.

Looking ahead, I am committed to tackling one

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Lifelong resident, James Mercurio, has announced his candidacy for Ward 1 City Councillor

Special to the Journal

James Mercurio has announced his candidacy for Ward 1 City Councillor. The follow is his announcement:

"As a lifelong Beachmont resident and community advocate I am proud to announce my candidacy for Ward 1 Councillor in the upcoming Revere City election. With deep roots in the neighborhood and decades of dedication to the city I call home, I am stepping forward to bring strong, dependable leadership to Ward 1 and City Hall - leadership grounded in experience, transparency, and genuine care for the people of Ward 1. I strongly believe this campaign isn't about poli-



Jim Mercurio

tics. It's about people. It's about listening, showing up, and standing up for the families and neighborhoods of Ward 1 that make Revere strong."

Jim's family has deep roots in Beachmont. His

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Council holds moment of silence for former Councillor John Jordan

By Adam Swift

The city council held a moment of silence for former member John P. Jordan at the beginning of its meeting Monday night.

In addition to the moment of silence, the council also read a resolution of condolence for Jordan, who died on Saturday.

In addition to his tenure on the council,

Jordan was the son of former state Representative Peter Jordan.

"John Jordan was a great councillor and a stand-up guy," said Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto. "We didn't always agree, but the thing about John Jordan is that he loved the city of Revere. Everything he did up here was, in his view, for the betterment of the city of Revere. He



John Jordan.

Revere, if I had to put it into words.

"I didn't prepare anything because it was a shock to hear he had passed away," Zambuto continued. "He was certainly a friend and a wonderful colleague and he will be missed."

Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky said he served on the council with Jordan

in the late 1970s.

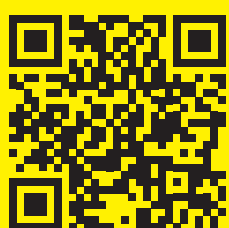
"We got along so well, and he did love the city of Revere, and he would do anything he could to make every ward in the city better," said Novoselsky. "He was a great guy, and we will all miss him and will remember him dearly."

Ward 6 Councillor Chris Giannino said he remembered Jordan from his time on the police department when he would deliver the council packets to Jordan.

"I had a lot of conversations with him," said Giannino. "He will be missed and it is sad news to hear."

Turn to Page 8 to read more about him and his legacy in his obituary.

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family originally settled on Endicott Avenue in the early 1900s before locating to Crescent Avenue where he currently resides with his wife of 17 years, Deborah. He is the son of lifelong Beachmont residents, the late Claude and Edith Mercurio, and the brother of Claudette Mercurio Ash and Michael Mercurio.

Jim attended Revere Public Schools and is a 1981 graduate of Revere High School. He would later go on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Marketing/Business) from American International College, Class of 1985.

Presently, Jim is the President of Mercurio Brothers Landscaping, Inc. For over 40 years he has been under contract with the City of Revere providing landscaping and snow removal services as well as on-site and professional management as general contractor on several housing development projects and bonded work in Revere. In addition to his business, Jim has also been an active member of the community including building and maintaining some of the city's best parks, playgrounds and gardens. He is the proud builder and designer of James Kimmerle Park, Douglas Cummings Park, Francis Foye Memorial Island, Leach Park, Revere High School Baseball Field, Corey Abrams Community Garden and several islands located throughout the city. He is also the founding member of the Beachmont Improvement Committee, City of Revere representative for the Massport Community Advisory Committee (MCAC), and member of the Knights of Columbus.

Jim discussed his decision to run for Councilor and the impact he feels he will make if elected.

"I am proud to be a business owner right here in Revere. As an entrepreneur, I have embraced the re-

sponsibility of overseeing day-to-day operations and ensuring that everything runs smoothly. This experience has not only made me fiscally responsible but has also equipped me with the skills to manage both small and large-scale projects successfully."

"Throughout my time in business, I've tackled various challenges, and I have developed a deep understanding of what it takes to build a thriving community. I believe that the success of our local businesses directly impacts the quality of life for all our residents"

"Revere is more than just where I live—it's who I am. I've walked these streets my whole life, born and raised here, and seen firsthand the challenges and potential of our neighborhoods. It's time to give back in a bigger way—to be a strong voice for Ward 1, and for every resident who wants to see Revere thrive."

"I bring a lifetime of connection to the community, with a background in business, public service, and civic engagement. As a proud graduate of Revere High School and American International College, I have built a career rooted in leadership, problem-solving, and community-focused work. I am known for my honesty, approachable style and my unwavering commitment to doing what's right for my neighbors."

"I believe Ward 1 deserves a Councilor who not only understands the issues but has lived them - someone who will work every day to protect the community's past while building toward a better future. I am eager to engage with you, listen to your ideas, and work together to address the concerns that matter most to us all. Thank you for considering me as your Ward 1 councilor, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve our incredible community!"

Jaleeyah Figueroa Capunay delivers Speech during Student Government Day

RHS junior plays the role of Lt. Gov. during annual State House event

Special to the Journal

Last Friday at the Massachusetts State House, Revere High School junior, Jaleeyah Figueroa Capunay, delivered a powerful speech in the House Chamber as part of Student Government Day where students participate in the role of elected or appointed officials to "observe the processes of government."

Jaleeyah was one of two students in the state who won this year's 2025 Student Government Speech Competition and was picked to play the role of lieutenant governor alongside Sarah Mikkuzhi of Walpole High School who played the role of governor.

Jaleeyah's persuasive and emotional speech argued for more inclusivity in the state's education system. Her compelling words resonated with the audience, highlighting the importance of every student's voice in shaping a more equitable learning environment.

"Good morning, my name is Jaleeyah Figueroa Capunay, and I am honored to speak with you today on Massachusetts Student Government Day, as the student lieutenant governor," Jaleeyah began. "Today, I want to discuss how we, as students, can ensure that every student in Massachusetts has access to inclusive and affirming history and social science instruction."

Jaleeyah said, that in 2018, the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education updated the History/Social Science Framework to emphasize diverse perspectives

in history education.

"This is important because history isn't just about events; it's about understanding how race, ethnicity, gender, and identity have shaped the experiences of different people throughout time," she said. "As a Hispanic girl growing up in Massachusetts, I remember feeling like my history was often left out of our lessons. The stories of my ancestors, who faced challenges in a new land, were rarely discussed."

Jaleeyah continued, "Instead, we focused mostly on a single narrative, one that didn't fully represent me or many of my peers. Over time, I learned that history is not just about major events or figures—it's also about the lives of people like my grandmother, who immigrated here for a better life, or my father, who worked long hours to build a future for our family."

Jaleeyah said it is crucial for the state's education system to, "include diverse voices in history and social science to honor our shared history."



RHS junior Jaleeyah Figueroa Capunay emotional speech argued for more inclusivity in the state's education system.

"We must learn about the struggles and triumphs of all groups, including indigenous peoples, African Americans, LGBTQ+ communities, and women, and understand how power and oppression continue to shape society today," she said. "We can make this a reality by advocating for curricula that reflect our state's and country's diversity, and by creating spaces to share and listen to each other's stories, like through student clubs or classroom discussions. An inclusive classroom empowers us to bring our whole selves to the conversation and appreciate both our differences and shared values."

Jaleeyah concluded, "When we ensure that every student sees their iden-

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Revere State Representatives Jessica Giannino and Jeffrey Turco with Jaleeyah Figueroa Capunay and fellow student government student from RHS, Adam Ashour.

ZBA rejects proposal for duplexes on Ridge Road

By Journal Staff

The Revere Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) held its regular monthly meeting on

Wednesday, March 26, in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber. On hand for the session were chair Michael

Tucker and fellow members Aklog Limeneh, John Lopes, and Arthur Pelton.

The first matter was an application by Jaime Ruano, 29 Carleton Street, "requesting a variance of Revere Revised Ordinances (RRO) Section 17.16.260(F) with respect to the requirement that detached accessory structures shall not occupy more than 10% of the rear yard and shall not be located within the required side yards and within two (2) feet of the rear lot line to construct a 20' x 20' pergola at 29 Carleton Street."

Mr. Ruano already has constructed the pergola, but has done so without either a building permit or permission from the ZBA. The matter had come before the ZBA previously, but Mr. Ruano was directed by the ZBA at that time to seek a

letter from the direct abutter as to whether she had a problem with the pergola being so close to her property.

He did not have a letter, but the abutter, Barbara Ann Puopolo, of 20 Oxford Park, who said she has lived there for 77 years, told the members that she is "emphatically against" the pergola where it presently is sited.

Ward 5 Councilor Angela Guarino-Sawaya also spoke against the application. "I cannot give my blessing to this," Guarino-Sawaya said. "I have to respect what the neighbor has to say."

"Without it being inspected by any of our city inspectors, I cannot approve this," said Lopes.

The board unanimously turned down the request for the variance.

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of Revere's most pressing challenges: housing. We need a balanced and thoughtfully designed approach, rooted in collaboration and strategic planning, to ensure every action we take creates a meaningful and positive impact on our community. This includes maintaining a clear distinction between residential and commercial areas, supporting well-planned development, and carefully evaluating the effects of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) on our neighborhoods. By doing so, we can help families

stay together, expand diverse housing options, and preserve the unique character of our neighborhoods without overburdening our infrastructure.

I'm deeply grateful for your support and would love the opportunity to continue working for you. If we haven't had the chance to meet yet, I truly look forward to connecting with you soon.

Feel free to reach out anytime with your ideas, questions, or concerns—I'd love to hear from you!

Let's keep moving Revere forward-together."



Revere TV

Your Community Source

SPOTLIGHT

New program alert! This week, RevereTV is introducing "Nonprofits," a show with the Nonprofit Liaison of The Revere Chamber of Commerce and President and Founder of Those Who Can, For Those In Need, Judie VanKoolman. In this episode, Judie is joined by Deborah Kneeland Keegan, Co-Founder and Executive Director of For Kids Only Afterschool (FKO). Deb shares what inspired her to start FKO, the valuable services the nonprofit provides to kids and parents, and much more! The first episode of "Nonprofits" is playing on the Community Channel and is posted to YouTube.

A few weeks ago, a community fundraiser was held in Beachmont for 7-year-old Paul Bagilo to help in his fight against cancer. The event was attended by hundreds of people including musicians, dancers, comedians, and elected officials. RevereTV was able to capture a sample of some highlights from that evening which you can now watch on all RTV outlets.

On March 29, the community came together once more at the Beachmont VFW for the city's Annual Vietnam Veterans Day Ceremony. The event included speeches from local officials and veterans, and was attended by the Revere High School JROTC. Watch coverage of this ceremony now playing on the Community Channel for the next few weeks. The Community Channel is 8 and 1072 on Comcast, and 3 and 614 on RCN.

The City of Revere has officially announced its latest customer service tool, Piper! Piper is a text messaging service that lets residents quickly and easily connect with the city 24/7 without the need to download an app. Residents can submit service requests to Piper, such as reporting a pothole to be filled, and can also ask questions such as when City Hall is open or when the next City Council meeting is. Then, if needed, Piper will connect them with City staff for follow-up. Piper can also communicate in 75 languages! Check out the flyer posted within the "In the Loop" videos for instructions on how to start chatting. "In the Loop" is a public service announcement series that is posted to RevereTV's Instagram and YouTube pages, and also plays in between programming on all RTV television channels.

Coverage of the Revere High School Junior Prom red carpet is now playing on the Community Channel for the next few weeks. Tune in to reminisce on the Junior Class' big night or to see the fashion and hear from these students for the first time. The full video remains posted to YouTube. RevereTV plans to be at Senior Prom Night, and then of course the Class of 2025 Graduation Ceremony on June 4th at 6PM.

Don't forget that all local government meetings are streamed live to RTV GOV and YouTube. Meeting recordings are then replayed in a timely rotation on RTV GOV. This is channel 9 for Comcast subscribers and 13 or 613 for RCN subscribers. Meeting streams on YouTube can be replayed immediately after airing and later at your convenience.

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RHS MODEL UN COMPETES AT NORTHEASTERN UNIVSERSITY CONFERENCE



Shown left to right: Rayyan Farouqi, Sala Hoxha, Erta Ismahili, Jaleeyah Figueroa, Edwin Alarcon, and Gabriel Campos pose with the NU Husky.

Courtesy Photos

Six students from Revere High School's Model UN Club participated in The Sustainable Development Goals Conference on Saturday, March 29th at Northeastern University. The conference was attended by over 300 participants from across Eastern Massachusetts. RHS students took on roles as delegates representing Jordan, Bulgaria, Georgia and Canada in the HRC and UNESCO committees. They negotiated resolutions on the refugee crisis in Sudan and the preservation of cultural artifacts around the world. At the awards ceremony, junior, Jaleeyah Figueroa was recognized for writing the Outstanding Position Paper and the



Erta and Edwin work with colleagues in the HRC committee on a resolution organizing support for refugees in war-torn Sudan during Saturday's conference.

paired delegation of senior, Erta Ismahili and freshman, Sala Hoxha were awarded Best Delegation in the High Commission for Refugees. The club now sets its sights on participating in the Westwood MUN conference on April 12th and the Nobles and Greenough MUN Conference on May 4th to round out the year.

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Next up was a request from Samuel Tekka, 74 Dunn Road, requesting "a special permit pursuant to RRO Section 17.40.040, to enable him to expand an existing non-conforming single-family structure by constructing an addition (775 sq. ft.) to the rear of the structure at 74 Dunn Road."

This matter also had been continued from a previous meeting to enable Mr. Tekka to obtain permission from the Site Plan Review Committee, which he did do. Guarino-Sawaya spoke in favor of the application.

The board unanimously approved the application for the Special Permit.

The third matter was an application from Stephen R. Caruso, 320 Charger Street, requesting multiple variances to enable him to construct four (4) townhouses (two on each side of the road) on Lots 22-346-5A, 7A, and Lots 22-345-89, 90, 91 and 92 Ridge Road.

Mr. Caruso, who is the contractor, presented the application on behalf of the owner, together with Michael Gordon, the engineer, and Bryan Parmenter, the surveyor.

Ridge Rd. runs parallel with Fenno St. and between Suffolk Ave. and Prospect Place. It consists of two sections of roadway which are not connected, but which are bifurcated by a densely-wooded section where the lots to be developed are located. The Fire Dept. will require the developer to put in a gravel roadway where the proposed homes will be located.

"We have six non-conforming lots and are consolidating four of them into two conforming lots," said Parmenter. "We're proposing to build four duplexes on these lots. We need relief from the requirements of lot area, frontage, and side setback."

"We had a neighborhood meeting with Ward 4 City

Councilor Paul Argenzio," added Gordon. "We listened to the neighbors' concerns and pledged to work with the neighbors. We decided on townhouses because the site work is extensive and after looking at all of the numbers, single-family homes are cost-prohibitive." Gordon also noted that the neighborhood contains many two-family homes on non-conforming lots, "So we're not putting in anything that the neighborhood doesn't already have."

Numerous residents stepped up to the podium to oppose the application. The first opponent was a resident from Ridge Rd. She told the board she has concerns about the steepness of the hill and fears for damage to her basement from the project. She also expressed concerns about potential access problems for public safety personnel.

Another Ridge Rd. resident also said the narrowness of the street presents access issues for public safety and other municipal vehicles. She further voiced her opinion that the project will have a negative impact on parking in the neighborhood.

A third Ridge Rd. resident, who has lived there for 65 years, expressed concerns about runoff in the area, as well as potential issues with snow removal and public safety access because of the narrowness of the roadway. "This is not a place for what the builders intend to do," she said.

A Suffolk Ave. resident, who built a home on Ridge Rd. for his adult child, said that single-family homes are appropriate for that area.

A couple who live on Ridge Rd. also spoke against the proposal, expressing concerns that the construction will affect the structural integrity of their home.

A Suffolk Ave. resident said she objects to the proj-

ect because the lots are undersized. "This will set a precedent for other projects in the city," she said.

Another Ridge Rd. resident said that she is concerned that her foundation "will collapse" as a result of the project. "We should keep this area as a green space and keep it as a dead end for the safety of our children," she said.

Argenzio said he opposed the project. "These are excellent developers, so I have no issue with them," Argenzio began. "However, this is an old, established neighborhood where people have lived for generations. You've heard quite a few reasons why they oppose it -- parking, increased density, traffic, loss of open space, and the water problem with its natural springs that run down onto Fenno St. The gated gravel road being asked by the Fire Department will be susceptible to wash-out."

