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#### **NEWS** BRIEFS

#### **EID UL-ADHA FESTIVAL RETURNS TO REVERE THIS SUNDAY**

The annual Eid ul-Adha Festival, presented by AICP Massachusetts, the City of Revere, and other community partners, is set to take place this Sunday, June 8, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The celebration will be held at The Fields at Griswold Park, located at 43 St. Mary's Way in Revere.

family-friendly This event promises a joyous afternoon for all ages. Attendees can look forward to live Madih performances, a variety of local vendors, and delicious food. For entertainment, there will be bounce houses, games, prizes, and even a petting zoo. Organizers encourage everyone to join in the festivities, bringing family, friends, and neighbors for a day of community and celebration. The event is open to the public.

# **Over 540 RPS students** set to graduate tonight

Commencement exercises scheduled for June 4 at Harry Della Russo Stadium

Special ton the Journal

This evening, over 540 Revere High School and CityLab Innovation High School seniors will walk the stage at Harry Della Russo Stadium and receive their diplomas as part of the school department's graduation exercises.

"There are so many incredible accomplishments among the members of the Class of 2025, and I am extremely proud of all our graduating seniors," said Revere Public School Su-

perintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly. "Throughout their journey, these students demonstrated resilience and determination, showing they could adapt and thrive in any situation. These lessons will serve as the foundation for their future endeavors, inspiring them to confidently overcome challenges and seize opportunities. As they embark on new adventures, I encourage them to remember the strength they cultivated during their time together."

Kelly continued, "Together, they have forged bonds that will last a lifetime, and these connections will provide a support system as they navigate the complexities of the world ahead. With each step they

take, may they embrace the unknown and remain steadfast in their pursuit of growth and fulfillment."

Revere High School (RHS) valedictorian Erta Ismahili, salutatorian Dayna Phan, and class president Endurance Nkeh will join Kelly, Mayor Patrick Keefe, and high school principals Christopher Bowen (RHS) and Stacey Mulligan (CityLab) in welcoming the graduates.

"The Class of 2025 has made us proud with their collective commitment to leadership, community service, and academic achievement. They are an impressive group that embodies our school's vision to see students lead across differences. The school and our



A previous Revere High School class celebrates its graduation with the ceremonial tossing of the caps.

community are better because of the Class of 2025!"

Revere Public Schools seniors have received over \$150,000 in local scholarships, and many will receive other scholarships and financial aid from the colleges they plan to attend.

"I'm proud of the numerous accomplishments of the Class of 2025," commented Mayor Patrick M. Keefe Jr. "I want to congratulate every student for reaching this important milestone.

GRADUATION **LONIGHE! CHECK BACK NEXT WEEK FOR OUR SPECIAL** 

**FULL COVERAGE** 

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# **Council awards annual George V. Colella Academic Achievement Awards**

#### By Adam Swift

Nine Revere students were presented with the George V. Colella Academic Achievement Awards at the beginning of Monday night's city council meeting. One fifth grader from in Revere is legendary, and each of the city's six elementary schools and one eighth grader from each of the three middle schools received a \$200 award along with a certificate from the council.

la, hosted the awards, and thanked former Superintendent and school committee member Carol Tye, who served as the host of the ceremony for a decade.

education of young people

"Thus far, including tonight's recipients, 99 students will have received the awards in the 11 years of the program, amounting to over \$16,000 in award hon-"Carol's dedication to the orarium," Argenzio said. "Mayor Colella conceived of the awards program and arranged for the personal funding of the program just months before he passed away in 2010. While his accomplishments as mayor of Revere are numerous, his foremost personal legacy was in providing the best quality education for the

#### **USS CONSTITUTION TO GET UNDERWAY** IN HONOR OF D-DAY AND THE U.S. MARINE CORPS

Constitution USS is scheduled to get underway from the Charlestown Navy Yard, Massachusetts, on Friday, June 6, at 10:00 a.m.

This underway honors the Allied D-Day invasion of Europe during World War II and serves as a salute to all Marine Corps veterans,

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Police Chief David Callahan.

Captain Maria LaVita.

# **Police Chief David Callahan** announces retirement after more than 34 years of service to the City of Revere Chief Callahan, for your

Capt. LaVita will assume role of Interim Chief

#### Speical to the Journal

On Tuesday, June 3, Chief of Police David J. Callahan announced his retirement from the Revere Police Department. A Revere native and proud graduate of Revere Public Schools, Chief Callahan is retiring after more than 34 years of service to the department.

"Under Chief Callahan's leadership, the city has experienced some of our best public safety metrics in recent history," said Mayor Patrick M. Keefe Jr. He continued, "The city of Revere is better for his service, and we wish him an enjoyable retirement. Thank you,

dedication to the city of Revere and all its residents."

Chief Callahan commented: "It's been a privilege to have spent the last 34 years in service to the people of Revere. I am grateful for the opportunities for growth over the course of my career, and for the strong relationships I have built within the department. I thank both the members of the Revere Police Department, and the residents of Revere for your trust, and I am hopeful for the next chapter ahead."

Effective immediately, Mayor Patrick M. Keefe Jr. has appointed Captain Maria LaVita to assume the role of interim chief until a

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Ward 4 City Councillor Paul Argenzio, who is related to former Mayor Colelher personal educational partnership with Mayor Colella benefitted all of the students of Revere," said Argenzio.

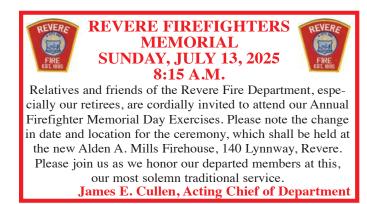
The awards are presented annually to outstanding students in recognition of their academic excellence and citizenship.

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#### HAPPY 102<sup>ND</sup> BIRTHDAY, TUDY MASELLA! 🎇



Happy 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday, Mary T. "Tudy" Masella! On Thursday, May 29, Mayor Patrick Keefe Jr. celebrated with Tudy and presented her with a citation from the City of Revere at Neighborhood Pace. Congratulations! Shown with son, Gene, (in the back), and his partner, Michael Brady.





# Health Board hears of the potent new nicotine products

#### By Journal Staff

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The Revere Board of Health held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 22, in the City Council Chambers. On hand for the session were Chair Dr. Drew Bunker and fellow board members Kathleen Savage and Viviana Catano, as well as Director of Public Health Lauren Buck, Health Agent/Director of Inspectional Services Dept. (ISD) Michael Wells, and Bd. of Health Clerk Paula Sepulveda.

Buck presented the Communicable Disease monthly report for the month of May. "Our disease burden in May was low," said Buck, who reported that there were 16 confirmed cases of influenza, 15 cases of COVID, and one case of measles (which was a close contact case from an international flight).

Buck noted that CDC statistics revealed what she termed a "remarkable decrease" of 28% in drug overdose deaths in 2024 compared to 2023.

However, she cautioned that overdose deaths still remain a leading cause of deaths for Americans ages 18-44.

Wells presented the ISD report for April. Wells said that ISD issued 96 certificates of fitness for housing units; performed eight reinspections; investigated six interior complaints with one in progress; performed one interior complaint reinspection; issued 12 new licenses for pool/spa inspections; and conducted five pool/spa reinspections.

In the food department, ISD performed 34 routine food inspections, five reinspections, five complaint inspections, and two temporary food inspections.

ivision, ISD agents issued five citations for accumu- said. "We see cases and caslation of trash, litter or debris; one for a commercial vehicle in a residential neighborhood; 52 for over-

flowing dumpsters; 328 for improper placement of trash and bulky items; 10 for improper storage of garbage or trash; one for improper signage on public property; 13 for junk heaps, dumps, and automobile graveyards; one for storage of multiple unregistered vehicles on residential property; three for rodent harborage; 101 for unclean or unsanitary land (which includes overgrowth and vegetation); three for unpermitted dumpsters and compactors; one for an unsafe structure; and one for

working without a permit. The board heard a presentation from Bonny Carroll, who is the Director of the 6-City Tobacco Initiative of

which Revere is a member. Carroll said that so far this year, 23 tobacco compliance checks (in which youths attempt to purchase tobacco products at local businesses) have been performed across the city and all of the businesses passed.

Carroll then made a presentation to the board of the emerging new products known as nicotine pouches (of which the most-popular brand is ZYN), which contain nicotine salts, not tobacco. She noted that while a package of Marlboro cigarettes contains a total of 127 milligrams of nicotine, one of the new nicotine pouches contains eight milligrams of nicotine. With 20 pouches per container, that means there are160 milligrams of nicotine in each container. At a cost of \$5.00 per container, this means that consumers are getting 25% more nicotine at a fraction of the price of a pack of cigarettes.

Carroll noted that there is a similar product that sells for \$1.99. "These products In the exterior sanitation are flooding the shelves of convenience stores," she es of these things on store shelves and the retailers

Police Chief // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 City of Revere will initiate a thorough and robust process to select the department's next chief. Per department policy, all Revere Police captains and lieutenants with more than five years of experience in the department will be invited to apply. "I look forward to work-

ing with the community members of Revere, our elected officials, and the men and women of the Revere Police Department. It is an honor to be appointed as interim chief of this dedicated police department in the city where I was born and raised," said Captain LaVita. "I'm a firm believer in utilizing technology to improve efficiency and transparency, as well as officer and public safety. I will work collaboratively with those both inside and outside the department to improve the quality of service we provide, prioritize officer wellness, reduce crime and build on public trust."

Chief Callahan commanded the Drug Control Unit and served in the

#### Graduation // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Revere Public Schools has a rigorous course load, with curriculum designed to instill resilience in our students: I am confident that, because of their education in Revere, they are prepared to work hard and thrive in the years to come."

This year, Revere Public Schools asked teachers, guidance counselors, and school leaders to spotlight two students as part of this year's graduation. While all members of the Class of 2025 deserve recognition, the two students recommended were valedictorian Erta Ismahili and the Class of 2025's Francoise Kodjo. Together, Erta and Francoise represent the bright future ahead for the Class of 2025, and we are excited to see the impact they will make in their next chapters.

Erta, who will attend Harvard in the fall, is a member of Revere High School's Model UN, the Speech and Debate Club, the district's Equity Advisory Board, and more. Francoise, who will be attending Bunker Hill Community College in the fall, is a member of the RHS's Welcome Club and the district's Equity Advisory Board and recently hosted a student-led forum on personal growth and career development.



better than they found them: That tier of personal qualities represents the best of Revere, adult and student alike," said Mayor Patrick Keefe. "Erta and Francoise demonstrate these qualities with ease, always representing our city and our shared values well. I'm proud of their hard work and numerous successes at Revere High School, and I am eager to see their continued success in the years to come."

#### Erta Ismahili

Revere Public Schools (RPS): Describe a bit of your background and growing up in Revere.

Erta: I've grown up in Revere all my life. I was Criminal Investigation Unit for eight years. He received the Massachusetts State Police Medal of Merit in 2012 for heroic off duty actions in his response to a fatal tractor-trailer rollover. Throughout his career, he has been an advocate for community policing, recruitment for a police department that reflects the diversity of the city of Revere, and modern, specialized officer training.

Captain Maria La Vita has served in the Revere Police Department for over 29years. For the past eight

ry School, Rumney Marsh

Academy, and now RHS.

My first-generation low-in-

come (FGLI) background

inspires me to give back to

my community and instill

hope in others, just as my

parents' sacrifice has in-

RPS: As you set to leave

RPS, what are some of your

fond memories of attending

Erta: One of the most im-

pactful moments throughout

all of high school was lead-

ing the student march for

a new high school at Won-

derland through the Student

Senate. Without a doubt,

it showed me the power of

my peers and how we can

all come together to inspire

change. Otherwise, help-

ing out with events such

as Haunted Hallways, the

Multicultural Night, and

meeting with my friends at

Senior Sunrise showed me

how proud I am to be from

Revere and the beauty of di-

pared you for the future?

RPS: How has RPS pre-

Erta: RPS has given me

the grit and perspective to

be able to give back to com-

munities in the future. Being

a student and club member

versity.

stilled hope in me.

Revere Schools?

years, Captain LaVita has been the commander of the Criminal Investigation Division. Captain LaVita graduated from Revere High School in 1992, earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Fitchburg State College in 1996, and a Master's degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Western New England College in 1999. In 2007, she earned her law degree from New England Law Boston, having graduated Magna Cum Laude.

ple around me. We are truly unified by our diversity.

#### Francoise Kodjo

Revere Public Schools (RPS): Describe a bit of your background and growing up in Revere.

Francoise: I grew up in a single-parent household, where my mom has always worked hard to raise me and my older sister. Growing up in Revere has shown me that the world is hard, but you need to be courageous enough to stand firm and push through it all.

RPS: As you set to leave RPS, what are some of your fond memories of attending Revere Schools?

Francoise: I am very sad to leave RPS. I will never forget all of the beautiful moments between me and some of my favorite teachers, helping me understand lessons when I struggled, giving me valuable life advice, and always pushing me to do my best.

RPS: How has RPS prepared you for the future?

Francoise: RPS has prepared me for my future by further building my social and academic skills. It has shown me that opportunities exist, but it's up to me

RPS: What college will

Francoise: I will be at-

RPS: Is there anything

Francoise: It has been a

you be attending in the fall?

tending Bunker Hill Com-

else you would like to add?

pleasure being able to grow

into a wonderful young lady,

and RPS has played a major

role in that. But there's a lot

more reforming that RPS

needs to do. It's time for

the city of Revere to ensure

Black and Brown students

are being seen and heard.

to reach for the stars.

munity College.

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"Resilience, inclusion, and the desire to leave things

born just a month after my parents came to the U.S. from Albania with my older brother. I proudly attended the Paul Revere Elementa-

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RPS: What college will you be attending in the fall? Erta: I'll be attending Harvard University.

RPS: Is there anything else you would like to add?

Erta: I just want to emphasize the point of diversity in the community. Without the various backgrounds represented and experiences lived in Revere, I wouldn't be as involved and comfortable giving back to the peo-



night's graduation ceremony.

Francoise Kodjo.

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levere Your Community Source POT RevereTV will be livestreaming the Revere High School Class of 2025 Graduation Ceremony tonight at 6pm on all studio outlets This includes YouTube, Comcast channels 8 and 1072, and RCN

channels 3 and 614. If you miss it and want to watch it at a later date, the entirety of the ceremony will remain posted to YouTube and also be scheduled to replay on the Community Channels mentioned above. Congratulations to the RHS Class of 2025!

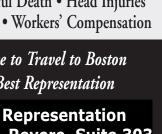
You may have noticed a few new businesses open in Revere recently. One in particular is Home Decor at 184 Broadway. On Wednesday May 21, 2025, RTV covered the ribbon cutting event for Home Decor with attendees such as Mayor Keefe and members of his office and the Revere Chamber of Commerce. Watch this ceremony and hear from the business owners in the video coverage now playing on the Community Channel for the next few weeks.

Have you heard of Revere's annual Bike, Walk, & Roll Event? RTV was at Revere High School last week to be able to show you what it is all about. In this video, you'll hear from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) about plans to make getting around Revere safer, more connected, and more equitable whether you're walking, biking, or rolling. You'll also catch interviews with local vendors and community members. Tune in as it plays on the Community Channel or watch on YouTube.

The Revere Chamber of Commerce held the Multi-chamber Legislative Breakfast event in collaboration with five other local Chambers; Melrose, Malden, Chelsea, Medford, and Everett. The featured speaker at the event was Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll. Watch coverage of this breakfast to learn about some small business initiatives going on in the region.

RevereTV works with the city to create weekly public service announcements in a series called, "In the Loop." In this week's announcement, the city invites you to join Revere's Lifesavers League, a free series of community classes designed to help residents prepare for all kinds of emergencies. The next class will take place on Thursday, June 26th at Revere High School. You'll learn essential skills like how to perform hands-only CPR, how to check for consciousness and call 911, basic fire safety, and more! Sign up today using the QR code on the flyer presented in the "In the Loop" videos. You can find this video and more from the "In the Loop" series on RevereTV's YouTube, Instagram, and all television channels in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, and Italian.

Don't forget that RTV GOV is the channel that is continuously scheduled with the latest local government meetings. RTV GOV is channel 9 on Comcast and 13 and 613 on RCN. All meetings stream live but then replay in the weeks following. The latest rotation includes the Revere City Council, Planning Board, License Commission, RHS Building Committee, Revere Board of Health, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Conservation Commission.



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# BY REVERE JOURNAL **REVERE'S PAPER OF RECORD SINCE 188**

#### RHALIMI SUBMITS PAPERS FOR WARD 2 SCHOOL COMMITTEE



Alex Rhalimi submitted his nomination papers to the Revere Election Department to run for the Ward 2 School Committee seat in the upcoming 2025 municipal election and has received notification that his nomination papers have been certified. Rhalimi is a familiar figure in Revere politics, having previously run for councillor-at-large in 2023 and for Suffolk County Sheriff in 2016. He is a financial adviser and the owner of Alliance Financial Group, and he has been a resident of Revere since 2000.

#### Revere man sentenced in connection to 2022 Everett shooting

#### Staff Report

A Revere man was sentenced last week in federal court in Boston for illegally possessing ammunition in connection with a shooting in a residential neighborhood of Everett.

Kenneth Munoz, 27, was sentenced by U.S. Senior District Court Judge William G. Young to 70 months in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release. In December 2024, Munoz pleaded guilty to one count of being a felon in possession of ammunition.

On the afternoon of Jan. 2, 2022, three individuals fired over 20 shots in an Everett neighborhood, during which multiple houses were struck by stray bullets, according to the U.S. Attorney's office. Munoz was identified as one of the shooters.

Due to prior convictions, including a 2017 state conviction for assault and battery on a family member and malicious destruction of property, Munoz is prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition.

#### RHS MODEL UN CLOSES OUT YEAR AT NOBLE AND GREENOUGH



the Noble and Greenough MUN conference in early May. RHS students represented Argentina, the UK, Iran and Armenia in negotiations concerning Juvenile Justice, China and Qatar in discussions of AI in warfare, and individual characters in a Hunger Games scenario. Students from twenty schools from around the region attended this year's conference. Freshman Noor Ashour was recognized for his strong contribution to the UN Human Rights Council during the awards ceremony.

Shown above, RHS MUN students at Noble & Greenough included Leah Zuniga, Jaleeyah Figueroa, Edwin Alarcon, Erta Ismahili, Gabriel Campos, Rayyan Farouqi, Noor Ashour and Isha Hassan. Shown to the right, Freshman Noor Ashour represented Qatar in the UN Human Rights Council.

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active-duty service members and their families as we celebrate the Marine Corps' 250th birthday.

The ship will be closed to the public in the morning and will reopen to the public from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. following her return to port.

During the underway, USS Constitution will render a 21-gun salute off Fort Independence on Castle Island at approximately 11:30 a.m., followed by a 17-gun salute as she passes the U.S. Coast Guard Base Bostonthe former site of Edmund Hartt's shipyard, where the ship was built and launched on October 21, 1797.

visible from the Boston Harborwalk, Castle Island, and the Charlestown Navy Yard. USS Constitution is open for free public visitation Tuesday through Sunday, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

All guests age 18 and older must present a valid state The underway will be or federal photo ID or passport to board the ship.

As the world's oldest commissioned warship afloat and America's Ship of State, USS Constitution played a vital role in the Barbary Wars and the War of 1812, safeguarding American sea lanes from 1797 to 1855.



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#### **"WHEN APRIL'S HIGH**

#### ASPIRATIONS...."

For those of us who are long-time Red Sox fans, the 1967 Impossible Dream team marked a turning point in the fortunes of the Sox. It was a year when they went from being among the worst teams in baseball to winning the American League pennant for the first time since 1946, and came within a whisker of winning the World Series.

As youngsters, we listened over and over to the record album that was made to commemorate that memorable season of the Kardiac Kids. The album was narrated by Ken Coleman, who at that time was the voice of the Red Sox.

One of the memorable lines on the album, in which Coleman summarized the annual lament of Sox' fans prior to '67, whose hopes for glory in spring training never were borne out, was this: "When April's high aspirations turned to September's tears."

That has been the case for Sox fans for the past few miserable seasons in which the Sox have finished dead last in the American League East. But at least the Sox were in the hunt for a playoff spot up to the All-Star break before they hit the skids.

But this year, it would appear that at the beginning of June, Boston's chances of reaching the playoffs are the proverbial slim to none.