Argenzio then read several letters from residents in opposition to the application, some of whom noted that the present green-space serves as habitat for wildlife.

"In closing, this boils down to this: We have zoning regulations for a reason and we should stick to them. I ask that you reject the proposal," Argenzio concluded, to the applause of those in attendance.

After Tucker pointed out to the developer that with only four board members present, one vote against the application would reject it (because under state law, votes of the Revere ZBA for a special permit require a super-majority of 80% of the Revere ZBA's five-member board), the developer nonetheless asked the board to go forward with a vote.

None of the four members voted to approve the application, thereby denying it unanimously.

Human Rights Comm. discusses resources available to immigrants

By Journal Staff

The Revere Human Rights Commission (HRC) held its regular monthly meeting last Thursday, April 3. On hand for the session were Chair Chaimaa (Shay) Hossaini, Molly McGee, Kourou Pich, Dr. Lourenco Garcia, Herby Jean Baptiste, and the HRC's Executive Director, Steve Morabito, who is the city's Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI).

The session began with the members reading the HRC's Mission Statement:

"The Mission of the Revere Human Rights Commission is to promote human and civil rights and empower all people of Revere by ensuring that everyone, especially the most vulnerable and marginal-

ized, have equitable opportunities, equal access, and are treated with dignity, respect, fairness, and justice."

Hossaini then presented the usual Land Acknowledgement, in which the Pawtucket tribe was recognized as "the original holder of the land."

The commission held elections for the coming year. Hossaini was re-elected as chair and Jean-Baptiste was re-elected as vice-chair.

Hossaini noted that the 11th annual 21-day Racial Equity Habit-Building Challenge (held under the auspices of Food Solutions New England) will run from April 7-27. The City of Revere once again will be an official participant, enabling city employees, residents, and local organizations to

participate in the program that addresses issues of racial inequity.

The commissioners then turned to their main topic of discussion for the evening, identified on the agenda as "The Immigration Crisis," regarding the recent efforts by federal government authorities to arrest and deport city residents who are recent immigrants.

"These incidents not only are a travesty and devastating, but they instill fear-mongering, even among those who are citizens who also are afraid of being deported," said Hossaini.

Pich, who is the CEO of Harbor Communities Overcoming Violence (HarborCOV) emphasized that

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REVERE IS DOING ITS PART FOR THE HOUSING CRISIS

A guest column in the Revere Journal two weeks ago discussing the new state Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) law (which allows ADUs of up to 900 sq. ft. in single-family zoning districts) included this statement, "Revere has just 18.33 housing units per acre, lagging behind Everett (22.19), Somerville (29.72), and Chelsea (30.22) — cities that have embraced housing policies to meet growing demand."

The implication of that statement suggests that Revere has not done its part to alleviate a housing crisis that exists not only in Massachusetts, but across the globe.

We're not taking a position on the ADU law, but we would like to point out that Revere has done far more to create new housing in the past 25 years than almost any community in the state. Our city's population has grown immensely, from 43,159 in 1999 (a figure that was roughly stable for about 50 years) to 57,954 in 2023, a significant increase of about 35% (a figure that will only grow larger when the Suffolk Downs project is built-out).

Revere has embraced the concept of transit-oriented housing districts, waiving many of our zoning regulations to allow for the construction of many new, large-scale residential complexes close to T stops and along bus routes.

In addition, the city recently established an Affordable Housing Trust Fund that has been instrumental in developing affordable housing policies and creating affordable housing opportunities for new homeowners. Further, the city's Planning Dept. has applied for (and received) state grants to encourage the construction of both affordable and market-rate housing.

So while it may be true that Revere is not as densely-housed as Chelsea and Somerville (which, by the way, ALWAYS have been the most densely-populated cities in the state because of their small size) or Everett (which has been experiencing a huge overcrowding problem in its schools because of its recent population increase), we believe the more complete picture is that Revere has been doing more than its fair share to alleviate the housing crisis in the Metropolitan Boston area.

NO GOOD CAN COME FROM THE NEW TARIFFS

It was 95 years ago in June, 1930, that President Herbert Hoover signed the Smoot-Hawley Tariff law (which had been passed by a Republican Congress) that imposed draconian increases in tariffs on more than 20,000 imported goods.

Smoot-Hawley has been recognized by economists and historians of all political persuasions as having been one of the key elements in destroying the world's economy that fueled the Great Depression over the next 10 years, resulting in the massive unemployment world-wide that led to the rise of Adolph Hitler and the horrors of World War II.

This is the commentary about Smoot-Hawley that presently can be found on the official website of the U.S. Senate:

"On June 13, 1930, the Senate passed the Smoot-Hawley Tariff, among the most catastrophic acts in congressional history. As economists had predicted, the high tariff proved to be a disaster. Even before its enactment, U.S. trading partners began retaliating by raising their tariff rates, which froze international trade. The tariff did not sit well with the voters. In 1932 they turned the majority in both houses of Congress over to the Democrats, by large margins, and booted both Reed Smoot and Willis Hawley out of office."

Last week's announcement by President Donald Trump of massive tariffs on every country in the world already has resulted in a huge drop in stock markets world-wide, especially in the U.S., and has led to retaliation from the Chinese.

Trump's absurd tariff levels not only have no basis in reality, but they have made the U.S. an international parish, turning us into arguably the most-hated nation on earth (except by Vladimir Putin's Russia, which is the only major economy that escaped the Trump tariffs).

The United States has enjoyed unprecedented economic growth over the past 30 years, with our per capita GDP zooming way past Japan and our European peers. A cover story in the Economist Magazine last year rated the U.S. as the top economy in the world in the aftermath of the COVID pandemic. However, this week's cover depicts Trump isolating the U.S. from the rest of the planet and refers to Trump's tariff announcement as "complete drivel," a sentiment shared by the Wall St. Journal, among others.

The Trump tariffs will lead to higher prices for all Americans in just about everything we buy. The tariffs will lower our standard of living, with most economists predicting that a serious recession is likely in the months ahead. As the Wall St. Journal noted, tariffs are essentially a tax upon consumers, raising the prices for everyday goods.

For the rich however, the tariffs will be a mere annoyance. Whether they pay an extra \$50,000 for their new Ferrari means nothing. But for the average American, an extra \$5,000 for a new car will represent a significant cost that inevitably will lead the typical middle-class consumer to scale back on discretionary items, such as dining out.

The only real question is not whether, but to what extent, Trump's actions will hurt the economic well-being of every American both today and, as the Smoot-Hawley Act showed, for years to come.

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A LETTER FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

Dear Editor,

Spring is here, and with the new season, the City of Revere has an exciting array of new programming offerings, opportunities, and important updates and information. Read through the newsletter to learn about how you can make the most out of City services this season.

Make sure to check out our highlights from Mayor Keefe's State of the City Address below to learn about the progress being made in Revere that directly benefits residents.

In addition, within the next week, Revere residents will be receiving mail regarding Revere Power Choice, our new municipal aggregation program

that will provide savings on your electric bill. Keep your eye out for this notice with more information about the program, and visit our "News Briefs" segment at the bottom of the newsletter if you'd like to read more.

Don't forget to follow our official City of Revere Facebook page to stay tapped in on day-to-day updates, alerts, and activities across the city.

Mayor Patrick Keefe

TIME FOR TERM LIMITS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT: POWER BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE

Dear Editor,

We need term limits for our elected officials. Local government works best when it reflects the voices

and energy of the people it serves. By ensuring regular opportunities for new leaders to step forward, we can strengthen our democracy, encourage fresh ideas, and keep our city government responsive to the needs of the community.

Term limits would create a more open and dynamic political process, where residents from all walks of life have a real chance to serve. When leadership rotates, we see new perspectives, innovative solutions, and a renewed commitment to tackling the challenges that matter most—whether it's improving our streets, supporting local businesses, or making city services more efficient.

Revere deserves leadership that's energized, accountable, and truly com-

mitted to the people. Term limits ensure that no one gets too comfortable in office, and they create space for new leaders—teachers, small business owners, first responders, and everyday residents—to step up and bring a fresh perspective to city hall.

Public service should be about duty, not career advancement. If we truly believe in government of the people, by the people, and for the people, then we must ensure that no one holds onto power indefinitely. Let's return power to where it belongs—with the citizens of Revere.

This is our city. This is our future. And it's time for term limits.

Anthony Parziale
Candidate For City Councillor At Large

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BUONFIGLIO FH WINS 2024 EXCELLENCE IN CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD

Johnson Consulting Group, a leading consultancy in the funeral home and cemetery profession, proudly honored Buonfiglio Funeral Home as one of the recipients of the JCG 2024 Excellence in Customer Service Awards. This award recognizes the top 15 funeral homes in North America that demonstrate outstanding service to families during one of life's most difficult moments. Award recipients ranked among the highest in customer satisfaction out of the 576 funeral homes eligible in 2024, placing them in the top 2.6% of all participating firms.

Customer satisfaction among the participating firms was measured using Performance Tracker X, a comprehensive evaluation system that gathers direct feedback from families through post-service surveys. These surveys boast an industry-leading over 50% response rate, providing an in-depth and highly accurate measure of the entire funeral experience. The data collected does not just assess one aspect of service but rather evaluates the experience in its entirety, including all staff members involved in serving the family.

"Buonfiglio Funeral Home is setting a high standard for customer experience," says Jake Johnson, President and CEO of Johnson Consulting Group. "Their dedication to exceptional service is not just admirable—it sets the benchmark for customer care within the funeral profession. This award is a testament to their unwavering commitment to putting families first and delivering



Shown from left to right: Joel Farrington, Manny Beltran, Marissa Sciaraffa and Paul S. Buonfiglio.

outstanding service at every touchpoint. Congratulations, Buonfiglio Funeral Home, on this well-earned recognition."

The Awards are given out annually and are calculated by Johnson Consulting Group's internal Performance Tracker X team. Recipients were informed on March 7, 2025, that they had won this prestigious honor.

"This award is the most meaningful honor I've ever received—it's the true definition of a team victory," says Paul Buonfiglio, Owner & Director at Buonfiglio Funeral Home. "Our success is a direct reflection of the incredible dedication and hard work of our team. Veteran funeral director Joel Farrington has been a guiding force, bringing decades of experience and compassion to the families we serve. Rising star Marissa Sciaraffa has quickly made a name for herself with her commitment to excellence and heartfelt care. Behind the scenes, our key apprentice Manny Beltran plays a crucial role in ensuring every detail is handled with precision, often going above and beyond to support both our staff and the families who trust us. This award is a testament to their dedica-

tion and the collective effort of our entire team."

SAVE THE DATE! OUR LADY OF LOURDES OUTDOOR MASS

From the Our Lady of Lourdes Committee, we wish all peace and happiness during this joyous of holy seasons and invite everyone to our outdoor community mass.

The Annual Our Lady of Lourdes outdoor mass will be held rain or shine on June 15th at 10 AM.

Sunday, June 15th is Father's Day, and the annual outdoor mass will be held at the beautiful Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto Park on En-

dicott Ave in Beachmont. A collation will be offered to those in attendance immediately following mass. Limited seating will be provided, it is recommended that you bring your own if possible. Celebrating the mass will be Father Leonardo, Pastor of the Immaculate Conception Parish. All are welcome to attend this holy event.

SPANISH MASS BEGINNING AT BLESSED MOTHER OF MORNING STAR PARISH

Blessed Mother of the Morning Star Parish is pleased to announce the addition of a SPANISH MASS on Sundays at 5:00 PM at Our Lady of Grace Church, 59 Nichols Street, Chelsea, beginning on JUNE 8, 2025.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our growing Parish Community!

MISA EN ESPANOL

Nos complace in anunciar la apertura de la MISA EN ESPANOL el dia Domingo, 5 PM en la Iglesia de Nuestra Senora de la Grazia, 59 Nichols Street, Chelsea, empieza el 8 JUNIO 2025.

Gracias por sus oraciones y el apoyo en el crecimiento de nuestra Comunidad Parroquial!

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Council President Sylvestri introduces term-limit motion

By Adam Swift

Council President Marc Sylvestri is making another attempt to introduce term limits for elected officials in Revere.

Term limits were a part of Sylvestri's platform when he was first elected in 2021. Early in his first year in office, he introduced a term limit motion, but he said there was little support for it.

Monday night, Sylvestri introduced a new home rule petition calling for term limits. The motion would limit ward councilors, at-large councilors, and school committee members to five terms, or 10 years in office. The mayor would be limited to three terms, or 12 years in office.

Elected officials would be able to run for a different office once they hit their limit. For example, an at-

large councillor could serve for 10 years and then run for a ward council position.

The term limits would not apply to any person holding office who has exceeded the limits on the effective date of the act, if it were approved.

Monday night, several councillors expressed their reservations about the term limit act, while one councillor said she supported it. The act will be taken up for further discussion during a legislative affairs subcommittee meeting.

"This is something that I truly believe in, it is something that I ran on in 2021, and was one of the first motions I put forward as a councillor," said Sylvestri. "It didn't get much support, so I figured I would put it up now."

The council president said recent surveys show that nearly 75 percent of

Americans are in favor of term limits.

"Since 2012, incumbents have won 97 percent of the time in elections, which further highlights the need for term limits to help level the playing field," said Sylvestri. "The advantages of fundraising and name recognition enjoyed by long term incumbents can often disenfranchise new candidates and discourage community members from getting involved in the political process."

The ten-year term limits would allow candidates time to make meaningful contributions to the city, but also ensure that they remain accountable to the taxpayers they serve, Sylvestri added.

"We have seen consequences of extended tenure in cities just next door like Everett, where complacency can foster a disconnect between officials and the

constituents they serve," he said. "Implementing term limits will no longer only promote accountability, but it will also help prevent the kind of isolation that can occur in positions of power."

Sylvestri clarified that he was not suggesting that anyone on the council or in elected office in Revere was doing anything frivolous, but that he believes that term limits can serve as a safeguard against political complacency.

"We usually agree on most things, but I totally disagree with term limits," said Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio. "If a voter is going to the ballot box and they are confident and comfortable voting for an incumbent, we shouldn't take that right away from them. I think we need to give the voters a little more credit."

Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya said she

initially supported the term limit proposal, but after giving it serious thought, has changed her position.

"As a first time councillor in Ward 5, I'm learning every day how much time it takes to do the job effectively," said Guarino-Sawaya. "If this motion passes, we risk removing good leaders just as they have hit their stride, we risk forcing someone out who is experienced, effective, and connected to their community, only to replace them with someone who may be less prepared simply because the seat became available."

Argenzio, Guarino-Sawaya, and Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto all noted that there are term limits in the form of the ballot, with the councillors up for election every two years.

However, Councillor-at-Large Michelle Kel-

ley said she supported term limits.

She said that whenever she talks to residents about term limits, they generally are supportive of them.

"An incumbent definitely discourages a newcomer from even throwing their hat into the ring, and I believe everyone should have the opportunity to serve the community," said Kelley. "If we are truly talking about democracy and what our residents want, then maybe this is something that should be entertained by a ballot vote."

Councillor-at-Large Robert Haas, III noted that the last municipal election, without term limits, saw six new councillors take office. He added that having a mix of veteran members and newcomers can be beneficial overall for the council.

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tity reflected in what they learn, we not only honor our diversity but also build a stronger, more connected society."

As she looked out at the

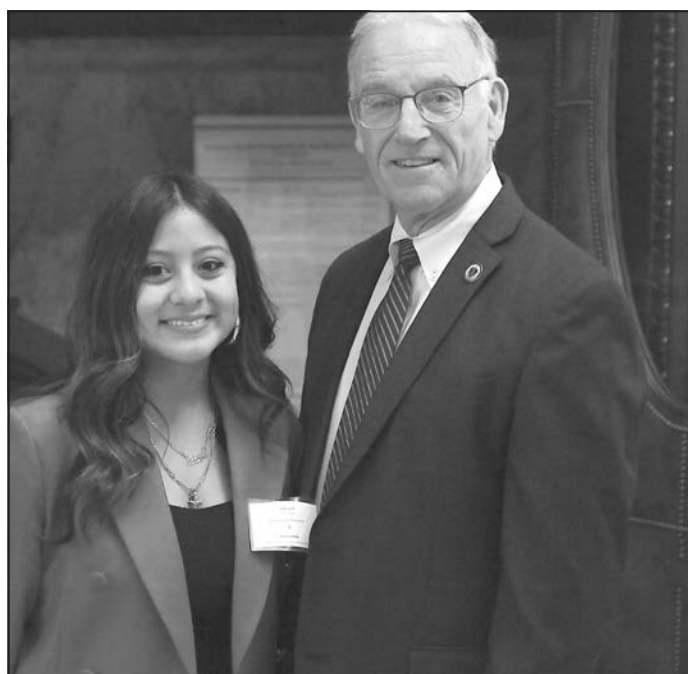
audience, Jaleeyah could feel a wave of pride, knowing that she was contributing to a critical conversation about education reform. Ignited by her passion for ad-

vocacy and inspired to continue fighting for positive change within her community, Jaleeyah's speech was met with thunderous applause from fellow students

and state lawmakers present in the Chamber.

In 1947, the Massachusetts Legislature enacted a program called Student Government Day (originally Good Government Day) which is traditionally held on a Friday in April. This is an informative program about state government, that includes students participating in the role of elected or appointed officials to "observe the processes of government."

The program provides educators and students from Massachusetts's public and private high schools with many opportunities to learn first-hand about state government. It enables government officials to have contact with students. It allows students to voice their positions on important current issues through prepared debates. It enables students



RHS junior Jaleeyah Figueroa Capunay with State Rep. Brian Murray of Worcester. Murray helped coordinate this year's Student Government Day.

to participate in the legislative process through simulated committee hearings and House and Senate formal sessions. It provides the

opportunity for students to exchange views with their peers throughout the state on statewide issues.



RHS junior Jaleeyah Figueroa Capunay (right) joins students from across the Commonwealth on the House Chamber's podium.

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those who are experiencing domestic and sexual violence should continue to reach out for help, regardless of their immigration status, without fear of being turned over to federal authorities. She said the crisis hotline is 617-884-9909.

McGee, who is an immigration attorney, noted that parents are fearful of dropping off their children at school. She saluted Revere teachers who came to the aid of a teenage high school student in a recent situation involving ICE.

"I just want to show solidarity with our families and students," said Garcia, who is the Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Inclusion and Chair of the Equity Advisory Board for the Revere Public Schools. "We are navigating complex times and we have a lot of issues that we have to work through. I want to thank all of the administrators of the Revere public schools. There have been a lot of distorted messages going out, but there has been a lot of work behind the scenes disseminating information and putting safeguards in place."

"No arrests have been made in our schools," Garcia continued. "Parents, please send your children to school. Our schools are the safest place that your children can be right now. Our School Dept. should be congratulated for ensuring that our children and families are safe."

"What I am seeing happen in this country is unbelievable," said Jean-Baptiste.

"There is chaos and people have been panicking. Those who were allowed in the country from Haiti have been ordered to return by April 24," Jean-Baptiste continued, referring to a statement by the Trump administration that it will revoke the temporary legal status of more than half a million migrants from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela. Migrants from those countries have been warned to leave the U.S. before their permits and deportation shields are cancelled on April 24.

"This is a troubling time in this country and we have to work harder to make sure that people are educated," Jean-Baptiste concluded.

"Immigration and deportation are complex issues. We have to uphold the rule of law, but people in our community need to know their rights and we need to work to ensure that people are treated with dignity and respect," added Morabito.

Hossaini held up a "Know Your Rights" card, which is in five languages. It is available at locations throughout the city and can be downloaded from the HRC's website. She highlighted two other sources of information that also will be on the website, one that provides information for employers and their employees

and the other that advises individuals of their rights.

After Morabito discussed a recent incident on Shirley Ave. that involved the Dept. of Homeland Security and the Dept. of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and in which more than 100 firearms were confiscated, McGee noted that innocent people have been arrested in what she referred to as "collateral damage," situations in which persons with no criminal record are arrested along with those who are being charged with criminal offenses.

Garcia mentioned an immigration hotline (508-293-1871) and added that the Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy (MIRA) Coalition can assist immigrants with information about their rights.

The lone resident on hand for the meeting, Albert Tecci, addressed the members during the public session at the end of the meeting.

"I'm really energized and excited to see that there are people in our community who are looking out for each other," said Tecci, 43, a long-time Revere resident who is a family therapist. "When I hear of the work being done at the schools, I really appreciate it. Raids at schools, which are being done in other school districts, affect children and their ability to learn. When we have fear and feel that we're being attacked, our brains shut off."

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THE CITY OF REVERE RECOGNIZES AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Photos by Cary Shuman

City officials joined residents in recognition of National Autism Awareness Month, gathering at the artistic display sign April 3 at City Hall Plaza.

Mayor Patrick Keefe, Rep. Jessica Giannino, and Rep. Jeff Turco, delivered remarks at the event.

Revere DEI Director Steven Morabito welcomed the

gathering to the event.

Pictured at the National Autism Awareness Month event at City Hall Plaza are, from left, Rep. Jeff Turco, School Committeeman Anthony Caggiano, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, Rep. Jessica Giannino, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, School Committeeman John Kingston, and Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio.



Shown from left to right, State Rep. Jeff Turco, School Committeeman Anthony Caggiano, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, State Rep. Jessica Giannino, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, School Committeeman John Kingston and Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio.



Jessica Bajana, Julia Moram, and Leonard Bajana.



Mayor Patrick Keefe speaks at the Revere event honoring National Autism Awareness Month (April).



Parks and Recreation Director Mike Hinojosa, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, and Communications Associate Taylor Giuffre-Catalano.



Representing the Revere Public Health Department at the Autism Awareness event are, CarrieAnn Salemme, Nicole Palermo, Samanda Lumaj, Valentino Moreno, Madelyn Pineda, Nada Abiu Hadiba, and Paula Sepulveda.

Police Unions // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

“We are happy to present, after nine months of intense negotiations ... that we were able to reach an agreement with both the Patrol Officers and the Superior Officers unions,” Mayor

Patrick Keefe said during the council meeting. “I just want to say that we heard the plight from the police department and we also understand that it is a changing workforce, and that it has

been for a number of years. We look to serve the needs of that changing workforce to make sure that Revere is an advantageous community to work in, because we know that when we have a

good working police department, it is going to reflect positively on the representation we see on the streets, the interactions we see with our young adults, and of course, the protection they provide to all of our homeowners, travelers, and business owners.”

Police Sgt. Joe Internicola spoke in support of the agreements.

“After eight to nine very long months of negotiations, we were able to come out with a fair deal for both the city of Revere and the police department,” he said. “We discussed the needs of the current workforce and the demands of our officers, and Mayor Keefe and his administration recognized the call for support to our department and delivered on a promise to invest not only in the quality of our working conditions, but our quality of life, which in turn will be to the betterment of the community’s safety.”

Internicola said the change in the schedule is a big deal for the department and the city.

“Some of us have been advocating for this for over 13 years to get this done,” he said. “With this administration here today, we couldn’t be more happy with this for everyone involved.”

Several councillors praised both the unions and the mayoral administration for working together on the contract settlements.

“This kind of collaboration is getting to be routine up here, and that is very good,” said Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto.

Ward 3 Councillor Anthony Cogliandro said the new contracts and the schedule change will benefit the city.

“But mostly, it’s going to benefit our police officers,” he said. “You guys do way more than most people know about.”

Council to request financial analysis of installing porta-potties at city parks

By Adam Swift

The city council got down to business about people doing their business in the city’s parks at Monday night’s meeting.

Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto and Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna introduced a motion requesting the installation of a wheelchair accessible porta-potty at Sonny Myer’s Playground.

That motion was approved, and was followed by a motion introduced by Ward 3 Councillor Anthony Cogliandro and Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya requesting a financial impact study for the cost of installing porta-potties at all city parks and playgrounds.

“There are some things, you know I have been around a long time, and there are some things that you just don’t notice,” said Zambuto. “It has been brought to my attention that the kids are peeing in the trees, I know it is crude to say that, but we really do need to be reasonable about this.”

Zambuto said installing a porta-potty is something the city probably should have done years ago.

“That park is a wonderful park, it’s well used, but the trees don’t deserve the abuse they are getting,” said Zambuto.

Guarino-Sawaya said that the city should look into installing the porta-potties at all parks in Revere.

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With tax day approaching, Gov. Healey promotes savings for seniors

Special to the Journal

With less than two weeks until the tax filing deadline on April 15, Governor Maura Healey continued promoting the money that Massachusetts residents, including seniors and families, will save this year because of the historic tax cuts package she signed in 2023. On Wednesday, she visited the Lynn Senior Center to engage with local seniors about how they are savings because her tax cuts package, including being eligible for up to \$2,730 this year because the Governor doubled the Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit.

“As we approach the tax filing deadline, it’s so important that people know the ways in which they are saving money this year because of our tax cuts,” said Governor Healey. “If you’re 65 or older, you could receive up to \$2,730 this year. If you care for your aging parents, you could receive \$880 this year. This is money that can be used for groceries, child care, medicine or energy bills. We know everyone is struggling with high costs, especially our seniors, and President Trump’s tariffs and cuts to essential programs are only making things worse. But here in Massachusetts, we’ve prioritized tax cuts for families, seniors, renters, homeowners and businesses to lower the cost of living.”

“This tax season, residents across the state will automatically be saving money due to our tax cuts,” said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. “We’re addressing the high cost of living by putting money back in your pocket this tax season. Don’t forget to visit mass.gov/taxcuts to learn more about how you are saving.”

“The House understands that affordability is a top concern for residents across Massachusetts, including for our seniors, which is why the sweeping tax relief bill that we passed last session was so important. Among the many tax cuts that were included in that bill was an increase to the senior circuit breaker tax credit, which was doubled in an effort to bolster financial support for our seniors and their families,” said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). “I’m grateful to my colleagues in the House, and to our partners in the Senate and in the Healey-Driscoll Adminis-

tration, for their continued focus on tackling the significant affordability challenges that continue to face residents here in Massachusetts.”

“I am proud of the Senate’s work, along with our partners in the Healey-Driscoll Administration and the House, to pass historic tax relief for our residents,” said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). “We are living our values when we take action to support our seniors, and our entire Commonwealth thrives when we support working families and vulnerable residents. I’m thankful to Governor Healey for signing this legislation that will put money back into the pockets of thousands this tax season.”

“The Healey-Driscoll Administration is dedicated to making the Commonwealth a great place to grow up, but also a great place to grow older. And affordability is an essential key to that mission,” said Aging and Independence Secretary Robin Lipson.

“The tax cuts package will provide critical financial relief that will help older adults stay in their homes, cover essential needs, and ultimately move Massachusetts forward as an age-friendly state.”

“Thank you to Governor Healey to coming to Lynn to highlight these critical tax cuts for senior and also to Lynn’s State Delegation for helping get them passed,” said Mayor Jared C. Nicholson. “We know so many of our seniors are living on fixed incomes and tax relief like these cuts reduce tough financial tradeoffs that they have to make each day.”

Governor Healey’s tax cuts package included a number of other provisions to make life more affordable for Massachusetts families, seniors, renters, businesses and more.

Provisions of the tax cuts

package that will save seniors money include:

- Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit – Governor Healey doubled the Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit for Massachusetts residents. If you’re 65 years of age or older, you may qualify for a credit of up to \$2,730 for tax year 2024. More than 64,000 seniors received this credit last year.

- Child and Family Tax Credit – Governor Healey increased the Child and Family Tax Credit to \$440 per child under age 13, senior who is age 65 or older, or individual with disability. She also eliminated the two-dependent cap. If you’re caring for your aging parents, you could receive \$880 this year, as opposed to \$360 two years ago. More than 591,000 families benefited last year from this tax credit, which is the most generous universal child and dependent tax credit in the county.

- Estate Tax: Governor Healey increased the threshold from \$1 million to \$2 million with a credit that mitigates the cliff effect. This change brings Massachusetts more in line with other states, allows seniors pass on generational wealth, and makes it more attractive to retire and age in Massachusetts.

- Senior Property Tax Volunteer Program – Governor Healey increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000 the maximum property tax abatement available to seniors who perform volunteer services.

Gov. Healey has launched mass.gov/taxcuts for Massachusetts residents to learn more about the credits and deductions available to them, including educational flyers. Information about free tax assistance available through local community action agencies and non-profit partners is also available at findyourfunds.org.



Gov. Maura Healey meets and discusses taxes with seniors at the Lynn Senior Center.

RHS SPEED AND DEBATORS COMPETE, PLACE IN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



The Revere High Speed and Debate Team competed April 5th at the Massachusetts Speech and Debate League (MSDL) State Championship. Erta Ismahili and Noor Ashour were state finalists taking 5th in Congressional Debate and 4th in Novice Oral Interpretation, respectively. The team sent five competitors in total who qualified for this statewide competition based on their places and scores from the regular season.

Shown above, left to right: Coach James Conway, Noor Ashour, Erta Ismahili, Sala Hoxha, Gianna Cuzzi, Lyna Baoussouh, and Coach Emeritus Mark Fellowes. Shown to the right, Noor Ashour and co-captain and departing senior Erta Ismahili.



Port-a-potties // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

“It came to my attention at Sonny Myer’s, but I’m sure that it is probably happening everywhere,” said Zambuto. “I’d be in favor of putting them everywhere, let’s have some sanitary conditions for the kids.”

Council President Marc Silvestri said he agreed with

the sentiment, but said that with more than one proposed porta-potty, the issue should be taken up in the council’s ways and means subcommittee.

Cogliandro said that after the request for the Sonny Myer’s ADA accessible porta-potty was approved,

that the council request a financial impact analysis for installing them at all applicable playgrounds and parks in the city.

McKenna did note that Sonny Myer’s playground is the most used park in Revere.

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OBITUARIES

Lawrence B. Mundy, Jr.

Of North Reading, formerly of Revere

Lawrence B. Mundy, Jr., 94, of North Reading and formerly of Revere, passed away at his home on Monday, March 31, 2025.

Born in Medford on April 20, 1930, he was the son of the late Lawrence B. Mundy, Sr. and Charlotte (Russell) Mundy. He was raised and attended school in Revere and was a graduate of Revere High School and Butera School of Art in Boston.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict; he was a Corporal and served from 1951 to 1953.

Lawrence was an Electronic Technician for Brandeis University for many years. He was a jack of all trades as well as an incredible artist. He loved history and was fascinated by the American Civil War. He always stepped up to do what was right with integrity and had a strong sense of responsibility.

He enjoyed painting, Irish music, a Civil War Buff and was interested in Military History. His nickname was "Lefty" and he was a pitcher in semi pro baseball. He has been a resident of North Reading for the past 54 years.

Family members include his loving wife of 62 years,



Rosary (Avola) Mundy; his sons, Lawrence James Mundy and his wife, Jill, James Mundy, Daniel Mundy and his wife, Sherri and William Mundy; daughters, Susan Mundy and Catherine Mundy; brothers, John Mundy and the late Paul Mundy; sisters, Anne (Mundy) DeStefano and the late Charlotte (Mundy) Diaz; four grandchildren: Jodie Banks, Victoria Wellman, Sophia Brace Mundy and Raquel Brace Mundy and two great grandchildren, Jackson Banks and Lucian Wellman.

Funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his memory to the charity of one's choice. Arrangements are by the Crowell Funeral Home, 19 Bow Street, North Reading. www.crowellfuneralhome.com.

John Peter Jordan

Former Revere City Councilor and son of former Revere Mayor Peter J. Jordan

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of John Peter Jordan, Born on June 27, 1942, in Revere, John peacefully passed away on April 5, 2025 at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers. He was a long-time resident of Revere, formerly of Georgetown, and for the last nine years living in Quincy MA.

John graduated from Immaculate Conception High school, Class of 1960, where he was a standout football and basketball player and athlete. He went on to college at Worcester Academy and Arizona State where he also played Football. John was the son of the former Mayor of Revere, Peter J. Jordan. He was fortunate to share many special years with his partner, Lillian McGuirk-Graf, who survives him, as well as his extended family: Kristine McCarthy and her husband, Gerry of Chester, NH, Paul D. Graf and his wife, Laurie of Quincy and Brian J. Graf of Revere. His parents, Peter and Regina (Campbell) Jordan and Michael Jordan of Arizona preceded him in death.

John had a distinguished career as a State Appraiser for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the right of way division until his retirement. Not only did he serve his community through his work, but also served for city council from 1982-2003. He served as Ward 4 councilor and councilor at large and was elected two times by his colleagues to serve as president, a testament to his dedication and



commitment to public service.