So to paraphrase the Impossible Dream record:

"April's high aspirations

have turned to June's frustrations."



#### FIRE DEPT. UNION HEAD TAKES ISSUE WITH REDUCTION **OF FIRE WATCH AT WONDERLAND Dear Editor**,

My name is Kevin O'Hara, and I serve as President of Revere Firefighters Local 926, representing 121 dedicated members. I also hold the rank of Captain in the Revere Fire Department, with over 21 years of service. I am writing to you on behalf of our Local regarding the fire watch detail at the Wonderland Ballroom.

Our department has maintained fire watch details at Wonderland Entertainment for decades, including well before my own service began. These details became even more vital following the tragic Station Nightclub fire, where 100 civilians lost their lives. That incident stands as a grim reminder of what can happen when fire

#### **LETTER** to the Editor

Forum

but their role is strictly to

assist with evacuation, not

to perform fire watch duties.

are authorized to perform

fire watch duties. This is

supported by our collective

bargaining agreement and

a city ordinance passed in

January 2025, which re-

ceived full support from the

believe" by this member

was misleading. He was

not authorized to speak on

behalf of our Local or the

department leadership. He

is not the Fire Chief, and we

are still seeking clarification

on whether he acted inde-

pendently or with approval.

port indicating that fire

watch details are no longer

necessary. The claim that

"numbers are down" is un-

There is no official re-

The use of "we" and "we

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safety is compromised.

On May 21st, we were surprised and deeply concerned to learn that one of our own members appeared before the Licensing Commission, standing alongside representatives of Wonderland Entertainment. He spoke in support of removing certain fire watch requirements, depending on which club within the establishment was open.

This action was highly troubling. It is inappropriate for a member of our department to align with business interests over public safety, especially during economically challenging times. Suggesting that we scale back life safety measures is, in our view, effectively "turning a blind eye" to public protection.

Furthermore, we must correct several misleading or inaccurate statements made during that appearance:

#### GUEST OP-ED

Crowd Managers are not founded, as no such report trained firefighters. They has been completed or subare required by law in nightmitted. clubs and similar venues,

Additionally, it is important to note that the member in question has not worked a fire watch detail at this location in decades, which calls into question the accuracy and relevance of his statements.

In the interest of transparency and public safety, I respectfully request to be placed on the agenda for the next Licensing Board hearing to speak directly on this matter. I will be representing the unified voice of Local 926 and advocating for the safety of the patrons and residents near the Wonderland Ballroom.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely.

> Kevin O'Hara **President**. Revere Firefighters Local 926 **Captain, Revere Fire** Department

## A tough but necessary step for Revere's future

By Anthony Parziale, Candidate for City Councillor At-Large

Friends and neighbors,

Nobody wants to hear that their water and sewer bill is going up. I don't want to hear it either. But as someone who works for a Department of Public Works (Woburn), I see firsthand the real costs of maintaining aging infrastructure. This 9.7% increase in the water and sewer rate isn't about wasteful spending or political games. It's about keeping the water flowing and the waste leaving our

crews are out there fixing old pipes, responding to emergencies, and trying to hold together a system that should've been upgraded decades ago. We've got pipes in the ground that are older than most of us. Some of them are falling apart. And when they break, it's your basement that floods and your tax dollars that clean it up.

swers. Every single day,

The cost of materials, labor, equipment, and state-mandated environmental requirements has gone through the roof. print money. If we want to cil At-Large. I work for a keep the water clean and the DPW. I see the challenges. system running safely, we I see the cost. And I see have to invest in it.

I get it. A rate hike is painful especially when families are already getting squeezed. No need to sugarcoat it. If we don't make these tough decisions now, we'll pay even more later when pipes burst, streets collapse, and water quality fails. And those emergency repairs? They cost a lot more than maintenance.

This isn't about politics. It's about priorities. The people of Revere deserve

where we can do better, be smarter, and protect your wallet while protecting your water.

Let's make one thing clear: this rate increase is unfortunate, but it's necessary. And if I'm elected, I'll fight like hell to make sure every single cent is used wisely.

This is your city. You deserve honesty. You deserve leadership. And you deserve someone who will always put The People First.

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homes without backups or disasters.

Let me break it down in plain English because the people deserve straight anChemicals used to treat your water have doubled in price. Gas and diesel to fuel trucks? Sky-high. And the truth is, Revere doesn't

leaders who will look them in the eye and tell the truth, even when it's hard. That's what I stand for. That's why I'm running for City Coun-

**Anthony Parziale Candidate for Revere City Councillor At-Large "The People First** 

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tell us that the demand is so legal age for purchasing high that they can't keep up with them.

"The addictive nature of these products is very concerning," continued Carroll. "The young people who are using them get addicted very easily because of the high concentration of nicotine in them."

She noted that pro athletes make small cuts between their toes where they place the pouches in order to get the nicotine into their blood systems quickly.

Carroll added that a person has to be over the age of 21 to purchase these products.

Carroll next discussed a new type of electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS) known on the street as a "cave."

"Essentially, it's a vape, which is what most people call it," Carroll said. She also noted that these products often are flavored.

"Our goal is to ensure that young people do not have access to these products because if we can keep them from getting addicted to these products before their brains are fully-developed, we can be much more-successful in keeping them from developing a lifelong addiction," Carroll said.

She noted that the human brain continues to develop through the age of 26. "So even at the age of 21 (the

tobacco and nicotine products), we're still a little behind, but we have to do our best to keep these out of their hands," Carroll added.

Carroll then handed the board a variety of the new vaping products that appear to be designed to appeal to children.

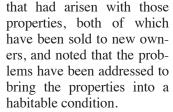
"They look like they're geared to kids, not adults," said Savage, with Catano noting that nicotine is as addictive as cocaine and other harmful substances. Bunker added that nicotine has been shown to have harmful effects on the human body, including the cardiovascular system and fertility.

"It seems we're always 10 steps behind the industry," concluded Carroll, noting that Juuls a few years ago previously had been the big problem, but now the industry has created a slew of new products.

The board then conducted a review, and granted approval, of the updated North Suffolk Public Health Collaborative Intermunicipal Agreement of which Revere is a partner with Winthrop and Chelsea. Buck presented the document for the board's consideration. After Buck highlighted the important parts of the document, the board voted to accept it, with Bunker signing on behalf of the board as its chair.

In its final piece of business for the evening, the board voted to ratify the decisions of the ISD and the city to remove from condemnation the residences at 71 Pitcairn Street and 56 Ambrose Street in view of the corrective actions taken by the owners of those premises to comply with the city's health and building department regulations.

Wells recapped for the board the history of the issues



"They no longer are a blight on the neighborhoods," added Wells. "These were tough decisions to make at the time, but they were necessary decisions, and it's nice to see that things have worked out."



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#### Colella Awards // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

young people of our city."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly said all of this year's award winners are worthy and live up to the expectations of what Colella had in mind when he created the program.

"Mayor Colella, Councilor Colella, School Committee member Colella was a champion of young students and he felt that we needed to do more in the early years when students are leaving elementary schools or middle schools and encourage them to continue to work with a strong work ethic that they have already demonstrated through high school and through college," said Kelly.

The principals or vice principals from all the schools highlighted the achievements of the award winners, as well as read words of praise from the student's teachers. Many of the students are already looking forward to colleges and careers once they graduate from the Revere Public Schools.

This year's George V. Colella Academic Achievement Award winners from eighth grade are:

Garfield Middle: Marco David Spiriti

Rumney Marsh Academy: Narolyn Baez Rodriguez

Susan B. Anthony: Tyler Pham

The fifth grade winners are:

Beachmont: Juliette Calderon Tejada

Garfield: Fartun Kastani Hill: George Fotiadis Lincoln: Tavleen Kaur Paul Revere: Gioia Scia-

raffa Whelan: Ariana Delplank Bastianeli

"This is a very important award, and later on tonight, we are going to talk about the (Revere Community Scholarships)," said Mayor Patrick Keefe. "Almost every year when we do a Community Award, a former Colella recipient receives it."

Keefe noted that for several of the past years, the funding for the Colella Award was provided by former Mayor Brian Arrigo. Keefe said the city is committed to solidifying the funding for the program in the coming years.

"I have to mention this,

Carol Tye always talks about how readers are good writers, and writers are good readers, and she always does a little bit extra on the community award," said Keefe. "She is a special person in our community who has championed for so much, and we are very thankful."



Lincoln Elementary School recipient Tavleen Kaur and Principal Cassandre Sermon along with her teachers, family members, and the city council.



# Community scholarship winners honored by council

#### By Adam Swift

The recipients of the 2025 City of Revere Community Scholarships were presented with Certificates of Achievement at Monday night's city council meeting.

The four graduating Revere High School seniors will each receive a \$2,000 scholarship to help pay for tuition or other expenses as they head to college next year.

The community scholarships are funded through taxpayers who voluntarily contribute to the fund on their tax bills, according to Mayor Patrick Keefe. Keefe also thanked former mayor Dan Rizzo for helping to fund the scholarship.

"I was very proud to see the names of these selections, because they are students you probably all know very well," said Keefe. "They have done a really great job in our community. I am very proud of each and every one of them, and they are all going to be going off to great institutions next year."

Rose Burns, the mayoral aide who chairs the scholarship committee, said the voting committee considers financial need, character, scholastic record, and extracurricular activities when awarding the scholarships.

"This year, we were able to give four graduates from Revere High School \$2,000 each to put toward their college tuition or other college expenses," Burns said.

This year's scholarship awardees included Jordan Martelli, who will be attending Merrimack College for forensics; Ava Cassinello, who will be attending Stonehill College to study communications disorders Susie Nicolas, who will be attending Suffolk University to study business; and Yanni Patel, who will be attending the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Services to study nursing.

Paul Revere Elementary School recipient Gioia Sciaraffa and Principal Maurice Coyle along with teachers, family members, and the city council.



A.C. Whelan Elementary School recipient Ariana Delplank Bastianeli and assistant principal Danny Gallucci along with teachers, family, and city councillors.



Garfield Elementary School recipient Fartun Kastani and Principal Dr. Percy Napier along with family, teachers, and the city council.



Susan B. Anthony Middle School recipient Tyler Pham and Principal Joanne Willett along with the council, family, and teachers.