In his leisure time, John was an avid golfer and enjoyed socializing with his many friends, especially during his annual trip to Fort Lauderdale, FL. He also enjoyed his trips to Kennebunkport, ME, and the many memorable cook-outs at the Point of Pines, Revere. John's zest for life, commitment to his community, and unwavering friendship will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 10 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Paul Buonfiglio & Sons Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere. Funeral Mass will follow at Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach street, Revere at 12 noon. Burial will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation in John's name to Caring for a Cure - Campaign.

We encourage those who knew John to share their memories and upload photos to his memorial page. This celebration of John's life will serve as a lasting tribute to the man he was and the lives he touched.

Barbara "Bonnie" McInnis

A true Revere girl and humanitarian, her strength, devotion, caring and deep love for family will never be replaced

Barbara "Bonnie" McInnis of Revere entered into rest on Friday March 28, 2025 at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers. She died peacefully surrounded by love and family.

Born on March 2, 1948, the middle daughter of late Peter McInnis

and Marguerite (Cronin) McInnis, she was a lifelong resident of Revere and attended Immaculate Conception School, graduating in 1965.

Barbara, as she was known professionally, had a career focused on the travel industry. Her tenure at Eastern Airlines took her from Boston to New York and finally to Miami as a National Sales Representative. Returning to Boston, she began her career at Garber Travel retiring after more than 20 years as Vice President of Industry Relations. She was an international traveler who enjoyed sharing experiences from castles in England to ski lessons in Vail, and multiple trips to Paris.

Bonnie, as she was known to friends and family, was a true Revere girl. She was a strong, independent woman whose love of family knew no bounds. She relished her retirement which enabled her to spend more time with family, reading, gardening, baking cookies, Sunday dinners, and walking her dog.

A humanitarian, Bonnie was a fierce advocate for all animals. She had a passion for supporting and adopting rescue dogs. She instilled that compassion in her family and those who loved her. One of her legacies will be that generations of dogs have been saved, and future rescues will be saved by those she influenced.

Bonnie was a remarkable woman. If you were fortunate enough to call her family or friend, there was nothing she wouldn't do for you. She made all our lives richer and more adventurous.



Bonnie instilled in us a love of life and a sense of loyalty. Her strength, devotion, caring and deep love for family will never be replaced.

Bonnie leaves her sisters, Joanna McInnis and her partner, Scott Lumsden and Ellen Rizzo and her husband, John of Revere; her niece, Lauren Nelson and her husband, Jamie of Revere and nephew, Michael Rizzo of Portland, Oregon and her cherished grandniece, Alana and adored grandnephew, Brady of Revere. She also leaves her faithful companion and rescue dog, Blue.

Funeral services will be held privately as requested by Bonnie.

The family would like to acknowledge the compassionate care provided by the nurses, doctors, and palliative care on Ellison 16 at Massachusetts General Hospital and the comforting solace provided by the Kaplan Hospice nurses and staff during Bonnie's final days is greatly appreciated by her family.

Donations in Bonnie's memory may be made to either: Tribute/Memorial Gifts-MSPCA-Angell or Kaplan Family Hospice House, 78 Liberty Street, Danvers, MA 01923.

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OBITUARIES

Charles E. Kelley

Delta Airlines retiree, devoted Catholic and long time parishioner and custodian at St. Anthony's Church

Family and friends attended visiting hours on Sunday April 6th at the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere, for Charles ("Charlie") E. Kelley who died peacefully on Thursday, April 3rd, two weeks before his 83rd birthday. His funeral was conducted from the funeral home on Monday, April 7th followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250

Revere St., Revere. Interment immediately followed with military honors at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody.

Charlie was born in Chelsea on April 19th, 1942. He was raised by his mother, Rose, along with his two brothers, Bobby and Henry in South Boston. After the sudden passing of his mother at the age of 13, he and his brothers were raised by his Aunt Sue in Revere. He became a Drummer in the I.C. Reveries Drum and Bugle Corps and graduated from Revere High School in 1961.

Following high school, Charlie enlisted in the United States Marine Corp, where he proudly served his country as a Russian morse code interceptor. He was honorably discharged after service to his country and returned home. He married the love of his life, Elinor L. McCarthy, on April 16, 1966. The couple remained in Revere, living in the Point of Pines where they raised their three children.

Charlie worked for Delta Airlines, first in the cargo section of the company at Boston Logan International Airport and later taking a position as a Reservationist. His career spanned 35 years before he retired. Charlie's retirement led him to St. Anthony of Padua Church where he became the custodian for 17 years, a job he considered his most favorite! He was a faithful and devoted parishioner at St. Anthony's. He took great pride in his duties at the church and the parishioners were like his family. Charlie was a very devoted Catholic and had a great deep-rooted faith, that he passed on to his children.

Charlie was an avid tennis



player and loved shooting baskets (better than and with all the kids on Witherbee Ave, keeping him in better shape than most people half his age. He enjoyed reading everything there was about the Catholic religion and the Blessed Mother, attending daily Mass and overnight adoration (wherever it was held), and saying the Rosary. He loved practicing with his drumsticks and watching Jesus of Nazareth, the Lone Ranger, cowboy shows, and any Elvis movie. Above all, Charlie was a devoted husband and family man who exemplified his faith through love of God, family, and country.

He was the beloved husband of 59 years to Elinor L. (McCarthy) Kelley of Point of Pines Revere, the loving father of Susan Murray and her husband, Terry of Holbrook, Matthew Kelley and his wife, Harumi of Osaka, Japan and Mary Kelley and her partner, Brian Donnelly of Salem; the cherished grandfather of Kayleigh Knowles and her husband, Bryan of Wichita, Kansas, Liam Kelley of Okinawa, Japan, Jasmine Kelley and Colin Kelley of Osaka, Japan, and the late Margaret Anne Kelley; the adored great grandfather of Freya Leigh and the dear brother of the late Robert ("Bobby") Kelley and Henry Kelley. He is also lovingly survived by several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Charlie's memory to St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St. Revere, MA 02151.

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Carol Ann Reppucci

Of Peabody, formerly of Revere

Carol Ann (Marchand) Reppucci, 83, of Peabody, passed away Saturday evening April 5, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of the late Carl Paul Reppucci, with whom she shared 60 years of marriage.

Carol was born in Revere on October 16, 1941, daughter of the late Curtis and Marguerite (Fallstich) Marchand. She grew up in Revere and graduated from Revere High School.

As a young woman, Carol worked at Hood's Milk in Charlestown. Later in life she was employed by Sears & Robuck in Peabody and as a medical receptionist in Peabody.

She married Carl in 1961 and together they raised their family in Peabody. She was predeceased by her husband, Carl Paul Reppucci, her brother, Curt Marchand and her sisters, Barbara (Marchand) Quigley, Jeanette (Marchand) Lehmann, and Marguerite (Marchand) Fothergill.

She is survived by her children and their spouses,



Carl M. and Elisa Reppucci of North Andover and Diane C. and Theodore Argentiери of Needham; her grandchildren, Carl T. Reppucci and Aryana K. Reppucci; and many nieces, nephews and their families.

Services will be held privately. Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to Care Dimensions Hospice, 75 Sylvan Street, Suite B-102, Danvers, MA 01923; or Saint Michael Parish, 196 Main St., North Andover, MA 01845. For online guestbook, please visit the Conway Cahill-Brodeur Funeral Home website at www.ccb-funeral.com.

Program discreetly identifies passengers who may need extra support

Special to the Journal

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) is partnering with the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower program; a worldwide program that helps create accessible and inclusive places for all those with disabilities. By wearing a Hidden Disabilities Sunflower lanyard, passengers can subtly indicate to airport staff that they may need additional assistance in the airport. Nearly 300 airports and dozens of airlines globally take part in the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower network.

Starting in the UK in 2016, the global Hidden Disabilities Sunflower

provides their innovative program and training to businesses and non-profits across all sectors including air travel, retail, tourism, education and more. Globally 1 in 6 people, approximately 1.3 billion of the world population, live with a disability. These disabilities can be temporary, situational, or permanent. Non-visible disabilities can be neurological, cognitive, and neurodevelopmental, physical, visual, auditory and including sensory and processing difficulties. They can also include respiratory, heart, rare diseases, and chronic conditions such as asthma, endometriosis, and chronic pain. Across Massachusetts, nearly 11 percent of the population has some form of disability.

"We are thrilled to welcome Boston Logan International Airport (BOS) to the global Hidden Disabil-

ities Sunflower network," said Lynn Smith, Regional Sunflower Director -U.S.A. "As one of the top twenty busiest airports in the U.S., Boston Logan's commitment to the Sunflower program will have a positive impact on many travelers and employees. We look forward to our continued relationship with BOS where passengers and employees with hidden disabilities can now feel even more supported and welcome during their time at BOS."

Improving the passenger experience is a top priority for Massport. Programs such as this one, Wings for Autism where families with children with autism can practice the airport experience, and the Sensory Room at Logan's Terminal E, help reduce the stress of traveling and make our airports more welcoming. Massport is committed to making our

airports inclusive places for all.

"As a member of the Sunflower Program, Massport is furthering our commitment to making sure all passengers get the assistance they need at our airports," said Mia Healy-Waldron, Deputy Director of Customer Service at Massport. "We are dedicated to exceptional guest experience, and this program is an important step in making sure all of our customers, no matter the disability, can fly smoothly."

Visit the kiosks at the Information Booths in the airport or go to flylogan.com for more information on the program and how to obtain a Sunflower lanyard.

For more information on Hidden Disabilities Sunflower, please go to: www.hdsunflower.com.

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engineering programs. He has been asked to assist in the recommendation and transition process of the next DCR commissioner.

Arrigo talked about his tenure as head of DCR, a major agency that manages the state's parks system, oversees public beaches, and promotes and enhances natural and recreational resources.

"Serving as commissioner of a really incredible agency has really been a tremendous honor," said Arrigo. "I have to thank Gov. Healey and Lt. Gov. Driscoll, and Sec. of Energy and Environmental Pepper for the opportunity to serve in the Administration. My time at DCR has been really inspiring. The agency is filled with outstanding people who are passionate, mission driven, and the definition of public service. They work every day tirelessly to enhance the beautiful public spaces that we have. Together, we've done an incredible job the last two years building healthy communities across Massachusetts, extending access to open spaces and improving the quality of life for people."

Arrigo was asked about the immense responsibility of overseeing Revere Beach, one of the state's greatest landmarks that is situated in his own hometown.

"There will always be a special place in my heart for Revere Beach," said Arrigo. "Being able to celebrate so many great events that happen on the Beach, in particular, the Sand Sculpting Festival - it's a great pleasure for anyone who's in the position of Commissioner, but obviously I have a strong affinity for the Beach and the City of Revere. I look forward to continuing that high level of stewardship that DCR has provided for what is such an important part of the City."

Arrigo said he enjoys his return visits to Revere where he was a popular councilor-at-large before making the bold and ultimately successful decision to run for mayor in 2015.

"I've been back quite a few times, and one of the first nice days of the year, I had to get a roast beef sandwich at Kelly's," related Ar-



COURTESY PHOTO
DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo shown during a dedication of Sullivan Park in October of 2024.

riego. "I'll definitely be back this summer. The boys (sons Jack and Joseph) enjoy going to Kelly's, Twist and Shake, and all the fun stuff that happens on the Beach."

Officials commend and congratulate Arrigo

Governor Maura Healey "Commissioner Arrigo has been a terrific team member of our administration. During his time at DCR, he's created welcoming spaces for all of our

residents across Massachusetts to enjoy. While I'm sad to see him leave DCR, I know that he will make a great addition to the UMass family. Massachusetts has a thriving state park system because of Brian's leadership, and we are extremely grateful for his service."

Sec. Rebecca Tepper

"Commissioner Arrigo has championed our state parks and initiatives, showcasing how crucial open spaces are for the well-being of communities across Massachusetts. He has strengthened community partnerships and earned the trust of families and residents. We are deeply grateful for his dedication as a public servant, and we know he will continue to make a difference in his new role. While we will miss him at the Department of Conservation and Recreation, we appreciate his contributions in leaving the agency stronger than he found it."

Mayor Patrick Keefe

"While I'm sad to lose a contact at such an important entity, I am happy for Commissioner Arrigo and think this was a good decision for him and his family. UMass is a great institution and the opportunity to be in the boiler room will open many more doors, I'm certain. Congratulations, Brian, and best of luck in your next

journey."

State Rep. Adrian Madaro

"Commissioner Brian Arrigo's leadership at the Department of Conservation and Recreation allowed us to continue to steward accessible and sustainable public spaces across the Commonwealth. I am deeply grateful for his responsiveness to our requests for critical investments in infrastructure and programming on DCR properties in East Boston, and I congratulate him on his new role at UMass Lowell. I have no doubt that his dedication to public service and community will continue to benefit others."

State Rep. Jeff Turco

"I join my colleagues in offering congratulations to Brian Arrigo on his new role with the University of Massachusetts. He brings a broad experience in state and municipal government which should prove helpful as the University strives to educate the working-class students of the Commonwealth," said Rep. Turco.

Rep. Jessica Giannino

"I wish Brian all the best as he begins his new endeavor."

Sen. Lydia Edwards

"I congratulate Brian, and I wish him much success," said Edwards.

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Our Lady of Grace - 8:00 & 11:00 am and 12:30 Haitian

Holy Thursday-April 17th, 7:00 pm, St Mary's (Adoration until 10:00 pm)

Good Friday-April 18th, 7:00 pm, Our Lady of Grace, (bilingual)

Easter Vigil-Saturday, April 19th, 7:00 pm, (bilingual)

Easter Sunday-April 20th

St Mary's, 9:30 am

Our Lady of Grace, 8:00 & 11:00 am and 12:30 Haitian



State Rep. Jessica Giannino (seated, far right) with members of the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators.

Massachusetts Caucus Of Women Legislators celebrates 50 years of education, celebration, and reflection on women's impact on state's politics

Special to the Journal

The Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators launched its 50th Anniversary celebration with a year-long series of events, educational sessions, social media highlights, and discussions focused on the legacy of women who have served in the Massachusetts Legislature. This milestone establishes the Caucus as the longest continuously running bipartisan and bicameral Women's Caucus in the nation.

Throughout the year, the caucus will engage in a variety of initiatives aimed at recognizing the contributions of women lawmakers, past and present, who shaped policies and advanced social change across the Commonwealth.

"As we celebrate 50 years of the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators, we recognize the trailblazing women who have broken barriers and paved the way for future generations of women leaders," said Representative Jessica Giannino, Chair of the Caucus 50th Anniversary Committee (D-Revere). "Their dedication to public service has left an indelible mark on our state's policies, communities, and institutions. This milestone is a reminder of the importance of continuing to elevate women's voices in all areas of leadership and to ensure that the progress we've made is sustained for years to come."

"For 50 years, the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators has been a driving force in advancing policies that uplift women, families, and communities across the Commonwealth,"

said Senator Robyn Kennedy, Senate Co-Chair (D-Worcester). "This anniversary is a testament to the courage and persistence of the women who broke barriers before us and a call to action for the work still ahead. From expanding economic opportunities to securing reproductive rights and advocating for equity in leadership, our fight is far from over. As we celebrate this milestone, we recommit ourselves to ensuring that women's voices continue to shape our government, our policies, and our future."

"As we kick off the celebration of 50 years of the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators, we acknowledge the resilience of the women who came before us and fought to have their voices heard," said Representative Christine Barber, House Co-Chair (D-Somerville). "The 50th Anniversary serves not only as a celebration, but also a chance to reaffirm our mission as a bipartisan and bicameral Caucus to increase equitable access to economic and leadership opportunities for women and girls across the Commonwealth."

"I am proud to be a part of the 50th anniversary class of the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators. For 50 years the MCWL has not only fostered comradery and collaboration on key issues but has also helped develop our women legislators into the leaders they are today. It has been an honor to follow in the footsteps of the trailblazing women who have made our legislature stronger, more diverse, and more effective," said Senator Joan Lovely, Senate Assistant Majority Leader and



Former State Rep. Kathi-Anne Reinstein (left) with State Rep. Jessica Giannino, both of Revere.

the Women's Caucus Senate Vice Chair (D-Salem). "The Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators has seen success in advocating for our mission, to enhance the economic status and equality of women and to support women in government, because of our commitment to being bipartisan and bicameral - not in spite of it. The approach our Caucus has taken - one of seeking consensus and shared values - has never mattered more. Our Caucus leadership, and our strategic and legislative priorities, are chosen with an inclusive lens based on bipartisan and bicameral agreement - and this enduring Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators collaborative approach has made our Caucus special and unique for the past 50 years. Since 1923, 241 women have been elected to the Massachusetts Legis-

lature, and only 31 of those women served before the founding of our Caucus 50 years ago. I am grateful for the trailblazers before us, our inspiring Caucus members now, and our future colleagues who lead the next 50 years of progress," said Representative Hannah Kane, House Vice Chair of the Women's Caucus (R-Shrewsbury).