Rumney Marsh Academy recipient Narolyn Baez Rodriguez and Principal Heather Anne Bobb along with the city council, teachers, and family.

#### CONGRATS, JALEEYAH FIGUEROA CAPUNAY, 2025 REVERE HIGH POET LAUREATE



Revere High School would like to congratulate Jaleeyah Figueroa Capunay for winning First Place in this year's RHS Poet Laureate competition. As the winner, she is invited to read a poem at next year's graduation ceremony. Jaleeyah will collaborate with Ms. Carter to prepare her poem for the event. Jaleeyah would like to thank Ms. Carter and her team for their dedication and support. Shown above, Jaleeyah (left), holding her first-place award, while Ms. Allison Carter is holding the winning poem.

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Hill Elementary recipient George Fotiadis and Principal Nancy Martel along with teachers, family, and the city council.

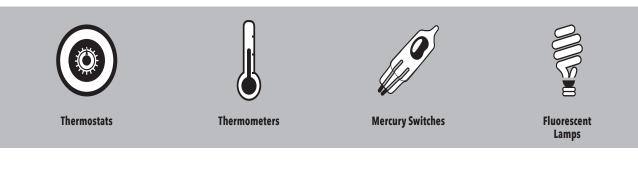


Beachmont Elementary recipient Juliette Calderon Tejada and Principal Chris Freisen along with family, Beachmont teachers and city councillors.

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#### WALK, BIKE, AND ROLL IN REVERE

#### Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

Revere residents offered their input on the City of Revere and Metropolitan Area Planning Council's (MAPC) drafting designs on infrastructure improvements that will make traversing through the city safer and more accessible during the May 21 Walk, Bike, and Roll Event at Revere High School (RHS).

"I think it's a big concern," explained Tom Skwierawski, Chief of Planning and Community Development, City of Revere. "One of the main concerns people tell us is traffic. "The ultimate goal would be to have safe places where people can get from one end of the city to the other and don't need a car."

Skwierawski revealed that there is a general agreement among residents that streets and rotaries are too congested and unsafe for pedestrians, drivers, and cyclists. Once opinions are gathered, the City of Revere and MAPC will release a plan to the community.

"The plan is building out a network of on and offstreet connections that can make it easier for people to walk, bike, and roll in Revere, and building strategies and goals to figure out how we can get this funded, and make sure these accommodations get plowed and maintained."

Skwierawski noted that a separated bike lane will be installed this spring along Bennington Street, connecting Revere to East Boston. He also mentioned that a pedestrian signal is anticipated to be installed on American Legion Highway near RHS this upcoming fall or next spring.

Revere High School freshman, Farah Meghraoua, a Shirley Avenue neighborhood resident, shared that having alternate, safe paths to meet up with friends in Hill Park would be more convenient, and help her feel more independent.

"It's hard. I have to use a car and bother my parents," said Farah. "I'd like to see safer routes for kids near Bell Circle. It's bad. Cars are coming everywhere."

Former Revere resident, Stuart Garfield, proposed a bike path along the existing Narrow Gauge Rail Trail to improve the connection that runs parallel to Revere Beach, leading to Lynn.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation will be partnering with Bike to the Sea, taking a few of their designs to full construction. Bike to the Sea is an organization that supports and advocates for the Northern Strand Rail Trail that travels from Everett to Lynn.

Remy Fung, Civil Designer, Howard Stein Hudson, explained that the transportation engineering firm based in Boston is in the high-level planning stages of its Revere Beach Connector project, linking families throughout the City of Revere.

"The three routes are paths we've identified as beneficial to different parts of the community connecting schools, or maybe connecting commercial areas to residential areas," described Fung. "All of them will



Jonah Chiarenza, Executive Director, Bike to the Sea, holding a bike pump, and Agnes Recato, Program Manager, Bike to the Sea, standing with an electric bike.

eventually get to Revere Beach."

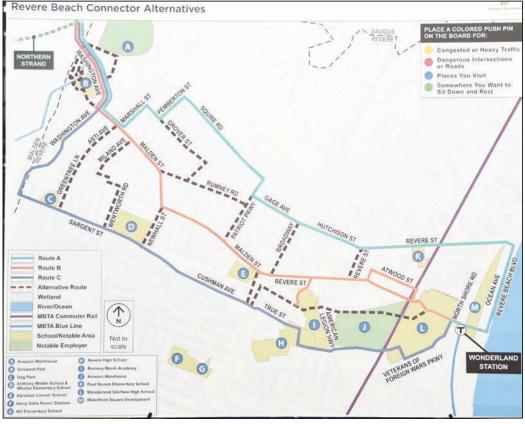
Fung was soliciting feedback regarding route preferences and safety concerns during the Walk, Bike, and Roll event. She feels that public safety on the road is worrisome for many residents; especially for children, and individuals who mainly walk or use another mode of transportation besides driving a vehicle.

"It's an important problem," Fung emphasized. "We don't know which segment will be done first; but we hope it gets done soon."

The Walk, Bike, Roll Event featured pizza, free bike repairs, local vendors, a smoothie-churning bike, raffles, and giveaways. Skwierawski hopes that the gathering raised interest and excitement about the plan; and that people will continue offering recommendations about the routes they most often take or would like to take.



Remy Fung, Civil Designer, Howard Stein Hudson, and Aiden Alderfer, Co-op., Howard Stein Hudson, sharing their map of Revere Beach Connector Alternatives.



The Howard Stein Hudson Revere Beach Connector Alternatives map encouraged visitors to indicate locations with the most traffic, and where individuals would like to rest on their route to Revere Beach.

Learn more about proposed improvements by visiting mapc.ma/revere-walkbike-roll.









Janie Katz-Christy, Founder, Walk Ride Days, with Revere resident, Joe Gravellese.

Samantha Lumaj and Nada Abou Hadiba, of the City of Revere Public Health Department, providing information about the Revere Beach Farmer's Market and Lifesavers League.

Diana Cardona, Owner, Chococaffee, with Julia Wallerce, of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, making a passionfruit smoothie.



Revere High School freshmen: Sierra Peti, Alisson Barrera, Meriam Benkirane, and Farah Meghraoua.



Former Rever resident, Stuart Garfield, discussing a proposed bike path along the existing Narrow Gauge Rail Trail path with Bryan Zimolka, Senior Project Manager, Transportation, Permitting Nitsch Engineering.



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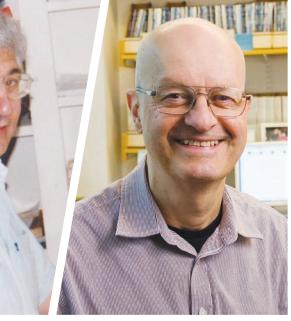


# Revere's prominent and preeminent, world-class, medical doctors and medical scientists









#### Dr. Charles A. Dinarello

#### By John J. Henry

Now that high school and college graduation season is upon us looking back over the years at what a number of former students and graduates of Revere's schools have achieved in higher education and in their chosen professions and careers, as they moved on from Revere, has proved to be very interesting. Beginning in the 1950's and extending into the 1980's, five worldclass doctors were raised in Revere and received their early education in Revere schools.

The question raised, is their stature as world-class medical doctors and scientists an expression of nature or nurture? The nature versus nurture debate is about which part of a person's intellect is more important, their inherited qualities, which include genes, or their personal family and environmental life experiences and influences relative to the way that they were raised. While the philosophical debate has gone on for thousands of years, whatever the case may be, five prominent and preeminent, world-class, doctors and medical scientists had their beginnings and received their early education in Revere. Here are their stories and medical accomplishments and achievements:

#### Dr. Dennis A. Ausiello

research work focuses on the development of cytokines-targeting biological therapies for the treatment of inflammatory diseases in humans such as rheumatoid arthritis, gout, Parkinson's disease and the treatment of tumor progression in cancer. Dr.Dinarello is considered one of the founding fathers of cytokines having purified and the first to identify Interleukin-1, a protein that helps the body's immune system fight infections.

Dr. Dinarello has trained over 50 medical investigators, many of whom are recognized as experts in their fields of medicine. The Institute for Science Information has listed Dr. Dinarello as the world's 4th most cited scientist during the 20 years from 1983-2002.

In 1998 Dr.Dinarello was elected to the United States National Academy of Sciences, and in 2011 he became a foreign member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the Weizmann Institute, (Israel) and the Ben- Gurion University, (Israel). He is also the former Vice President of the American Society of Clinical Investigation and he also served as President of the International Cytokine Society. He has received honorary degrees from the University of Marseille, (France), the Weizmann Institute of Science, (Israel), the University of Frankfurt, (Germany), Roosevelt University, (USA), Albany Medical College, (USA), Radbound University, (Netherlands), and Trinity College, (Ireland). For his contributions to the field of Cytokines and medicine, Dr. Dinarello received the Squibb Award, (USA), the Ernest Jung Prize in Medicine, (Germany), the Chirone Prize, (Italian National Academy of Medicine), Carol Nachman Prize, (Germany), Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Madktoum Award, (United Arab Emirates), Beering Prize, (USA), Albany Prize in Medical Research, (USA), Crafoord Prize of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, (Sweden), presented to Dr. Dinarello by the King of Sweden, the Paul Ehrlich and Ludwig Darnstaedter Prize,(Germany),the Stanton Prize, also known as the Colorado Nobel Prize,(USA),the Novartis Prize in Clini-Immunology,(Switcal zerland), the Bonazinga Award,(USA),and in 2020 the Tang Prize(Taiwan). Dr. Dinarello donates the monies from his prizes to the Interleukin Foundation, which he established in 2009 to support research on Cytokines. Currently, Dr. Dinarello is the Distinguished Professor of Medicine-Infectious Diseases at the University of Colorado School of Med-

#### **Dr. Steve Davis**

icine in Aurora, Colorado.

**Dr. Dennis A. Ausiello** 

Dr. Dennis A. Ausiello graduated from Revere High School in 1963 and he went on to study at Harvard College graduating, (cum laude), in 1967 with a Bachelors degree in Biochemical Science. After graduating from Harvard he entered the University of Pennsylvania, Perelman School of Medicine, where he received his Doctorate of Medicine in 1971. After graduation he did his clinical training at Massachusetts General Hospital, (MGH). Dr. Ausiello has said that he has been at MGH, off and on, since he was 17 years old. Dr. Ausiello advanced as a physician at MGH to become Chief of Medicine in 1996 serving in that position for seventeen years developing the MGH medical department to one of the strongest and most renowned departments of medicine in the country. He currently serves as Chief of Medicine, Emeritus, at MGH.

Dr. Ausiello has also served as the Chief of the Massachusetts General Hospital Renal Unit and oversaw its development into one of the most sought-after research and training programs in the world in kidney disease. He has been closely involved with Mass General Brigham, linking the resources of the Massachusetts General Hospital, Brigham and Women's Hospital, and Dana Farber Cancer Institute to provide comprehensive health care. Dr. Ausiello also serves as director of the MD/PhD Program at Harvard Medical School and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has also served as Chair of the Executive Committee on Research of the Massachusetts General Hospital, where he oversaw an annual research budget of \$350 million dollars. He proudly describes MGH as one of the greatest research hospitals in the world. Dr. Ausiello is a nationally recognized leader in academic medicine, having been elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in 1999, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2003. He served as President of the Association of American Physicians in 2006. He is the recipient of the Merit Award from the National Institute of Health. He also served as Chief Science Officer of the General Hospital Corporation, (a subsidy of Mass General Brigham, Inc.). Dr. Ausiello has written for many publications, including the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal, on various health subjects including human genetics, clinical trials, and the relationship between the academy and industry. He has published widely

on medicine in the twenty-first century and he is an internationally recognized scientist. Dr. Ausiello has published more than 150 papers and book chapters and co-edits Cecil's textbook of Medicine, now in its 22nd edition. Dr. Ausiello has served as a council member the National Institute of Diabetes, the Digestive and Kidney Disease Advisory Council and the National Advisory Council on Aging. He served on the Board of Directors of the Broad Institute, an independent partnership of Harvard and MIT faculty working in human genetics, as well as the Board of Directors of the nonprofit organization, Research America, the leading advocate group for investment in biomedical research in the United States. He previously served on the Board of Directors of Pfizer Pharmaceuticals and on the Board of Directors of eleven other companies involved in medical biotech, and biotech devices.

Dr. Ausiello is currently the Director of the Center for Assessment Technology and Continuous Health (CATCH), which he founded as a joint effort between

#### **Dr. Leonard Guarente**

completed a fellowship in

Pediatric Critical Care Med-

icine at Johns Hopkins in

1996, and he also received a

Master's Degree in Medical

Management from Heinz

College at Carnegie Mellon

University, where he served

on the faculty teaching lead-

ership development. Dr. Da-

vis also received a Master's

Degree in Strategic Lead-

ership from Michigan State

University. Dr. Davis was

appointed as Chief Operat-

ing Officer of Hillcrest Hos-

pital, in Ohio, a 500-bed fa-

cility with 2,500 employees,

(part of the Cleveland Clinic

system), serving from 1996-

Dr. Davis was subse-

quently appointed as Chief

Operating Officer of Cin-

cinnati Children's Hospital

in, 2015, and played a key

leadership position in the

planning and construction

of the \$600 million dollar

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region's largest hospital, a

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vere in 1955 and went on to study at Princeton University graduating in 1959. After graduation he entered Mc-Gill University in Canada, graduating in 1964 receiving his doctor medicine degree. Following graduation from McGill he did his clinical training at Yale medical center in internal medical from 1964-1966. Dr. Viola also did a residency in internal medicine at New York Presbyterian Hospital from 1968-1969. He has served on the staff of Memorial Slone Kettering Cancer Center in New York, and the National Cancer Institute of the National Institute of Health in Washington D.C. Dr. Viola has also held Professorships in medicine at a number of medical schools including at the State University of New York, where he served as Head of Medical Oncology and Director of the Cancer Center. He left academic medicine to become Director of Life and Medical Sciences in the US Department of Energy.

Dr. Viola credits his local doctor in, (Revere), who encouraged his interest in medicine while at the same time he became aware of the medical activist work of Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the world-renowned Nobel Price winner, for his reverence for life helping the poor and down trodden people in African villages. Dr. Viola decided to charter his own medical course beyond the neighborhood family medical practice to become more of a medical activist, in the reverence for life style of Dr. Schweitzer. Dr. Viola's medical career has been dedicated to the principle, espoused by Dr. Schweitzer, that "the purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others." While serving as Director of the Cancer Center in New York, the Gulf War in Iraq began. As he watched the bombing of Baghdad on TV he knew that five million residents of Baghdad were experiencing tragedy on the ground, with no electricity, no water, and no sewerage systems. It was a public-health crisis. So in 1991 Dr. Viola founded and directed, Medicine for Peace, (MFP), a medical relief and advocacy organization dedicated to providing care to victims of war. Dr. Viola and MFP have conducted medical programs during armed conflicts, and natural disasters, in El Salvador, Iraq, Bosnia and Haiti. In 1995, MFP focused on Bosnia, in the wake of the massacre of more than 8,000 Muslim men and boys who were killed. MFP launched a school-based mental health project and remained in Bosnia providing services for more than five years. MFP's more recent humanitarian work operates outside the theatre of war. In Haiti MFP established

#### **Dr. Charles A. Dinarello**

Dr. Charles A. Dinarello graduated from Revere High School in 1961;he went on to study at Boston University graduating in 1965, (magna cum laude). After graduation he entered Yale University receiving his Doctor of Medicine degree, from Yale, in 1969. Following graduation from Yale he did his clinical training at Massachusetts General Hospital, and until 1996 he was a staff physician at New England Medical Center Hospital, as well as a professor of Medicine at Tufts University. Dr. Dinarello also served as a senior investigator at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

Dr. Dinarello has also served on the editorial boards of several scientific journals and has published over 1000 original research articles and 250 reviews and book chapters on cytokines, particularly on Interleukin-1, and related cytokines.

Cytokines are small proteins that serve as chemical messengers in the immune system of the body to help cells communicate with each other, the so-called "software", that runs the immune system to grow, behave and interact in specific ways, to fight allergens, pathogens and harmful substances, fighting off diseases and infection and may be the key to understanding and treating autoimmune disorders. Dr. Dinarello's pioneering MGH and MIT physicians, scientists and engineers to provide real-time measurement of the human observable physical characteristics and properties in wellness and disease.

CATCH researchers are working to improve early diagnostics for disease, to develop better targeted therapies and to empower patients to use data to guide their treatment decisions and lifestyle choices. CATCH represents a critical step toward a transition in health care that will yield benefits in clinical care quality, discovery and innovation ultimately providing continuous and a fuller understanding of human health.

Dr. Ausiello also serves as the Jackson Distinguished Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Ausiello has also made significant contributions, as a renal cell biologist, leading to a better understanding of diseases such as Cystic Fibrosis. He is an internationally recognized research scientist for his substantial contributions in cell biology.

#### **Dr. Steve Davis**

Dr. Steve Davis graduated from Revere High School in 1980 and he went on to study at Johns Hopkins University receiving his bachelor's degree in 1984. After graduation he entered the University of Vermont receiving his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1989. Following graduation he did his clinical training at Pittsburg Children's Hospital from 1989-1992 and he served as Chief Resident from 1992-1993. Dr. Davis

ployees. Dr. Davis has stated that his goal is to change and improve healthcare for the children of Cincinnati and beyond and that, "he envisioned a world where children can reach their fullest potential, where racial and economic disparities would be eliminated and where the zip code you were born into doesn't shorten your life expectancy or your quality of life." Dr. Davis has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Medical Center since 2021. In 2022 Dr. Davis became the Vice Chair of an international network of more than 140 pediatric hospitals, "The Children's Hospital Solutions for Patient Safety" which has saved more than 29,075 children from serious harm and has lead to an estimated saving of

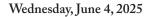
In 2023-2024 and again in 2024-2025 U.S. News and World Report named Cincinnati Children's Hospital as the number one children's hospital in the United States, replacing Boston Children's Hospital. The best children's hospitals list also includes national ranking across 10 pediatric specialties. Cincinnati Children's Hospital was named in the top 10 of each area and number one in cancer care, diabetes and endocrinology, neonatology and urology. Dr. Davis has stated, "We are incredibility proud and honored to be recognized as the best pediatric hospital in the nation."

\$635.9 million.

#### **Dr. Michael Viola**

Dr. Michael Viola graduated from Immaculate Conception High School in Re-

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#### THE REVERE JOURNAL

#### Over 100 Revere High School seniors recognized for their multilingual skills

#### Special to the Journal

At the recent Revere High School Bilingual Awards Ceremony, RHS senior Erta Ismahili said, "Bilingualism is a gift, not only to speak with more people, but also to connect with cultures."

"In my life, speaking multiple languages has offered me an opportunity to cherish my heritage and un-derstand others," she said. "At school, and especially in Revere, the hallways fill with languages of all types. Oftentimes, since language comes naturally to some, they fail to think of it as a



The awards are in recognition of graduating seniors who have studied and attained a high level of proficiency in two or more languages.



Mayor Patrick Keefe.



gift; rather, they think it's a function of life. In reality. I think of language as a bridge, spanning as far as possible so long as you build it."

Erta said that by immersing herself in a different culture and absorbing the language through multiple means, she was able to understand that language learning is an enveloping endeavor and not simply measured.

"By realizing how involved learning a language was, I was able to open my eyes to the experiences of others across the world, especially like my parents when they first came to America," she said. "Language proficiency is often expected, and those who struggle are often undermined. Despite this norm, America still has no official language for a reason. I hope that more people can understand the importance of building bridges across languages to connect cultures, practice empathy, and see the beauty of diversity in practice."

Erta was just one of over 100 Revere High School

seniors recently recognized for their strong multilingual skills at the third annual Bilingual Awards Ceremony on May 8. The award ceremony honored recipients of four awards, including the Massachusetts State Seal of Biliteracy.

The Seal of Biliteracy is given by the RPS Multilingual Learner and World Language Department on behalf of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in recognition of graduating seniors who have studied and attained a high level of proficiency in two or more languages. Nine different partner languages were represented among this year's award recipients; Albanian, Amharic, Bosnian, Darija and Modern Standard Arabic, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, and Vietnamese

Awards were broken into four categories, with some students receiving awards in more than one language. Of the 108 honorees, 14 students received the highest honor: the Massachusetts Seal of Biliteracy with Distinction for advanced proficiency. 72 students received

the Massachusetts Seal of Biliteracy, 11 received the Language Opportunity Coalition Bilingual Achievement Award, and 17 received the Revere Public Schools Bilingual Attainment Award.