"In the 50 years that the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators has existed, it has been a powerful and successful force for women's rights, driving progress in state policy that previously excluded women for generations," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland).

"Today we celebrate the culmination of those achievements, and we face the next 50 years knowing that there is more work to do—and that when we elect women, we all move forward." "The Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators has been an institution at the State House for 50 years, advocating for women and their families all across the Commonwealth," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "Over the years, I've witnessed the expansion of the Caucus, and I've celebrated as many of their members have stepped into leadership positions in the Legislature. I look forward to continuing to work with the Caucus on their legislative priorities, and I congratulate them on their 50th anniversary."

"The Women's Caucus is a tremendous resource for the Massachusetts legislature, and one that has provided me with valuable information, insight, and guidance over the years. The Caucus plays a critical role in supporting women legislators, developing and advancing legislation, and ensuring that the perspective of its members is never lost on Beacon Hill or throughout Massachusetts," Senator Bruce Tarr, Senate Minority Leader (R-Gloucester). "Clearly it has made a difference for 50 years, and surely it will make a powerful impact in the years ahead. Congratulations to Women's Caucus!"

"My grandmother served in the New Hampshire House and Senate in the 1940's and 1950's helping break down barriers for women in politics. The 50th Anniversary celebration is an important recognition of

the countless contributions my female colleagues make to our legislature and Commonwealth on an ongoing basis," said Representative Bradley Jones, Jr., House Minority Leader (R-North Reading).

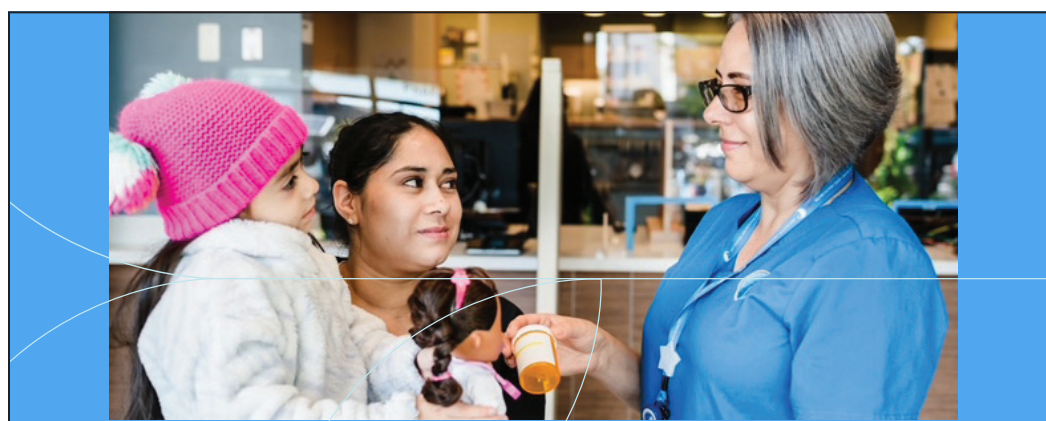
"Congratulations to the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators on celebrating 50 years! I am honored to be part of this kickoff celebration and to recognize what an incredible time period this has been, and what the future holds. I salute our founding members, and all of the amazing women who have followed them," said Representative Kimberly Ferguson, First Assistant Minority Leader (R-Holden). "The MCWL is truly a bipartisan Caucus that fosters a supportive, meaningful environment where women can unite to effectively advance our many shared priorities. I am grateful to my colleagues who have worked diligently to preserve and advance the Caucus and who are organizing a special year of events, highlights, and tributes."

"It's an honor to serve in this historic 50th year of the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators, standing alongside a powerful sisterhood that has been breaking down barriers for decades," said Representative Brandy Fluker-Reid, who serves as Treasurer of the Women's Caucus (D-Mattapan). "As Treasurer, I'm proud to continue building on the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators foundation laid by those who came before us, especially Rep. Doris Bunte, our Commonwealth's first Black woman legislator who helped to

found our Women's Caucus —pushing for true equity, justice, and opportunity for women across Massachusetts. This work is personal to me, and I'm committed to ensuring that every woman, no matter her background, has the resources and representation to thrive."

The MA Caucus of Women Legislators is the longest continuously operating bicameral and bipartisan Caucus, embodying a rich history of collaboration across party lines to advance women's rights in Massachusetts. Its longevity and unique structure highlight the importance of sustained, cross-party cooperation in creating meaningful legislative change. Over the past 50 years, the Caucus has played a critical role in shaping policies that promote gender equality, social justice, and the empowerment of women, adapting to changing times while maintaining its focus on inclusivity and progress. Being part of this Caucus today means continuing a legacy of bipartisan partnership that is especially important in a time when political division can often overshadow shared goals, making the Caucus a vital force for positive change in Massachusetts.

The 50th Anniversary celebrations will also include a historical retrospective on the key achievements of women legislators and discussions on the challenges women continue to face in politics today. The Caucus was founded in April 1975 by 14 women legislators, and this anniversary serves as both a reflection of progress made and a call to action for future generations of women in public service.



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Sports

RHS girls track competes on national stage at Adidas Track Nationals in Virginia

By Melissa Moore-Randall

The Revere High School girls' track team has concluded another amazing season including a long list of achievements and accolades. In addition to being the undefeated GBL champions for the 2024-2025 season, four members of the team participated in the Adidas Indoor Nationals in Virginia Beach in the 1600m Sprint Medley Relay. The team qualified for Nationals with a time that also broke a school record by 7 seconds. The quartet consisted of GBL Track Athlete of the Year Junior Gemma Stamatopoulos, and GBL All Stars Senior Ashley Cabrera Rodriguez, Junior Danni Hope Randall, and Freshman Zizi Kalliavas. The team competed against the best runners in the country running a 4:38.36 for 13th place overall in the National Elite Division.

No one was more proud of the team than Coach Racquel MacDonald-Ciambelli. "Ultimately I think what it comes down to is just how proud I am of these girls. Not only for qualifying for this type of national event, but also for the work they

put in afterward. Competing from December to March is not an easy feat and these girls continued to show up every single day. As someone born and raised in Revere, it gives me so much pride to see young athletes so excited to represent this community on a large scale. They make me, RHS, and the whole city proud everyday!"

Mayor Patrick Keefe was impressed with Revere being highlighted on a national stage. "It was an impressive showing by the team representing Revere at the Nationals and continuing to highlight the growing success of Revere's Track and Field program. It is not a coincidence under the leadership of great coaches, specifically Coach MacDonald-Ciambelli. I am proud to know these young athletes, some I have seen grow so much as students and athletes all with great families who support the everyday needs of the team including bringing snacks, driving all over the state and actively fundraising is quite impressive. Kudos to the entire team! These are just more examples of my strong be-

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The 2025 RHS Varsity Lady Patriot Lacrosse Team. Back row L-R: Geselle Ruiz, Aaliyah Jules, Naomi Tadele, Ava Morris, Analia Romero Gonzales. In the front row L-R: Rebecca Mercado, Gianna Guzman, Bianca Rincon, Jayla Foster, Katherine Martinez Garcia and Hilda Sarmiento. See more photos on Page 12.

REVERE'S CONTINGENT IN THE PIONEER CHARTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL PROGRAM



CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

Revere was well-represented during the 2024-25 season in the Pioneer Charter School of Science (Everett) boys basketball program under the direction of head coach Michael D'Itria. Pictured at the awards banquet April 2 in the school cafeteria are front row, from left, Selcuk Berksan, Evan Lainez, Gabriel Dos Santos, Enrique Valdez, and Youssef Makane. Back row, from left, are Head Coach Michael D'Itria, Abderrahmane Boutemtam, Jayden Lainex, Kareem Hussein, Assistant Coach Marcus Brunson, and Assistant Coach Calvin Boudreau. The Panthers fell one game shy of a qualifying for the MIAA Tournament in Coach D'Itria's second season.



RHS Track Team 1600 Sprint Medley Relay team Junior Gemma Stamatopoulos, Senior Ashley Cabrera Rodriguez, Junior Danni Hope Randall, and Freshman Zizi Kalliavas.

RHS ROUNDUP

RHS VOLLEYBALL BLANKS LAWRENCE

The Revere High boys volleyball team earned a 3-0 shutout victory at non-league opponent Lawrence last Monday. Leading the way for coach Lianne Mimmo's squad were Larry Claudio, who tallied 10 assists and served six aces, and Kawan Dias, who delivered eight kills.

"We struggled to maintain leads, winning each set by only two points," said Mimmo, whose squad eked out the three sets by scores of 26-24, 28-26, and 25-23.

The Patriots previously had earned a 3-2 win in their season-opener vs. non-league rival Milton. "We were able to get lots of leads, but we struggled to keep the lead," said Mimmo. "But it went well for us in the end."

The scores by set in that

match were 25-13, 22-25, 25-21, 17-25, and 15-7.

Leading the way for Revere in the victory were Claudio (17 assists, nine kills), Dias (10 kills, eight aces), and Juan Perez Ariztizabal (10 kills).

After a 3-1 loss to another non-league rival, Boston Latin Academy, last Thursday, the Patriots, who now stand at 2-1 on the season, will embark on their Greater Boston League (GBL) schedule this week.

Mimmo and her crew were scheduled to travel to GBL foes Lynn English this past Monday and to Medford today (Wednesday). They will host non-league opponent O'Bryant High School on Friday and GBL rival Chelsea next Monday (April 14) before hitting the road to GBL foe Malden next Wednesday (April 16).

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THE RHS LADY PATRIOTS LACROSSE FALL TO THE MALDEN HIGH GOLDEN TORNADOES 11-7 AT HOME OPENER

Last Tuesday afternoon the Revere High girl's lacrosse team faced off against the Golden Tornadoes of Malden High School in its home opener. The young team put up a good fight but was defeated by 4 goals.



Goalkeeper Captain Naomi Tadele blocks a shot early in the game.



Bianca Rincon intercepts a pass midfield.



Aaliyah Jules looks to make a play in the patriot end.



Rebecca Mercado heads to the Malden net.



Senior Captains Naomi Tadele and Jayla Foster.



Katherine Martinez advances towards the Malden net.

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RINCON, FOSTER SCORE THREE GOALS FOR GIRLS LACROSSE

Bianca Rincon and Jayla Foster scored three goals apiece for the Revere High girls lacrosse team in an 11-7 loss to Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Malden in the Lady Patriots' season-opener last Tuesday. Rebecca Mercado also tallied a goal for Revere.

Coach Amy Rotger and her crew were scheduled to host non-league opponent Waltham this past Monday and to travel to GBL foes Somerville yesterday (Tuesday) and Everett tomorrow (Thursday). They will entertain non-league opponent Rockland next Monday at 4:30.

RHS BASEBALL HOSTS MEDFORD TODAY AT 4:15

The Revere High baseball team, whose season-opener with Beverly last week was postponed, was scheduled to travel to Fraser Field in Lynn to take on Greater Boston League (GBL) foe Lynn English this past Monday.

Coach Sebastian Salbo and his crew will host GBL rival Medford today (Wednesday) at 4:15. They will travel to non-league opponent Northeast Regional on Friday. The Patriots will entertain GBL foe Chelsea on Monday and trek to Malden next Wednesday.

RHS SOFTBALL HOSTS NORTHEAST THIS FRIDAY AT 5:00

The Revere High softball team, whose first two contests have been postponed, will host Northeast Regional this Friday at 5:00 at the field at St. Mary's.

Coach Megan O'Donnell and her crew will play at Medford today (Wednesday) and at Chelsea on Monday. They will entertain Malden next Wednesday at 4:15.

RHS BOYS LACROSSE HOSTS LYNN, BOS. TECH

The Revere High boys lacrosse team, which was scheduled to open its season yesterday (Tuesday) against Somerville, will entertain Lynn tomorrow (Thursday) and Tech Boston on Friday. The opening draw for both contests is set for 4:00 on the turf field at Revere High.

RHS FLAG FOOTBALL OPENS SEASON MON.

Coach Briana Sctata and the Revere High girls flag football team will kick off its spring season this Monday (April 14) with two contests against Arlington Catholic and Cambridge starting at 6:00 at Harry Della Russo Stadium.

THE RHS PATRIOT BASKETBALL PROGRAM HOSTS ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER AT THE MARINA AT THE WHARF RESTAURANT

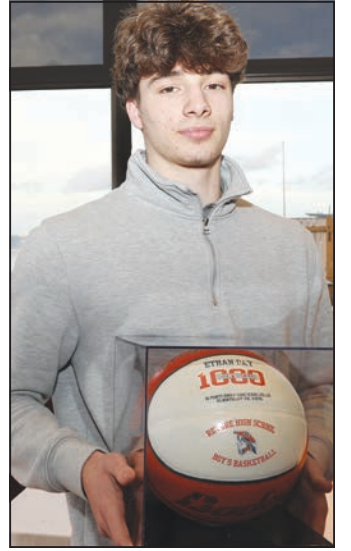


The RHS Patriot Seniors, Avisenna Lung, Ethan Day, Josh Mercado, Jayden Balogun, Mgr. Brady Kerr, and Erik Mayorga, Coaches Bob Sullivan, John Leone, Robert Raduazzo, Dennis Leary and Connor Brone.

Last Sunday evening coaches, players, and family gathered at the Marina at the Wharf Restaurant for a buffet dinner and awards for the 2024 -2025 season, sponsored by the RHS Patriot Basketball Parents Club.

Following dinner, several awards were passed out for individual performances, and gifts to the players for their dedication to the program. Senior Captain Ethan Day was recognized for this 1000-point accomplishment, and acknowledgement of his teammates during his career as a Patriot.

Head Coach David Leary thanked the parents, his coaching staff, RHS Basketball Parents Club President Joy Leone and his wife Tara for their dedication to the boys and the RHS program. Season stats, Freshman 11-



Senior Captain, RHS Patriot Ethan Day was presented the ball he scored his 1000th career point on the final game of the season, which he accomplished by scoring 65 points in the game.

4, JV 13-5, and the Patriot Varsity program 8-12, just 2 short of the paly offs.



Senior Team Manager Brady Kerr received the first game ball of the 2024-2025 season, which he scored the first basket. Shown with his parents, Tina and Joe Kerr.



The RHS patriots signing the game ball for Team Manager Brady Kerr.



Senior Captain Ethan Day with 1000 career points to his credit was chosen as GBL Co-MVP and All-star, the first RHS Player to take this title, is shown with his parents, Billy and Danielle.



The RHS Varsity Basketball Team with Head Coach David Leary, and coaches, Bob Sullivan, John Leone, Robert Raduazzo, Dennis Leary and Connor Brone.



GBL All-star Captain Josh Mercado with his family, Bogs and Rona, with sister Rebecca.



GBL All-star Captain Avisenna Lung with coaches John Leone, David Leary and Bob Sullivan.



The RHS Freshman and JV Teams with Head Coach David Leary (2nd from right) and coaches, Bob Sullivan, John Leone, Robert Raduazzo, Dennis Leary, and Connor Brone.



GBL All-stars Senior Captains Josh Mercado and Avisenna Lung and GBL Co-MVP Senior Captain MVP Ethan Day (center) with coaches, John Leone, Head Coach David Leary and Bob Sullivan.

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lief in the future of our great city.”

Thanks to the donations of the community, the girls

were able to enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to represent their team, their families, Revere High

School and the City of Revere.



RHS Track Team 1600 Sprint Medley Relay team Junior Gemma Stamatopoulos, Senior Ashley Cabrera Rodriguez, Junior Danni Hope Randall, and Freshman Zizi Kallivas.

REVERE Through the Years

10 years ago April 2, 2015

Little League officials are asking for help from the city in order to address the drainage problem at McMackin Field off Winthrop Avenue, where the ducks have come and it looks like the water that attracts them is here for a while. At a City Council meeting Monday night, Little League leaders met with city officials to discuss how to remedy the problems at the flooded Little League field that once was considered a North Shore gem.