Students earning the Seal of Biliteracy received medals to wear at graduation and official certificates of achievement. The Seal of Biliteracy is also noted on student transcripts, and many colleges and universities offer credits for students who receive the honor.

In addition to demonstrating their language skills on assessments, students were also asked to write an essay in both languages in which they discussed the impact of bilingualism on their lives. Student work was published in "Our Voices: A Multilingual Anthology."

"We recognize our graduating seniors who have demonstrated their bilingualism, and in some cases multilingualism, with one of four awards," said Jennifer LaBollita, RPS Director of Multilingual Learner and

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Erta Ismahili.



Nine different partner languages were represent-

# **OBITUARIES**

#### Barbara A. Dunbar

She was the quintessential doting mother who will forever be loved

Family and Friends are respectfully invited to attend visiting hours on Friday, June 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Barabra A. (Cataldo) Dunbar who died on Saturday, May 31st at her home in Peabody surrounded by the loving presence and care of her family. She was 91 years old. A Funeral Service will begin at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Interment will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne.

Barbara was born at home in Revere on June 5, 1933 to her late parents, Adam Cataldo and Barbrara (Breed) Cataldo. She was one of three children who were raised and educated in Revere. Barbara married her husband, Charles Dunbar in April 18, 1958. She was a proud and loving mother of her four children. The family lived in Revere, then later relocated to Whitman.

Barbara returned to the north shore to live with her daughter, Janice, in Peabody.

Barbara was the quintessential doting mother, who enjoyed cooking and especially baking many delicious treats from them. This tradition was her staple with the family, and she especially loved baking for her grandchildren. Barabra enjoyed taking walks, especially along Revere Beach.

She was happiest being surrounded by her family, who she truly cherished.

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She ws the beloved wife of 58 years to the late Charles J. Dunbar; the loving mother of Kathleen A. Cox and her husband, Steve Cox of Nashville, TN, Janice B. Catanzano and her husband, Stephen of Peabody, Stephen C. Dunbar and his wife, Kathleen of Georgia and Michael G. Dunbar and his wife, Leanne of West Peabody. She is the cherished nana of Heather Loretti of Revere, Lauren Laudani of New York, Stephen C. Dunbar Jr. of North Caolina, Casey-Anne Dunbar of Whitman, Marissa Duran of Kingston, and Daniel S. Dunbar of W. Peabody and several great grandchildren; the dear sister of Richard Cataldo and his wife, Donna of Georgia and the late Jan Holbrook and is also lovingly survived by several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

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please make a donation in Barbara's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 5012 ST. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertucciosmithvazza.com. Funeral arrangements entrusted to



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ed among this year's award recipients: Albanian, Amharic, Bosnian, Darija, and Modern Standard Arabic, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

NBC Nightly News, Good Morning America, and The

She will be always be remembered as being mom and nana and will forever be loved.

### Doctors // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

program in mobile clinics, and helped to improve the cancer treatment infrastructure of Haiti. Dr. Viola has been Director of Medicine for MFP for more than 25 years.

Dr. Viola has received a number of humanitarian awards including the International Award from the Christian Organization, Pax Christi, which recognizes grassroots activists working against violence and injustice in ongoing conflicts. He

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a cervical cancer detection also received an honorary degree, in human letters, from St. Joseph's College in New York. He is the recipient of the McGill University Medical Alumni, Global Award for Community Service, for treating patients in war torn Iraq and Bosnia and for setting up cancer detection clinics in Haiti. The award stated, that through his community service Dr. Viola has shown that a physician not only diagnosis ailments but can identify human rights abuses, and treats

more than just individuals but can rally other doctors to help heal entire populations.

Dr. Viola also received the 2019 TASSC International Human Rights Award, for providing medical services to alleviate suffering to survivors of torture. Dr. Viola also received the Princeton University Plasma Physics Laboratory Award, for his service in transferring his research from the laboratory to the marketplace, and to the world. Dr. Viola has been highlighted on ABC and

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McLaughlin Report and in featured articles in numerous newspapers throughout the country including the New York Times and New York Newsday. Dr. Viola has been featured in two award-winning documentaries, "Children of the Cradle" and "Opening Hearts" which recounts the story of Dr. Viola's work with Iraqi children. Dr. Viola is currently a medical internist in Hyattsville, Maryland with over 60 years of experience

#### **Dr. Leonard Guarente**

in the medical field.

Dr. Leonard Guarente attended the Revere Public Schools from 1952-1966. He went on to study at Boston College High School, graduating first in his class in 1970. He subsequently entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, (MIT), graduating in 1974 with a BS degree in biology. Following graduation from MIT he entered Harvard University graduating in 1978 with a Doctor of Philosophy degree in molecular biology. In 1981 Dr. Guarente returned to MIT as a professor achieving tenure in 1986. In 1991 Dr. Guarente launched the Aging Studies Program at the MIT Center on Aging to answer the age-old questions: Why do living things age? What genes influence aging? Is it possible to extend youthfulness by means of genetic manipulation? Dr. Guarente has been analyzing these questions throughout his academic career.

In 1995 Dr. Guarente developed the theory that longevity genes, which help organisms withstand stressful conditions, offer protective benefits that can extend life span and improve overall health if activated long enough. Dr. Guarente has shown that the longevity genes produce proteins called Sirtuins, which control a myriad of cells activating or inactivating these proteins. Using this mechanism in response to stress, Dr. Guarente believes, that Sirtuins, can act as a master regulator of cells in response to stress. Dr. Guarente has been focusing his studies on Sirtuins and how they coordinate a variety of hormonal networks, regulatory proteins, and other genes, with a net effect of keeping cells alive and healthy. Sirtuins play an essential role in cell survival, energy metabolism, inflammation, and aging and are potential therapeutic targets of type 2 diabetes, and cancer. Dr. Guarente has stated that Sirtuins are not likely to substantially extend life, but can make a major impact on the extension of our good health. Dr. Guarente feels that Sirtuins could be the key not to how long we live but an improvement in how long we stay healthy increasing our health span. Dr. Guarente is hopeful that Sirtuin-boosting drugs, which will slow

aging, will appear as a pharmaceutical drug within the next 10 to 20 years.

In 2000 Dr. Guarente was appointed as Novartis professor of biology at MIT. In 2023 Dr. Guarente authored the book, "Ageless Quest, One Scientist's Search For Genes That Prolong Youth".

Dr. Guarente is currently the Director of the Paul F. Glenn Center for the Biology of Aging Research of Aging at MIT.

Our five local doctors have risen to both prominence and preeminence, in their respective fields of medical science. They have made significant contributions to medical science and they have earned and deserve the deepest admiration of our community for their dedication to medicine. Their contributions to medical science have and will continue to shape medical science now and into the future, ensuring that both current and future generations benefit from their dedicated work as they continue to fulfill their responsibility and obligation of what it is to be a doctor, as stated by Hippocrates, the ancient Greek founder of medicine,

"That wherever the art of medicine is loved, there is also a love of humanity.

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

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#### Joan Hartnett

Registered Nurse and Retired Military Lt. Col.

Family and friends attend a visitation on Tuesday, June 3rd from 9 to 10:30 a.m,

in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St,. Revere, for Joan T. Hartnett who died on Thursday, May 29th at the Sunrise of Lynnfield following a long illness. She recently celebrated her 93rd birthday. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach St., Revere. Interment immediately followed in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Joan was born in Revere on May 13, 1932, to her parents, John and Mary Hartnett. She, along with her sister Mary, were raised and educated in Revere. She was a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1950. Joan then pursued her passion of becoming a nurse by enrolling in the Cheslea Memorial Hospital Nursing School. After she completed her studies, she began her career at Albert Einstein Medical Center. From there, she went on to work for Malden Hospital and Boston City Hospital. In the meantime, she enlisted in the United States Airforce Reserves in 1967 and became a Flight Nurse. Her career in the military spanned 25 years. During her time in the Airforce, Joan traveled all over the country and the world. She was honorably discharged and retired as Lieutenant Colonel in 1992. Joan returned home and continued



her work as a nurse in Boston City Hospital.

Joan loved being a nurse and did her job with the fullest measure of excellence. She was also very devoted to her family, especially her sister, Mary. In later years, Joan happily shared her time in Revere. Maine and Florida.

Joan was a very humble woman, who was devoted to her country, family and her passion of being a nurse.

The beloved daughter of the late John T. Hartnett and Mary I. (Turner) Hartnett, she was the loving sister of the late Mary Cassani and her husband, John A. Cassani and is also lovingly survived by many cousins, both living and deceased.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Joan's memory to the Mass General Brigham / Mass General development Office, 125 Nashua St. Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114 - 1101.

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#### Jane L. Bowman

She gave and received so much love in her life.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Mass on Friday, June 6th in the Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach St., Revere at 11:30 a.m., for Jane



## **OBITUARIES**

#### Verna Cefalu

**Retired Houghton Mifflin Executive Secretary** and faithful parishioner of St. Anthony's Church

Verna (Verrico) Cefalu, formerly of Revere and Peabody, passed on to her new life with God on May 29th under the gentle care of hospice and surrounded by family in her family home.

Born on April 13, 1938, Verna was a third generation Revere resident where she graduated from Revere High School, Class of 1955, married at St. Anthony's Church and raised a fourth generation family here. Later in life, she made her home in Peabody and there continued to nurture generations of her family.

Verna retired from Houghton Mifflin Company in Boston after many years of dedicated service as executive secretary to two successive presidents and where she had many friends. Yet, her true life's work was her devotion to her family as a mother and as a loving and supportive second mother to her grandchildren great-grandchildren and who she cherished deeply. She also cherished her active life-long friendships with her Revere friends, those from elementary and high schools, to her neighbors, to her group of St. Anthony's CYO Band mothers and their families.

A lifelong Catholic and faithful member of St. Anthony's Church in Revere, Verna remained deeply committed to her faith even when she could no longer physically attend Mass. An avid and talented knitter, Verna created and shared hundreds of hand-knit afghan blankets, sweaters, hats, and gloves throughout her life, gifting these to family, friends, and charitable causes alike. She was a voracious reader, and found joy in traveling, especially to Italy and to visit family and friends across the coun-

try.



"Guy" Cefalu of Revere and Porticello, Sicily. She was the cherished sister of the late Loretta Verrico, of Revere and the devoted daughter of the late Joseph and Laura (Terminiello) Verrico of Revere.

Verna is survived by her three children: Joseph Cefalu and his wife, Kathleen of Ipswich, Christopher Cefalu and his wife, Pamela of Peabody and Maria (Cefalu) Parsons and her husband, Paul of Methuen. She is also survived by five grandchildren: Derek Retalic of Saugus, Rachel Charest of Salem, Christopher Cefalu of Saugus,, Thomas Cefalu of New York City, NY, and Christina Cefalu of San Francisco, CA, and her two great grandchildren Jordan Cefalu and Dean Charest.

Verna Cefalu will be remembered as a blessing to all who spent time with her. She exuded a warm smile and a humorous wry wit. She quietly possessed and gracefully modeled a spirit of humility, kindness, generosity and self-sacrificing love, an example and gifts she passes on to those she loved.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 5 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Buonfiglio Funeral Home,128 Revere Street, Revere. A funeral service will be held on Friday, June 6 at 9 a.m. at Buonfiglio Funeral Home, followed by a 10 a.m. Mass at St Anthony's Church, Rever and in-

#### Steven M. Crombie Sr. Merchant Marine and Park Ranger retiree

The family of Steven M. Crombie Sr. announces with great sadness his passing at home on May 26, 2025.

A lifelong resident of Winthrop and a snowbird in Fort Myers, Florida, Steve graduated from Winthrop High School in 1971. An avid hockey and football player, he carried his love for sports throughout his life.

Steve went on to graduate from Massachusetts Maritime Academy in 1975 with a degree in Marine Engineering. After sailing supertankers with Maritime Overseas (specifically the Overseas Boston) around the world for 25 years, he retired in 2001.

But that was not the end of Steve's working days. For the next 19 years, he worked as a park ranger for the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), first with the marine unit and later at the Massachusetts State House. He loved rubbing elbows with the folks on the Hill. Steve was the man to know if you needed a parking spot at the State House!

Retiring from that role just a few years ago, Steve embraced his newfound freedom, splitting his time between his two favorite places. He loved spending winters in the sun in Fort Myers, enjoying quality time with his grandchildren. In Florida, Papa could often be found at his condo or sitting proudly in his "director's chair" on Steven Jr.'s driveway, happily playing with his grandkids and any of their friends who came by.

In Winthrop, his summers were centered around his beloved boat, the Claire-Karen II docked at Cottage Park Yacht Club (CPYC). Steve devoted countless hours over many years meticulously maintaining his vessel alongside his brothers, sons, and nephews. "Wax on, wax off" was always a labor of love and a happy occasion because it meant it was time to drop the boat in the water. Hundreds of hours were spent with family and friends voyaging in and around Boston Harbor and the islands. Lovells Island was a favorite spot - the Claire-Karen II practically knew how to get there on her own! Trips to Provincetown and the Cape were always fun, even if the Claire-Karen II might get a little confused by the change of plans. Steve's love of the ocean was instilled in him as a young boy, learning to sail at CPYC and later becoming an instructor. His parents, William ("Putt") and Claire her son, Richie Desisto Jr.; Crombie, were instrumental her twin sister, Anna Fronin keeping all five of their gillo; and her second huschildren busy and nurturing a lifelong love of the ocean. We invite you to celebrate Steve's approach to life Rose's life, remembering was marked by two favorite her as the spirited, funny phrases: "We can do this" and loving woman she was.



and "It's not complicated." Whether tackling a project, helping a friend, or guiding his family, Steve brought a steady hand, a positive spirit, and an unwavering sense of simplicity and determination to everything he did.

Whether he was "Papa" to Reese, Payton, and Maddox; "Uncle Steve" to his many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews; or "Hey Guy" to countless friends, Steve left an indelible mark on everyone he met.

Steve was predeceased by his parents, William and Claire Crombie. He is survived by his beloved wife, Nancy (McLean); his son, Michael Picardi; and his son, Steven Jr., and wife, Cassi. He leaves behind his cherished grandchildren, Reese, Payton, and Maddox. Steve is also survived by his siblings: Bill and Pat Crombie, Mark and Carla Crombie, Karen and Joe Wyson, and Brian and Sherry Crombie along with many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

His best friends who passed before him - Sully, Phillip, Ernie, and Justin are surely waiting to welcome Steve again.

The family invites all friends and loved ones to a Celebration of Life on June 6 from 3 to 8 p.m. at Cottage Park Yacht Club, 76 Orlando Avenue, Winthrop.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Cottage Park Youth Sailing, 76 Orlando Avenue, Winthrop, MA 02152 in memory of Steven M. Crombie Sr. Fair winds and following seas, Admiral. To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

Louise Bowman of Revere, who passed away on May 28th at the age of 66. Interment will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

She was the beloved daughter of the late Francis J. and Frances A. "Pinky" Bowman and devoted sister to the late James F. Bowman and John L. Bowman. She is survived by her cherished sister-in-law,Jun e Savignano Bowman, her nephew, Jake Bowman and his wife, Angela Bowman and niece Chelsey Bowman and her husband, Peter Schmidt. Jane especially doted on her great-niece, Beatrice

Bowman, and great-nephews, Jamie Bowman and Charlie Bowman-Schmidt.

She was a long time resident of the Bay Cove Group Home on Washington Avenue and saw her roommates and the staff as family. She also spent many years at Till in Chelsea and leaves behind a great many friends. Jane gave and received so much love in her life.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Bay Cove Human Services by visiting https://baycovehumanservices.org/donate

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#### Verna was the beloved wife of the late Gaetano F.

terment at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

#### **Rose Marie Desisto**

January 22, 1937 — May 30, 2025

Rose Marie Desisto, a spirited and funny soul, passed away on May 30, 2025.

Born in the heart of Boston on January 22, 1937 to Guido and Carmela Ciancarelli, Rose spent her entire life in Revere, a place she held dear to her heart. A loyal fan of Boston sports, Rose had a special place in her heart for the Bruins and Patriots.

reer as a welfare worker for the State of Massachusetts, showcasing her compassion and dedication. Always striving to help those in need, she was a beacon of hope and a pillar of support in her community. Even after retirement, Rose's impact continued to resonate with all those she touched.

ing.

Rose is survived by her daughter, Carole Stowell, and Carole's husband, Jim Stowell: her son, Robert Desisto, and his wife, Christy Desisto; and her daughter-in-law, Andrea Desisto. She was a devoted grandmother to Lynne, Amy, Marissa, Gina, Ricky, Anthony, Rob and Austin and a loving great-grandmother to Christopher, Gabby, Evie, Charlie, Luke, and Jack.

band, Richie Desisto Sr.;

band, Ed Canty.

lives she touched.

Please share your memories

and upload photos to Rose's

memorial page, cherishing

the joy she spread and the

take place today, Wednes-

day, June 4 with a visitation

from 10 a.m.to 12 noon fol-

lowed by a prayer service at

Buonfiglio Funeral Home,

128 Revere St., Revere.

Friends and family are in-

vited to attend. Interment

will follow at Woodlawn

Cemetery, Everett.

A funeral service will

Rose had a fulfilling ca-

Rose's life revolved around her family. She lived in a two-family home with her brother-in-law, Andrew Frongillo, who cared for her after her twin sister's pass-

Rose was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Guido and Carmela Ciancarelli; her first hus-

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"After all, if there is a heaven, we will find each other again, for there is no heaven without you." ~Nicholas Sparks—The Longest Ride

Derin, we know you are reunited with Dad again but we miss you

both every day.

We love you, Mom, Jenessa, Lauren & families

Please consider a donation to The Derin McWilliams Memorial Scholarship by sending a check written out to Revere High School, to 101 School St Revere MA 02151 (Derin McWilliams scholarship in memo pls) or venmo donations to handle @jenessa-dailey

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# Fifth year anniversary memorial held to cherish Corey Abrams' memory

#### By Cary Shuman

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Family and friends gathered Saturday to honor the late Corey Ford Abrams - a proud family man, loyal friend, devoted Boston sports fan, hardworking craftsman, and cherished member of the Revere community.

A large crowd attended the Fifth Year Anniversary Memorial at the Corey Abrams Community Garden on Broadsound Avenue.

Mayor Patrick Keefe, Paul Buonfiglio III, and Kailynn Abrams-Alford, Madyson Abrams, and Brianne Abrams - daughters of Corey and Kristin Abrams - delivered remarks during the program.

Buonfiglio told the gathering, "I know for his family every anniversary, every birthday, and every holiday are very difficult days for them, but I hope that on this day that we can try to remember the happy memories - his smile, his laughter."

Buonfiglio related a humorous story of how his wife was expecting a Christmas tree, "and I called Corey, and he said, 'Don't worry I'll have it delivered to your front porch before the end of the day.' And he leaves the tree with a note, 'Merry

Christmas, from your Jewish Christmas Elf.""

Mayor Keefe said, "This is now the fifth year that we've had a memorial of Corey's passing. The City of Revere and the family and some of the advocates and friends really championed to make sure that there was a space in Beachmont that gave us a chance to remember some of Corey's legacy, but I also think it's a place for us to all come and congregate and just talk and be friends and be good neighbors."

"This [garden] is part of his legacy. His family is part of his legacy. I'm grateful to have known Corey. His time on earth was certainly too short, but think about the good times, smile – hug the one next to you and don't be angry for long. Corey, thanks for putting this together for us. I know you're watching down on all of us, and I appreciate your family very much," concluded Mayor Keefe.

Kailynn Abrams-Alford said, "Your presence means so much as we come together to honor and remember my Dad on the fifth anniversary of his passing."

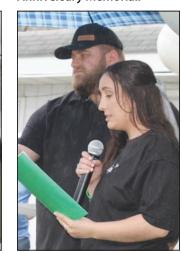
Calling her father, "a true family man," Kailyn added, "It feels incredibly special to be standing her in the garden named after him. It's more than just a place, it's a reflection of who he was. The garden sits right in the heart of the neighborhood where he grew up, next to Ford's Village. It is a place built by his grandfather and cared for by my Dad for years."

"My Dad was an amazing man," continued Kailynn. "His impact will be remembered forever - not just by us, but by this city, by this neighborhood, and by everyone whose lives he touched. Not a day goes by that he's not missed. His stories, his laugh, his lessons – they live on in all of us."