As the regular group of patrons at the Speakeasy Pub gathered around the televisions to take in the ups and downs of March Madness during the afternoon of March 13, some eight State Troopers and two investigators from the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) are said to

have come through the door not to catch the latest game, but to shut the quiet bar down. The ABCC, in a ruling dated March 10, found that the Speakeasy violated four provisions within the liquor licensing laws, all regarding clerical work on the license some nine years ago.

20 years ago April 13, 2005

The City Council has approved plans for a mixed-use, four-story building on the site of the former Revere Dairy, which has been vacant for five years.

Two teens, well-known to police, have been arrested for the senseless attack on a 42 year old man on Broadway last Saturday night.

Massport is moving forward with the long-delayed plans to construct Runway 14/32 after a delay of 30 years when the project first

was proposed.

30 years ago April 12, 1995

The Suffolk Superior Court has overturned the decision by the Revere Licensing Commission that had denied the issuance of a common victualer's license to allow a McDonald's to open on the site of the Porky's Barbecue on Revere Beach.

Detectives in the Police Department asserted this week that absentee landlords who know nothing about their tenants are a contributing factor to the drug-dealing problems in the city.

Mayor Robert Haas this week charged that the state is failing to fulfill its financial obligations to cities and towns pursuant to the Education Reform Act of 1993. House Speaker Tom Finer-

an responded that the legislature is not shortchanging the cities and towns.

The City Council unanimously approved a motion by Councilor George V. Colella directing Building Inspector Joseph Ferruzzi to order the Squire Nightclub to remove a bright yellow banner which reads, "Exotic Dance Contest, Amateur Night."

40 years ago April 10, 1985

Carabetta Enterprises, the developer of the Revere Beach project, has reached an impasse with the city on the selection of a firm to conduct a financial analysis of the project. Carabetta presented Mayor George V. Colella with four choices, but Colella wants to use a Boston firm of his choosing.

Pauline Kirby is the new President of the Revere Em-

blem Club.

National Amusements Co. has announced that it will be expanding the number of screens at its Revere location from 10 to 12, making it the largest theater complex in New England.

Anthony J. Mambuca has become the first Boy Scout in Troop 940 to attain the rank of Eagle Scout.

50 years ago April 9, 1975

Residents of all faiths are mourning the death of Rabbi Meyer Finklestein, who has been the spiritual leader of Temple B'nai Israel in Beachmont since 1957. Finklestein, who was 61, passed away after a brief illness.

City Purchasing Agent David Boorans says that he has discovered that the city has been overcharged by more than \$60,000 over the past two years by its oil and gasoline vendors.

60 years ago April 15, 1965

School Supt. Louis C. Perullo has called for a meeting with Acting City Manager Joseph McChristal and the City Council to discuss the cuts made by the council to the school budget. Perullo said that the cuts, which reduce the school budget from \$3.4 million to \$3.1 million, amount to a "financial amputation" of the city's schools. He said the School Committee may take legal action to restore the cutbacks.

The City Council has reversed course and has voted 4-3 in favor of a motion by Councilor George V. Colella to increase the number of wards in the city from five to seven.

George J. DeFilippo is the new Exalted Ruler of the local Elks.

MDC Commissioner Howard Whitmore Jr. this week unveiled a new,

\$23,000 beachcomber machine that will be used to clean Revere Beach of shells, broken bottles, cans, rocks, and other debris

70 years ago April 14, 1955

Revere officials and residents have joined the rest of the nation in hailing the test results of the Salk polio vaccine, which have been proven conclusively to inoculate against polio after a nationwide experiment last year in which some children, including those in Revere, were given the vaccine and others a water solution. It is expected that Revere will join the rush to inoculate all school-age children. The effectiveness of the anti-polio vaccine is being hailed as one of the greatest triumphs of medical research.

Preliminary reports show that the 1955 Revere cancer campaign, under the chairmanship of Louis B. Fox, already has reached 82.5 percent of its goal, far surpassing every other city and town in the state in the first week of the drive.

Chelsea District Court Judge John W. MacLeod has commended Mrs. Ruth L. Nardone, the first woman traffic officer in Revere history, for the efficient manner in which she testified as to her observations in a criminal case in which the defendant was charged with leaving the scene of an accident and drunk driving.

80 years ago April 12, 1945

Relief came to three more Revere families this week with news that three local soldiers, Sgt. Robert E. McLaughlin of 32 State Rd., Pfc. John Eliseo of 178 Suffolk Ave., and Pfc. George C. Stone of 88 Summer St., who previously had been reported as missing in action, are prisoners of war of the Germans.



The Lincoln School Honor Society in 1990: In the front, Amy Doherty and Jamie Bell. In the back, Jeremy Peacock, Chad Flahive, Richard Giso and Alan Pisano.



APRIL SCHEDULE

MONDAY

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

6:00AM - BOOTCAMP - MIKEY (50 MIN.) 2

6:00AM - MAT PILATES - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 2&3

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.) 2&3

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

FRIDAY

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

6:00AM - BOOTCAMP - MIKEY (50 MIN.) *

6:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 2&3

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

9:30AM - SPIN - CHERYL (45 MIN.) 2

10:30AM - STRENGTH & STRETCH - CHERYL (50 MIN.) 2

12:30PM - HIIT - MIKEY (30 MIN.) 3

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

TUESDAY

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

5:15AM - SPIN W/ WEIGHTS - APRIL (45 MIN.) 2&3

5:45AM - POWER YOGA - HALEY (45 MIN.) 2&3

6:00AM - STRENGTH & CORE - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 2

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

9:00AM - GENTLE YOGA - HALEY (45 MIN.) *

5:30PM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 2&3

5:30PM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) *

6:30PM - GENTLE YOGA - CORINNE (45 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

WEDNESDAY

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

6:00AM - BOOTCAMP - MIKEY (50 MIN.) *

6:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 2&3

9:30AM - SPIN - CHERYL (45 MIN.) 2

10:30AM - STRENGTH & STRETCH - CHERYL (50 MIN.) 2

5:15PM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MINS.) *

5:15PM - ZUMBA - VANESSA (45 MINS.) *

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

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

SUNDAY

8:00AM - GENTLE YOGA - CORINNE (45 MIN.) *

9:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 2&3

10:00AM - BARRE - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 2&3

11:00AM - SPIN - APRIL (45 MIN.) 2 & 3

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National Grid issues reminder to call 811 before digging

Special to the Journal

April is designated as National Safe Digging Month, and National Grid urges anyone planning on digging to call 811 to prevent damage to underground utilities. Before digging for any size project, whether planting a tree or building a deck, a call to 811 is critical to know what is below before digging. Dig Safe is a free service to use and National Grid remains committed to emphasizing the program's importance to avoid damages or service outages in local communities.

"Safe digging plays a critical role in ensuring the safety of our employees, the public, and local communities that we proudly serve daily," said Richard Delaney, Vice President of Gas Pipeline Safety & Compliance at National Grid. "Over 27 million Americans who are planning to dig on their property this year will not contact 811 at least a few days in advance, putting themselves and their neighbors at serious risk of personal injury and utility service interruptions. Remember, calling 811 before you dig will help to protect you and your family, as well as your neighbors and the local community."

68% of Americans plan to tackle a do-it-yourself project involving digging, according to a recent survey from the Common Ground

Alliance. Of that group, 27.2 million of them will not contact 811 beforehand, putting themselves, their neighbors and essential utility services at risk. Digging without knowing the approximate location of underground utilities can result in serious injury or death, inconvenient service disruptions, and costly fines and repairs. Hitting underground gas, electric, communications, water, and sewer lines while digging can have a major impact on communities and businesses. Making a free request before digging online at <http://www.811beforeyoudig.com/> or by calling 811 will help everyone who digs maintain essential utility service for their communities.

Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants a call to 811. It's not only the safe and smart thing to do - it's the law. Failure to call 811 may be punishable by fines, which can be as high as \$1,000 for a first offense and \$10,000 for subsequent violations. A call to 811 is the best safeguard and the first line of defense for preventing strikes on underground utility lines. Utility lines must be appropriately marked in each previously marked location to avoid risk but their depth can vary due to factors like erosion, previous digging projects, and uneven sur-

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THIS AISLE IS NOW OPEN

Citizens Bank executive Ray DeSilva (above) helps open the new branch at the Suffolk Downs Super Stop & Shop. Photos and story, PAGE 11.



JOHN'S TIME

City Councillor John Correggio (above) holds a fundraiser at the Four Points Sheraton. Photos, PAGE 3.

SMART KIDS

Whelan, Paul Revere, and Lincoln school honor rolls PAGES 12-13.

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CONSUMER PROTECTION

Enough already Enough already Enough already!

Believe it or not, there are ways to stop your mailbox from swelling

By SETH DANIEL
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If the amount of junk mail in your mailbox has you thinking, "Wait a minute Mr. Postman," then read on.

Over the years, the volumes of advertising mail have steadily increased, while the volumes of First Class mail have decreased. Ad mail is officially called Standard Mail and its rates vary. First Class mail is your everyday letter or bill with the traditional 37-cent or higher postage.

Postal statistics indicate that, for the first time ever, Revere residents received 50 percent junk mail and 50 percent regular mail in their boxes last year. According to the U.S. Postal Service's (USPS) 2004 Annual Report, last year there were 95.5 billion pieces of advertising mail in the stream and 97.9 billion pieces of First Class mail. In that same year, ad mail increased 5.6 percent and First Class mail decreased 1.1 percent.

Whether it's credit card offers, retail catalogs, supermarket sale flyers or bulk mailings addressed to "Resident," the amount of unsolicited mail has become overwhelming to just about everyone with a mailbox.

At the USPS, junk mail is referred to as advertising mail — they aren't even allowed to say the words junk mail.

One would think postal workers are against such an influx of ad mail into the system, but they actually take a positive, business-oriented approach to junk mail.

Off the record, deliverymen and administrators refer to ad mail as their bread and butter, basically what keeps them in business as the Internet whittles away at their traditional business.



SETH DANIEL PHOTO

According to statistics, as much as 50 percent of the material found in Revere residents' mailboxes is what postal employees term 'advertising mail.'

However, on the record, postal officials say they are providing a valuable service to both consumers and advertisers - and they're partly right.

"We do like [ad mail] because a lot of our customers do," said Bob Cannon, a USPS spokesperson for the Massachusetts district. "The bottom line is there wouldn't be so much of it if it didn't work. People kid about it and use the 'J' word, which I cannot use, but it's effective. Almost everyone gets something, not everything of course, in ad mail that they look forward to."

Cannon said that ad mail has partly kept the USPS afloat, as the Internet has

cut sharply into their First Class business over the last five years. However, he added, the USPS couldn't live on ads alone, mostly because it takes three pieces of ad mail to reap the same financial benefits as a First Class stamp.

"It does help, but it is generally accepted that Standard Mail wouldn't be the savior for the Postal Service," he said. "We can't depend on Standard Mail alone to keep the Postal Service solvent...We are deliverers of letters and always will be, but we have to be realistic and change our focus due to the

POLITICS



If and when Middlesex County District Attorney Martha Coakley pursues a different office, state Sen. Jarrett Barrios is prepared to be her successor.

Barrios plots his course

Wants to succeed Coakley as Middlesex County D.A.

By JOSHUA RESNEK
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No one in Revere, Everett and Chelsea who has come to know Senator Jarrett Barrios doubts his ability to go out and get what he wants if he puts his heart and soul into it.

In a hotly-contested senatorial race two years ago, he demolished his opposition, including a strong candidate from Cambridge, which he also represents in a sprawling district that has the same basic borders as Congressman Mike Capuano.

When Capuano was recently toying with running for governor, Barrios was most often mentioned as one of those who would most likely to go to Congress. With Capuano out of this race - he announced two months ago he would not make the effort - Barrios didn't further pursue the possibility of going to congress.

However now with Attorney General Tom Reilly apparently set to announce his candidacy for governor - and with more than \$2 million in his campaign account - Reilly is on a collision course with the inevitable.

If Reilly runs, Middlesex County District Attorney Martha Coakley has said she will run for attorney general.

Sunday night, at an annual Patriots Day volunteer party, Barrios said he plans to run for Middlesex district attorney in 2006 if Coakley runs for attorney general.

Barrios was elected to the senate in 2002. He heads the Committee on Public Safety and

COMMUNITY

Hitting a new note

With the help of a singing instructor, Revere's John Juarez is improving his communication skills — and having tons of fun

By SHEILA BARTH
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John Juarez loves to sing the Brady Bunch song and dance like John Travolta. He has the moves down pat and can do double-jointed stunts, but when he sings and talks in sentences, few people can understand him, and it's frustrating him.

That's why his mother, Claudia

Juarez of 105 Oakwood Ave., Revere, decided to call North Shore Music Theatre in Beverly and sign him up for singing lessons. After only four half-hour sessions with opera singer-teacher Daniel Blake, 27-year-old John isn't heading to Broadway, but he has already perfected his pronunciation of the letters B and D.

During last Thursday's session, John was eager to sing "Do, Re, Mi," with Blake, carefully pro-

nouncing every syllable. He also wanted to demonstrate how he looked when he had a non-verbal part in a school play as the Wicked Witch of the West in the "Wizard of Oz" once, jumping from the piano bench to the middle of the floor, posing like a witch on a broomstick in flight. "His attention span is short," explained Claudia.

Quickly, he returned to the



JOHN JUAREZ
A quick study

*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.*

Masterson takes helm of Anti-Hunger Coalition

Special to the Journal

Spencer Masterson, a dedicated advocate for food justice, has joined Project Bread as the new Director of the Make Hunger History Coalition. Masterson brings more than 14 years of experience in food justice, advocacy, and coalition-building to the role, where he will lead the organization's efforts to eliminate hunger in Massachusetts.

"I'm excited to join Project Bread because I believe ending hunger is not just a goal but a moral imperative," says Masterson. "Food insecurity is a policy choice, and Project Bread's work to create systemic change—through statewide initiatives like the Make Hunger History Coalition—resonates deeply with my commitment to equity, justice, and building meaningful partnerships to tackle hunger."

Masterson arrives at Project Bread at a critical time, as the nonprofit advances the ambitious Make Hunger History Coalition. This pioneering initiative brings together a diverse group of policymakers, community leaders, service providers, and individuals with lived experience of food insecurity to achieve a collective goal of ensuring all Massachusetts residents have dignified access to food and the economic resources needed to make choices about their food. Masterson's leadership will play a key role in expanding the coalition's capacity and driving the transformation necessary to ensure all Massachusetts residents have reliable access to nutritious, affordable food.

To date, the Make Hunger History Coalition has garnered over 300 members who are currently split into working groups focused on the movement's five key pillars:

- Ensure that all residents can access and buy food, establishing systems and support that make food reliably accessible and affordable for everyone.

- Integrate food security and healthcare, connecting food access with healthcare systems, recognizing food as a foundational element of health.

- Support residents to eat nutritious and local food, enabling more people to enjoy the benefits of fresh, locally sourced, and healthy foods.

- Enhance food support programs for target populations, strengthening support for those who need it most and providing tailored assistance to communities and populations facing unique challenges.

- Address the root causes of hunger, tackling the underlying economic and social factors contributing to food insecurity across our communities.

In his new role, Masterson will focus on strengthening the coalition's work, supporting the working groups' progress, and forging new partnerships to address the root causes of hunger in Massachusetts. He is particularly passionate about ensuring that food systems are equitable, culturally competent, and responsive to the needs of all communities.

Prior to joining Project Bread, Masterson served as Associate Director of Partnerships & Programs at the Oregon Food Bank, where he facilitated a statewide coalition of 21 food banks and over 1,400 independent distribution sites. His extensive background in advocacy, coalition-building, and policy transformation has resulted in significant policy wins, such as funding for Double Up Food Bucks, and helped catalyze support for universal school meals, as well as broader systems



PHOTO COURTESY OF PROJECT BREAD
Spencer Masterson, new Director of the Make Hunger History Coalition at Project Bread.

change in areas such as minimum wage increases and driver's licenses for all residents. Throughout his career, Masterson has been a staunch advocate for racial justice and community-driven solutions to food insecurity.

"Spencer's passion for food justice, deep commitment to equity, and proven success in leading large-scale initiatives make him an invaluable addition to the team," says Jennifer Lemmerman, Project Bread's Chief Policy Officer. "His leadership will strengthen our efforts to make Massachusetts the first hunger-free state in the nation and help turn the coalition's bold ideas into action. We are thrilled to have him on board."

Outside of work, Masterson enjoys spending time with his wife and two young children, baking, and making pizza. He is also an avid hiker and has a passion for music. A Chicagoland-area native, Masterson now lives in Hyde Park, Boston, with his family.

Individuals and organizations looking to get involved and join the Make Hunger History Coalition can visit MakeHungerHistoryMA.org to learn more about this groundbreaking initiative. People experiencing food insecurity should call Project Bread's Food Source Hotline (1-800-645-8333), which provides confidential, free assistance getting connected to a variety of food resources in 180 languages and for the hearing impaired. Counselors can pre-screen families and help them to apply for SNAP. Learn more at www.projectbread.org/get-help.

Project Bread is the leading statewide food security organization in Massachusetts. Beginning in 1969 with the first Walk for Hunger, the nonprofit focuses on driving systemic change to ensure people of all ages have reliable access to healthy food. Project Bread works collaboratively across sectors to create innovative solutions to end hunger and improve lives across the Commonwealth. For more information, visit: www.projectbread.org.

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FRESH & LOCAL

Take One Rotisserie Chicken

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We've made a time-saving change to our approach to getting our money's worth when we buy a rotisserie chicken. We've always made stock from the bones, skin, and scraps, but now we do that in minutes with less cleanup.

Recently, a video from Anyday, a maker of microwave cookware, appeared on social media. Penny accepted the challenge to do the three things they suggested with our next rotisserie chicken.

Directions

The first step was easy: unpack the chicken and eat a drumstick. Like many of you, Penny always pauses for this cook's treat! The second was to remove all the meat and save it for meals over the next few days.

Third, we were to make chicken stock from the carcass. While we always make chicken stock from the remains of a rotisserie chicken in a pot on the stovetop, they suggested making it in the microwave. We were skeptical but decided to try it.

The directions were to put the chicken scraps in a "Large Anyday Dish" and cover them with water. While we used the specific bowl recommended, any large microwave-safe bowl should work.

Next, add any desired seasonings, aromatics, or herbs and cook uncovered in your microwave for ten to fifteen minutes. Strain and package the stock for the freezer, or use some to make soup.

Our Tips!

We always put the water we need for stock in the chicken container or bag and stir it to recover all the



Our chicken stock, made in the microwave, was completely gelled and had an easily removed layer of chicken fat.

chicken goodness left behind in the packaging.

Another significant change was adding three chicken feet to the bones to ensure a rich, collagen-filled broth. We buy chicken feet in Chinatown, freeze them in packages of three or four, depending on their size, and use them to add richness to chicken-based soups and stocks.

If chicken feet make you squeamish, use three chicken wings. If either is frozen, add a few minutes to the suggested microwave time, and make sure they are fully cooked before you strain the stock.

Finally, be sure to use protection for your hands when you remove the bowl of hot stock from the microwave.

Results!

This method was a hit with us, and we recommend it. It was not as reduced as we make stock on the stovetop to save space in the freezer. The result was a good stock from something that might have been food

waste.

We had less cleanup. We did not have a pan to wash and a cooktop to clean. The microwave was steamy when we removed the broth, and a quick wipe-out left it sparkling. It was done in under half an hour compared to an hour or more for our stovetop version, depending on how much we reduced it.

This method will reduce humidity in our kitchen in summer, as our microwave has a vent system that removes some moisture.

Give it a try! Even if you have never made stock, this is so easy you may decide that you like receiving full value from your food dollars and saving money by creating food from scraps. And, if you don't think you would use the stock in your cooking, think about ramen noodles, pasta in broth, or adding ice cube-sized portions to any prepared food that is a bit dry.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

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faces. National Grid works closely with local fire and police departments; with their strong support, people are calling before they dig. Calling 811 can avoid an incident that requires police and fire response.

As part of National Safe Digging Month, National Grid encourages everyone to take the following steps when planning a digging project this spring:

- Plan ahead. Always contact 811 before digging, regardless of the depth or familiarity with the property.

- Massachusetts law requires you to contact Dig Safe at least 72 business hours in advance of projects requiring excavation.

- New York law requires you to contact Dig Safe at least 48 business hours in advance of projects requiring excavation.

- Confirm that all lines have been marked.

- Consider moving the location of your project if it is near utility line markings.

- If a contractor has been hired, confirm that the contractor contacted 811. Do not allow work to begin if the lines are not marked.

- Visit www.811beforeyoudig.com for complete information.

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- Massachusetts: Call 811 or 1-888-DIG-SAFE (344-7233) | digsafe.com



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Crossword Puzzle

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- Across
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 - 11 Opening movement of Holst's "The Planets"
 - 15 Cleans up
 - 16 First Dominican-born Major League Baseball manager
 - 17 Everglades denizens
 - 18 Hoot?
 - 19 Occupation
 - 20 "Lady, shall ___ in your lap?": Hamlet
 - 21 They may be geological
 - 22 Direct
 - 23 A plan may be put on it
 - 24 Artist son of Andrew Wyeth
 - 25 Kyrgyzstan city
 - 26 Pregnant pause, perhaps
 - 28 Surface phenomena affected by magma
 - 30 Judges
 - 31 Complex design
 - 32 Fatal opening?
 - 33 Statement of equality
 - 37 Coastal freeze
 - 41 Established favorable conditions (for)
 - 43 Pita look-alike
 - 44 Narrow ridge
 - 45 Faithful
 - 46 Crack agent?
 - 47 "Okay then"
 - 48 Scented souvenirs
 - 49 Chemical prefix?
 - 50 Poet Walter ___ Mare
 - 51 Independent way to live
 - 53 Barely better than none?
 - 54 Railing with molded supports
 - 55 Court cry: Var.
 - 56 Private
- Down
- 1 Moor feature
 - 2 Frontman on the 1987 debut album "Appetite for Destruction"
 - 3 Flamboyant
 - 4 Plugs of tobacco
 - 5 Seriously suggest
 - 6 Supermarket chain with Chicago H.Q.
 - 7 United ___
 - 8 Components of the Maldives
 - 9 Scooped at
 - 10 ___ est percipi: to be is to be perceived
 - 11 Raked it in
 - 12 Protected, in a way
 - 13 Arugula alternative
- 14 Down times?
- 23 Beetle of note
 - 24 Playful
 - 26 Use a ring, maybe
 - 27 Household
 - 29 Elite tactical units
 - 33 Discussion-ending words
 - 34 In a word
 - 35 Pinball ball, perhaps
 - 36 Grammy winner for the 1993 album "Mi Tierra"
 - 37 Thomas Mann's "Doktor ___"
 - 38 Caught
 - 39 Four-wheel drive?
 - 40 Spy, at times
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

SCHOOL COMM. APPROVES FY26 BUDGET

CHELSEA - The school committee approved a \$150,891,360 budget for the 2025-26 school year at its meeting last week.

In the coming months, the city council will take up the overall municipal budget for Fiscal Year 2026, which will include that figure for the school department.

Between additional funding from the city, and over \$1 million in cuts that Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta said will have a minimal impact on students in the classrooms; the district was able to close an initial \$3.4 million budget shortfall.

At a hearing on the proposed budget last month, Abeyta said the goal was to make cuts that did not impact classroom learning and teaching positions. A number of cuts were made to trim some professional development contracts, and some others were positions that were either currently empty or had gone unfilled.

"The factors that are influencing this budget for Fiscal Year 2026 are that ESSER (Covid relief) funds have ended and the Student Opportunity Act dollars, which we are extremely grateful for, there is not a significant increase from this year to the coming year," said Abeyta.

In addition, the district saw a decrease in enrollment by 60 students over the past year, which affects the amount of state aid the district receives. Abeyta said the district also has the annual battle of addressing inflation and increased salaries, benefits, healthcare costs, and special education costs.

During the public speaking portion of last week's school committee meeting before the vote on the school budget, several Chelsea students advocated for programs they would like to see in the budget, including sex education and violence prevention programs.

School Committee member Dr. Sarah Neville said she was happy to see participation from students in the budget process, but that she wanted to see ways the schools could get them more involved in the process earlier in coming years. "It's making me reflect over how I as a school committee member might do better next year in communicating with different people to make sure that all of our high school and middle school students are aware about when these meetings are happening and so we can make sure (they) are involved," she said.

Neville also asked about the flexibility there is within the budget once it is approved by the school committee.

"What we are approving tonight is a budget that is \$150 million, and in those larger line items is where there is flexibility," said Abeyta.

For example, Abeyta pointed to the professional development line item in the budget and the ability to adjust within that budget to allocate money toward more mental health and wellness or potential sex education programs.

Neville said she also heard from students about money that is being used for the renovation and expansion of the high school cafeteria and why that money wasn't used for other programs.

Abeyta noted that the money for that project came from Covid relief funds several years ago, and that the

funds had to be used for specific types of projects.

"There were certain things that these dollars could be spent on, and a new, functioning cafeteria fit that requirement of the money we received," said Abeyta. "We oftentimes receive funding that is restricted for certain needs, and we can only spend that money on certain things or we lose it or have to return it."

Neville said she believed the overall budget is one that will serve the community well over the next year. She added that she wanted to encourage students to continue to advocate for programs and changes they want to see in the schools.

PRO-SOCCER STADIUM CROWD TURNS OUT FOR COMMUNITY MEETING

EVERETT - City officials and residents participated in a "Community Conversation" about the potential 25,000-seat soccer stadium project with Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Sen. Sal DiDomenico Monday night in the Council Chambers.

When all was said and done following the marathon three-hour session, it was evident that the proceedings were a clear-cut triumph for DeMaria, who is seeking to bring a professional soccer stadium across from the world-class Encore Boston Harbor resort/casino that is generating approximately \$40 million annually for Everett, and DiDomenico, the powerful assistant majority leader who is considered the champion of a new soccer stadium in the city that will be built on the site of a former power plant.

The capacity crowd in the Chambers that consisted of residents and trade union workers was energized and responded with applause when construction jobs, the replacement of the blighted power plant site, and the prospect of jobs at the new stadium were mentioned by speakers.

DeMaria had obviously done his homework on the jobs issue, knowing that in-stadium vendors at Fenway Park can earn significant funds in those part-time positions on game days.

There were concerns raised about the fact of the stadium only having 75 on-site parking spaces. But DeMaria portrayed that aspect in a positive light, reasoning that soccer fans would use public transportation and make the relatively short walk to the stadium from nearby Sullivan Station. DeMaria also highlighted plans for a new commuter rail stop in Everett (a plan that Encore Boston Harbor has agreed to support financially, according to the mayor) a Silver Bus Line extension, a proposed pedestrian footbridge from Assembly Row in Somerville to Everett, and the usage of satellite parking lots, from which shuttle buses would transport fans to the stadium.

A per-game ticket fee could potentially raise millions of dollars in revenue for the city. DeMaria also said that he will ensure that a certain number of tickets for Revolution games and concerts at the new stadium be available for purchase by Everett residents.

DeMaria had a cordial interaction with Everett resident Peggy Serino, who spoke against the construction of the soccer stadium, preferring another redevelopment project for the site such as a new hotel.

"We're going to negotiate something that is really ben-

eficial to the City of Everett and clean up the blighted, contaminated power plant," said DeMaria. "Do you think that someone else would come and spend over \$700 million of their own money and use union labor to do that work, and clean that up and build a waterfront park, and run a water taxi service?"

There was a fiery exchange between Ward 6 Councilor Peter Pietrantonio, who has become a voice of reason and clarity in his first term on the Council, and Sen. DiDomenico during the meeting.

Pietrantonio began his remarks by turning to the union workers in the audience and stating that he favors a construction project on the site, "we just don't like the idea of a stadium. We want to build, we just don't want a stadium."

Pietrantonio said, "Twenty-five thousand-seat stadium, 75 parking spots, I just don't understand it."

Then came the most surprising revelation of the entire meeting: the fact that the Everett City Council had never asked Sen. DiDomenico to speak at a Council meeting since the soccer stadium plan was first hatched by DiDomenico more than two years ago. Basically, the undisputed champion of the soccer stadium project has gone uninvited.

"I have offered to come speak to the City Council at any point," DiDomenico told Pietrantonio point blank. "I find it a little offensive, honestly, that you will say that there was no input or no communication, when the Council had every opportunity to have me come and speak on this issue, and they did not do it."

DiDomenico said he was "sick and tired" of the current conditions at the site of the shuttered power plant site. "I'm sick and tired of having this blighted piece of property in our community," said DiDomenico. "We have no one waiting in line to come and save the day for us."

Pietrantonio challenged the senator on the topic of pollution in the area. "I have lived two seconds from Monsanto. I played on the GE property, so you don't have to tell me about pollution. I want that power plant gone and cleaned up. Do you think I want that to sit there? I want it gone and cleaned up, just as much as you do, Senator, alright?"

Councilors speak at the meeting

Ward 5 Councilor Robert Van Campen suggested to DeMaria and DiDomenico that the soccer stadium construction issue be decided by residents in a ballot question in November.

Van Campen illuminated on the matter in an interview with WCVB-TV Channel 5, stating, "Many residents have come to me and many residents have indicated this is such a potentially transformative project for the community, it probably is something that should be put on the ballot."

DiDomenico later responded to Van Campen's request for a referendum, stating, "The time when you see voting on stadiums is when public dollars are going to be used. There's no public dollars on this project at all (The Kraft Group will entirely fund the project)."

Council President Stephanie Martins told WCVB Channel 5 after the meeting, "I would love to hear more feedback from the people of Everett and more participation before we're just moving forward with the

GREENROOTS HOSTS KID TO KID COOKING CLASS IN CHELSEA



Showna above, Manuel Rodriguez with Amarah and Izzy Herzig, mixing chocolate chips into their peanut butter oat batter.



Shown to the left, Amarah, Aminah, and Izzy Herzig, who instruct the Kid to Kid Cooking Class at the GreenRoots Teaching Kitchen.

process that's no one hearing about."

Meanwhile, Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers, who called for the community meeting, expressed her hope that the new soccer stadium could be used for Everett High School graduation exercises, an idea that seemed to resonate favorably with the audience.

ZBA APPROVES PROJECT ON BROOKS STREET AND CHELSEA STREET

EAST BOSTON - The Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) approved a project on Brooks Street and another on Chelsea Street.

The first proposal up for discussion was at 8 Brooks Street. Attorney Jeff Drago explained that the project would change the occupancy from a retail store to a retail store with four units. It should be noted that the site currently houses Helados Juli's Frozen Dessert on the first floor.

"To get those units, it would be to erect a two-story vertical addition with four units on the existing one-story commercial building," said Drago. There are also plans for two exclusive roof decks on the building.

As for how this proposal aligns with zoning, Drago indicated that the only variances required would be for the Groundwater Conservation Overlay District (GCOD), the storefront because the pre-existing retail use is non-conforming, and roof structure restriction due to the roof decks.

"Other than that, we meet all of the other criteria set by the new East Boston EBR-3 (zoning district)," said Drago.

After Drago had briefly highlighted the plans, Eva Jones, a community engagement specialist with the city, indicated that an abutters meeting was held and attended by two residents who did not provide feedback on the project.

Jones also indicated that the proposal was reviewed and supported by the Maverick Central Neighborhood Association. Ulti-

mately, the ZBA approved the project unanimously.

The following proposal discussed was at 140 Chelsea Street. According to Attorney Richard Lynds, the proposal would change the use and occupancy of the existing three-unit building to four units. There are also plans for two parking spaces.

"Our proposal would result in a complete renovation of the lowest level of building," said Lynds.

He then proceeded to discuss how this project lines up with zoning. Lynds mentioned that the proposal was filed before amendments to Article 53 and wanted to provide explanations regarding what violations the project had been cited for.

For example, Lynds identified violations he thought were no longer applicable under new zoning, such as the floor area ratio (FAR), insufficient lot area, and usable open space.

He also spoke about a number of stories violation, saying, "I believe the reason for that citation that Inspection Services included was because we are changing the occupancy of the lowest level to habitable space."

"The use of space in a building does not dictate whether or not it constitutes a story. This is a pre-existing structure; the calculation is the height of our lowest level being 65% or more above grade," he added, indicating that the project does not propose to increase the height of the building.

Lynds also disagreed with the off-street parking violation. Article 53 notes that residential buildings with one to three units do not require parking, while anything above that requires one spot per dwelling unit. However, Lynds stated that Article 53 indicates that when units are added to a building, the project would only have to comply with parking regulations for the additional unit rather than having to comply with parking regulations fully.

He stated that they only need to provide one parking space since they only add one unit, calling the interpre-

tation that they needed parking for all units erroneous.

Lastly, Lynds noted that the project was cited for forbidden use. Again, he mentioned that this proposal was filed before the zoning changes in the area and that they were under the impression that this portion of Chelsea Street would have been in the EBR-4 district and went forward with the idea to add the unit, but the area ended up in the EBR-3 district.

Following Lynds' presentation, ZBA Member Jeanne Pinado had an issue with units in the basement, saying the zoning does not allow it.

However, Lynds stated that the site is located in Flood Zone X, which is not considered a flood hazard risk. "This would not be in violation of Article 25."

"Coastal Flood Resilience Overlay District (CFROD) now applies under any project filed after amendments to Article 53; again, this was filed prior to that and therefore would be protected from compliance with CFROD," said Lynds.

Later, Jeff Hampton from the Planning Department indicated that the Planning Department was recommending denial of the proposal because of its location in the CFROD.

In response, Lynds said, "We don't disagree with Mr. Hampton's assessment and certainly we're making the argument based upon that we do require the relief that was cited but if we're going to be required to take the relief that was cited we should be exempt from those provisions that were not applicable at the time of our filing."

As for this project's community process, Jones noted that an abutters meeting was held for the project and was not attended by any constituents. She also said that the project was reviewed and supported by the Maverick Central Neighborhood Association.

In the end, a motion to approve the proposal due to the timeline of the filing and the flood zone map shown during the hearing passed with Pinado as the only dissenting vote.

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MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
 Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23A of Chapter 38 of the General Laws, that a meeting of the Revere Housing Authority will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 70 Coolidge Street, Revere, Massachusetts.
REVERE HOUSING AUTHORITY
 By: Dean Harris
 Executive Director
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LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT: BROADWAY (ROUTE 107) CITY BID NO. MUN-2025-1002
 Separate sealed bids for construction of DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT: BROADWAY (ROUTE 107) CITY BID NO. MUN-2025-1002,

will be received by the City of Revere Purchasing Department, Purchasing Agent, Michael Piccardi, at his office, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA, prior to Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., and at that time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Time stamp in the Purchasing Office shall govern the time. The proposed work will involve removal and replacement (and new installation) of approximately 2,900-feet of 12-inch new ductile iron (DI) water main, 2,600-feet of 8-inch water main, and 600-feet of 6-inch DI pipe, including valves, hydrants, and fittings, and copper services to each property. The work will involve installation of temporary water mains above the ground during construction, excavation to remove existing water mains and install new water mains and services. Following installation of the new water mains and services, the excavated areas will be backfilled and paved within the existing road surface or loamed and seeded in the shoulder areas. Once the work is complete, the temporary water mains will be removed. The work also includes temporary and permanent trench paving, and meeting all the requirements of the MassDOT. The estimated construction cost for this project is \$5,061,570.00. Contract time to substantial completion of all pipe work is 180 calendar days commencing on the effective date of the Agreement. Contract time to final paving and restoration work is 350 calendar days. No permanent paving work to be completed between November 15, 2025 and April 15, 2026 without authorization. Contractors intending to bid on this project must be prequalified by the Highway Division of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation pursuant to 720 CMR 5.01, et seq. (cite 320 CMR 17.00,

17.02) in the specified class of work with a single contract class limit greater than or equal to the advertised project value. MassDOT prequalification of contractors with the class of work as (Sewer and Water), for the project with an estimated value of \$5,061,570.00 will be required. Contract Documents may be examined and/or obtained on April 10, 2025, by contacting the City of Revere Purchasing Department, Purchasing Agent, Michael Piccardi, at purchasing@revere.org (781) 286-8157 at Revere City Hall, Office of the Purchasing Agent, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA, 02151. Revere City Hall contact hours are Monday (8:00 AM to 7:00 PM), Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM), and Friday (8:00 AM to Noon). Bid security in the form of a bid bond, certified checks, treasurer's or cashier's check, payable to the OWNER, is required in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid, in accordance with the conditions in Section 00100 – INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS. Bids are to be sealed in an envelope, marked on the outside with the words "WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT: BROADWAY (ROUTE 107) CITY BID NO. MUN-2025-1002" and returned to the Purchasing Department prior to the opening date and time. Successful bidder must furnish 100 percent Construction Performance Bond and 100 percent Construction Payment Bond. Every bid bond, every performance bond and every payment bond issued for any construction work in the Commonwealth shall be the bond of a surety company organized pursuant to Section 105 of Chapter 175 or of a surety company authorized to do business in the Commonwealth under the provisions of Section 106 of said Chapter 175 and be approved by the U. S. Department of Treasury and acceptable as sureties and reinsurers on federal bonds under Title 31 of the United States Code, sections 9304 to 9308. No Bidder may withdraw their Bid for a period of thirty (30) days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, after the actual date of the opening of the Bids. Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in Section 00100 – INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS. Prevailing Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Labor and Industries under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 26 to 27H, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Prevailing Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract. The City of Revere is and Equal Opportunity Employer. It is the Policy of the City of Revere to take positive steps to max-

imize the utilization of Minority Business Enterprises. The City of Revere has established a goal of ten percent (10%) participation of Minority Business Enterprises in all construction projects. The bidding and award of the Contract shall be in full compliance with Sections 39M inclusive of Chapter 30 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as last revised. The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to determine which bid is, in the OWNER'S judgment, the lowest responsive bid of a bidder or group of bidders. The OWNER also reserves the right to waive any informality in any bid and to delete certain items listed in the bid as set forth therein. MR. MICHAEL PICCARDI CITY PURCHASING AGENT CITY OF REVERE, MASSACHUSETTS 4/9/25 R

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Hearing Storage of Flammables
 Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 148, Section 13 of the Massachusetts General Laws 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 of Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts 02151 SORA Revere Owner, LLC, 235 Bear Hill Road, Suite 300, Waltham, MA 02451 requesting a Chapter 148 License for the storage of flammables to be exercised at 93 Bennington Street, Revere, MA 02151 for the following uses: (114 space parking garage, 500 gallon diesel fuel AST, fuel storage room, and 150 gallon diesel fuel AST). A copy of the aforementioned application 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 via email to amelnik@revere.org on or before April 22, 2025. Attest: Ashley E. Melnik City Clerk 4/9/25 R

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF REVERE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION FOR BIDS ON-CALL PUMP STATION REPAIR SERVICES BID NO: MUN-2025-1013
 The City of Revere is soliciting sealed bids to furnish all labor and materials for ON-CALL PUMP STATION REPAIR SERVICES for the Department of Public Works. The bids will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts prior to 10:00 AM on April 24, 2025, immediately

after which the bids will be opened and read publicly. Specifications may be obtained beginning Thursday, April 10, 2025, electronically from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Michael Piccardi at purchasing@revere.org. Revere City Hall office hours are Monday's 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Tuesday through Thursday's 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and 8:00 AM through 12:00 PM on Fridays. Revere City Hall will be closed on Monday, April 21, 2024 in observance of Patriots Day. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "ON-CALL PUMP STATION REPAIR SERVICES" and be submitted to the Office of the Purchasing Agent prior to 10:00 AM on April 24, 2025. The time stamp in the Purchasing Department shall govern the time. Each bid submitted to the City of Revere must be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a bid bond, money order, cashier's check, certified check, or treasurer's check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the proposed first-year of the bid. Checks must be made payable to the City of Revere. The City of Revere as the awarding authority, may accept any bid or a portion of a bid, waive any irregularities and/or formalities, investigate the ability of the vendors to honor a bid, select a vendor who does not submit the lowest bid and award all contracts as shall be considered in the best interest of the City of Revere. It is the policy of the City of Revere to take positive steps to maximize the utilization of minority business enterprises in all activities administered by this agency. No bidder may withdraw their bid within thirty (30) business days after the actual date of the opening thereof. This invitation for bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, § 39M. Michael A. Piccardi Purchasing Agent 4/9/25 R

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF REVERE INVITATION FOR BIDS MCMACKIN FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1: SITE PREPARATION MUN-2025-1014
 The City of Revere is soliciting sealed bids for McMackin Field Improvements, Phase I: Site Preparation for the City of Revere, Massachusetts. The bids will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Michael Piccardi, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts prior to 11:00 AM on May 1, 2025 at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The scope of the work includes construction of Phase I: site preparation of the McMackin Field site as indicated on the Bid documents, which includes removal & disposal of material, additional demolition, earthwork, grading, proposed fill mate-

rials, and proposed subsurface stormwater infiltration system. The scope of work also includes construction zone safety and traffic management and coordination of work. The work including, Demolition, Installation of Stormwater Infiltration System, Earthwork, and Slope Stabilization must be brought to substantial completion by August 15, 2025. The required contract completion date, including post construction survey and related deliverables, is January 31, 2026. Bid Security in the form of a bid bond, cash, certified check, treasurer's or cashier's check payable to the Owner, is required in the amount of five percent of the bid, in accordance with Section 00 21 13, INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS. Any request for interpretation of plans and specifications must be submitted in writing by 4:00 PM on April 22, 2025. Contract documents may be examined and/or obtained by contacting the City of Revere Purchasing Department, Purchasing Agent, Michael Piccardi at purchasing@revere.org or at 781-286-8157 at Revere City Hall, Office of the Purchasing Agent, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151. Revere City Hall office hours are Monday's 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Tuesday thru Thursday's 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Friday's 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Contract documents will be available beginning on April 9, 2025. All bids must be in a sealed envelope plainly marked "McMackin Field Improvements, Phase I: Site Preparation, MUN-2025-1014" and returned to the Purchasing Department prior to the opening date and time. The selected contractor shall furnish a performance bond and a payment bond in amount at least equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price as stipulated in Section 00 72 00 GENERAL CONDITIONS of these specifications. All bids for this project are subject to applicable bidding laws of Massachusetts, including General Laws Chapter 30, Section 39M as amended and all applicable Federal law. Prevailing Wage Rates as determined by the Director of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27H, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Bidder, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Prevailing Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract. Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract that the contractor must ensure the employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against

because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin under Executive Order 11246, as amended. The successful bidder shall be required to comply with Section 3 of HUD regulations relative to the project area and local concern when applicable and all pertinent Federal and State Laws. The City of Revere is an Equal Opportunity Employer. It is the policy of the City of Revere to take positive steps to maximize the utilization of Minority Business Enterprises. The City has established a goal of ten percent (10%) participation of Minority Businesses Enterprises in all construction projects. By submission of a bid, the Bidder agrees that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded after the opening of bids. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in bids and to reject any or all bids. Michael Piccardi Purchasing Agent 4/9/25 R

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU24C0405CA
 In the matter of: Isaac Alejandro Reyes Orellana A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Isaac Alejandro Reyes Orellana of Revere, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Isaac Alejandro Gonzalez Orellana **IMPORTANT NOTICE** Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 04/18/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 18, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate 4/09/25 R

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Hearing Notice is hereby given 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 of Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts relative to the following proposed amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere: **AN ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING FREE CASH DISTRIBUTIONS IN THE CITY OF REVERE** Be it ordained by the City of Revere, MA as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2.90.050 of Title 2 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by removing the word "ten" and inserting in place thereof the word "five."
SECTION 2. Section 3.05.020 of Title 3 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by removing the word "twenty" and inserting in place thereof the word "fifteen."
SECTION 3. Title 3 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by inserting the following new chapter 3.08: **Chapter 3.08 HIGH SCHOOL STABILIZATION FUND.** § 3.08.010 The high school stabilization fund. There is hereby created, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40 § 5B, a high school stabilization fund. The city treasurer shall be the custodian of such fund. The fund shall be utilized for any lawful purpose, including but not limited to any purpose for which the city may lawfully borrow money. Any appropriation or transfer of funds into or out of this stabilization fund must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the city council. § 3.08.020 Transfers to the high school stabilization fund. Within ninety days of the certification of free cash by the department of revenue, the mayor shall present to the city council, and the city council shall approve, a transfer to high school stabilization fund of a sum equal to not less than ten percent of the total free cash amount certified by the department of revenue. **SECTION 4.** Title 3 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by inserting the following new chapter 3.09: **Chapter 3.09 OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) STABILIZATION FUND.** § 3.09.010 The other post employment benefit stabilization fund. There is hereby created, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40 § 5B, an other post employment benefit stabilization fund. The city treasurer shall be the custodian of such fund. The fund shall be utilized for any lawful purpose, including but not limited to any purpose for which the city may lawfully borrow money. Any appropriation or transfer of funds into or out of this stabilization fund must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the city council. § 3.09.020 Transfers to the other post employment benefit stabilization fund. Within ninety days of the certification of free cash by the department of revenue, the mayor shall present to the city council, and the city council shall approve, a transfer to the other post employment benefit stabilization fund of a sum equal to not less than five percent of the total free cash amount certified by the department of revenue. A copy of the aforementioned proposed 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 4/9/25 R

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Hearing Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 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: **A Zoning Ordinance Further Amending the Revere Revised Ordinances Relative to Off-Street Parking** Be it ordained by the City of Revere as follows: **Section 1.** Chapter 17.28 Off-Street Parking and Loading Article I Generally is hereby amended by inserting the following new section: **Section 17.28.030 Relief - Reduction in parking space ratio requirements shall require a special permit from the City Council.** A copy of the aforementioned zoning ordinance (CZ-25-03) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 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 4/9/25 R

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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 306, Framingham, MA 01701 requesting a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals to enable the appellant to expand an existing non-conforming single-family dwelling by constructing a second story addition 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, Re-

vere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM, and Friday 8:00AM to 12:00PM. Proponent/opponent testimony will be accepted in writing via email to amelnik@revere.org on or before April 15, 2025. Ashley E. Melnik, Clerk City of Revere Zoning Board of Appeals 4/9/25, 4/16/25 R

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CZ-25-03
 City of Revere, MA
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LEGAL NOTICE

CZ-25-07
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
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LEGAL NOTICE

A-25-08
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From left, Lincoln Principal Cassandre Sermon, Amaka Ubaka, Dr. Danielle Mokaba, Lucia Robinson-Griggs, Doreen DiRienzo, Kwani Lunis, Rebecca Zama, and Molly McGee

Special to the Journal

In honor of Women's History Month in March, the Abraham Lincoln Elementary School held its 2nd Annual Women's Forum. This year's forum featured influential women who are leaders in their respective fields both here in Revere and surrounding communities.

This year's panelists included Danielle Mokaba, Revere Public School Assistant Superintendent, Amaka Ubaka, WHDH Boston news anchor, Lucia Robinson-Griggs, head coach of the MIT girls' basketball team, Rebecca Zama, Singer/songwriter and attorney, Doreen DiRienzo, Karate Grandmaster and owner of Revere Karate Academy, Molly McGee, Revere immigration attorney, and Kwani Lunis, NBC Boston

host and anchor.

During the forum, the panelists answered questions from Lincoln School students on topics ranging from how they started their careers, the most challenging aspects of being a woman in a leadership role, who or what influenced them to pursue their current careers, and what role education played in getting to where they are today.



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Amaka Ubaka, WHDH Boston news anchor.



Lincoln students listen to the panelists.



Doreen DiRienzo, Karate Grandmaster and owner of Revere Karate Academy.



Dr. Danielle Mokaba, Revere Public School Assistant Superintendent.



Students were engaged as each panelist described their journal to the top.



Lucia Robinson-Griggs, head coach of the MIT girls' basketball team.



Molly McGee, Revere immigration attorney.



The panelists answered questions from Lincoln School students.



Kwani Lunis, NBC Boston host and anchor.



Lincoln students were inspired by each panelist's story.



Rebecca Zama, Singer/songwriter and attorney.

Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore News

Special to the Journal

Members of the Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore recently delivered Scholarship Checks to the School Districts of Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, Everett and Saugus. For many years the Zonta Club has donated these scholarships

to 5 Senior High School women who will be attending college. We are pleased to continue awarding these scholarships to deserving young women. We are proud to be able to support the High School's scholarship program and we wish the recipients all the best in their future endeavors.



Dr. Diane Kelly-Superintendent of Revere Public Schools with Sheila Arsenault-Zonta Member.

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