Madyson Abrams said,



Brianne Abrams, second oldest daughter of Corey Abrams and Kristin Abrams, delivers remarks at the Fifth Year Anniversary Memorial.



Madyson Abrams, the youngest daughter of Corey Abrams and Kristin Abrams, delivers remarks during the Fifth Year



The Abrams family is pictured at the Fifth Year Anniversary Memorial To Cherish Corey's Memory held Saturday at the Corey Abrams Community Garden, 125 Broadsound Ave.

of being vulnerable, afraid

of being judged, afraid that

I said the words out loud,

they's hurt even more. But

over time I learned that si-

lence only made the pain

worse. It wasn't until I

started seeing a therapist

that I realized the need for

support and the power of

treatment. I often describe

it like this: it felt like I had

a balloon constantly filling

with pressure. And every

time I shared a little piece of

my story, I let out some of

that pressure. I could finally

breathe. I could finally be-

need our schools, our com-

munities, and our families

to create safe spaces where

Madyson added, "We

gin to heal."



Former Revere School Committeeman Daniel Maguire, Adrienne Sacco-Maguire, Kristin Abrams, and Paul Buonfiglio III.

"I am Corey's youngest daughter. Like my father, struggle with mental Ι health."

"Sharing this with you all, in my Dad's garden, on the anniversary of his passing, is both empowering and imperative," said Madyson, who holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Suffolk University and is currently in the final year of a master's program at Salem State University pursuing a dual license in School Counseling and School Adjustment Counseling.

"After I lost my father to mental health. I didn't want to talk about it," said Madyson. "I kept it inside because I was afraid - afraid



Police Officer Joseph Singer, Kerri Abrams Perullo, and Director of Operations Michael McLaughlin.

mental health is treated with the same care, attention and urgency as physical health. We need to normalize reaching out for help. We need to teach our kids - and ourselves – that vulnerability is not weakness; it's courage. It's strength."

Brianne Abrams concluded the program by asking the people in attendance "to join me in three minutes of silent, mindful breathing."

"If you like, you can also grab some bubbles. I thought it would be a beautiful tribute to Corey's bubbly personality and his love for childlike joy and expression. Let's breathe together and honor Corev with presents, peace, and lightness."



Kailynn Abrams-Alford, the oldest child of Corey Abrams and Kristin Abrams, delivers remarks during the Fifth Year

Kerri Abrams Perullo and

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Vice President John Nucci,

to whom Kerri donated one

Anniversary Memorial.

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their lives.' At the ceremony, several students read excerpts from their bilingual essays in their partner languages and shared original poetry. Other speakers included Mayor Patrick Keefe, Jr. and Assistant Superintendent Dr.

ing bilingual means to them

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Lourenco Ĝarcia. "The Seal of Biliteracy, a mark of academic excellence that reflects the hard work, persistence, and commitment to learning across all cultures," said Mayor Keefe. "Learning about other languages, people, and cultures opens up opportunities to connect with others and reminds us of our deep commitment to understanding, respect, and love for all."

Dr. Garcia added that the Seal of Biliteracy, "Underscores the benefits of multilingualism and emphasizes the importance of language," while building bridges and fostering a connection with other cultures.

For more information about the Seal of Biliteracy and to read a digital copy of "Our Voices: A Multilingual Anthology, please visit the **RPS** Multilingual Learner and World Language Program, click on the QR Code.





Corey Abrams' wife, Kristin Abrams (third from right) and their children, (from left) Aidan Parillo (son), Madyson Abrams (daughter) Logan Abrams (son), Kailynn Abrams-Alford (daughter), and Brianne Abrams (daughter).



Mayor Patrick Keefe, former School Committeeman Peter Martino, Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto, Kerri Abrams Perullo, and Paul Buonfiglio III.

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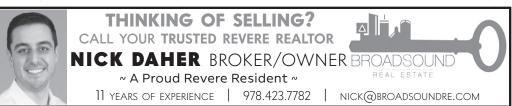
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# Sports

#### REVERE HIGH VOLLEYBALLERS SHUT DOWN WACHUSETT REGIONAL, 3-0



Jeffrey Garcia (2) puts a shot over the net.



Larry Claudio (13) gets above everyone to make a return volley.



#### Photos by Bob Marra

The Patriots waited nearly an hour for the volleyballers from Wachusett Regional to make their way to Revere through heavy MassPike traffic Thursday afternoon, and then the Patriots took just about that much time to dispatch the visitors, 3-0, in the preliminary round action of the MIAA Division 1 post-season tournament. Revere's success was short-lived, however, as the Patriots' season came to an end the next day, losing at defending Division 1 champion Newton North. Revere finished their successful season with a 15-6 overall record, making their fourth consecutive advance into the post-season tournament.





Lucas Jiminez (23) Juan Perez (1) and Isaac Portillo (31) keep a ball in play. return as Wachusett's Luke Putney lines up to block.





Feeling Patriotic as Revere moved toward victory are, left to right Joao Almeida, Caua Berger, Preston Kimemiah, Christopher Choc Chavez, Nicolas Garzon, Adnan Benmoussa, Yosniel DeJesus Ruiz, Anass Ouldzenagui.





#### Coach Lianne O'Hara-Mimmo, who started the RHS boys volleyball program in 2021 has led the team into post season play the post-season the past four years, shouts out advice from the sidelines.

Jeffrey Garcia (2) and Preston Kimemiah (20) line up to block a shot at the net.

Kawan Dias (3) places a shot between the outstretched hands of Luke Putney and Jared Andros.

MAY REVERE HIGH SCHOOL

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**KAWAN DIAS** 

is the Revere High male athlete of the month for

May. Kawan has been a key player in leading the RHS

volleyball team to a 15-5

record that has qualified the

Patriots for the post-season

state tournament.

THE MONTH



#### **RHS BOYS VOLLEYBALL WINS** TOURNEY OPENER

The Revere High boys volleyball team opened play in the MIAA Division 1 state tournament with a 3-0 victory over Wachusett last Thursday at the RHS gym in a preliminary round contest. The Patriots entered the

tourney as the 29th seed in D-1 and Wachusett was ranked 36th.

Larry Claudio turned in a superb effort for coach Lianne Mimmo's squad with 14 kills and eight assists.

Chris Choc Chavez set 17 assists for his teammates. Juan Perez and Kawan Diaz both delivered six kills apiece.

The Patriots then had to travel the following day to #4 Newton North for a match-up in the Round of 32. Although Revere fell

short by a score of 3-0, the loss did not diminish the Patriots' fine season in which they compiled a 16-6 overall record and finished in second place in the GBL.

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## FUN-damental Basketball Camp open to youths in local area

#### Special to the Journal

The FUN-damental Basketball Camp, open to boys and girls in local area cities and towns, will be held July 21 to July 25, 2025 at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center, located at 59 Summer Street in Everett.

The camp will be held between the hours of 9:00 am and 1:00 pm for boys and girls entering grades 3 thru 8 as of September,

**Bob Bolognese** 

Owner

is \$125.

Tony Ferullo, boys' varsity basketball coach at Mystic Valley Regional Charter School in Malden, will be the Director of the camp.

The purpose of the camp is:

• To provide all campers with the fundamental tools to help them become better basketball players;

• To create a positive at-

2025. The cost of the camp mosphere where the camper will learn and have fun at the same time; and

• To instill the spirit of the game into all campers, and inspire them to continue playing the game either competitively or just for fun.

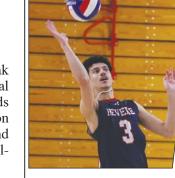
Each camper, who will receive a T-shirt and certificate, will participate in

various drills, scrimmages and individual contests.

Special guests will speak and share their personal basketball tips. An awards ceremony will take place on the last day of the camp, and parents and friends are welcome to attend.

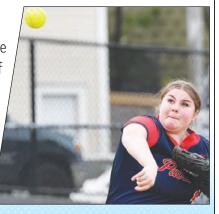
For more information about the FUN-damental Basketball Camp, please contact

Camp Director Tony Ferullo: 857-312-7002 or tferullo@suffolk.edu.



#### FRANKIE **REED** is the Revere

High female athlete of the month for May. Reed collected five hits in five at bats to lead the Revere High softball team to a come-from-behind victory over



Lynn Classical, 10-6, last week.



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#### REVERE HIGH GIRLS RELAY TEAM SET NEW SCHOOL RECORD AT MIAA D1 MEET



The Revere High girls 4 x 400 relay team of (I-r) Jaliyah Manigo, Ashley Cabrera Rodriguez, Rania Hamdani, and Gemma Stamatopoulos are shown at the MIAA Division 1 State Outdoor Track and Field Meet that was held at Tufts University this past weekend after they had set a new RHS school record with a time of 4:25.89, shattering the former mark that had stood since 2017 by more than four seconds. The Lady Patriot quartet finished in 16th place overall in the competition.

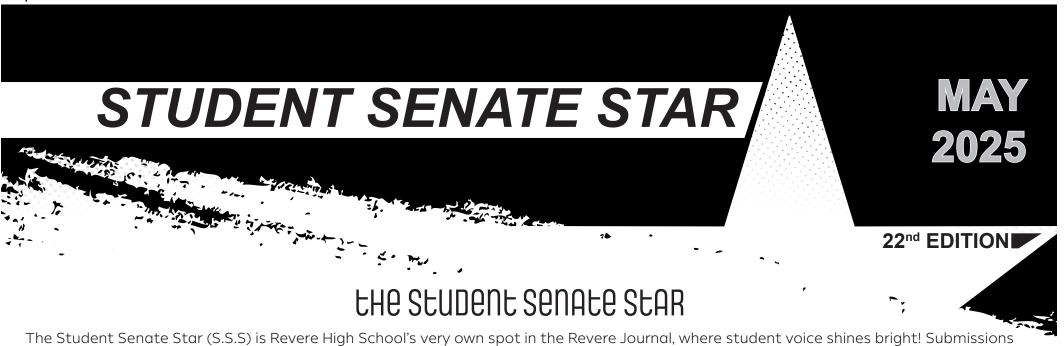
#### **RHS SPORTS** Through the Years

10 years ago June 8, 2015

The Revere High softball team opened the defense of its MIAA Division 1 North Sectional title with a 5-0 victory over Billerica Friday evening at the St. Mary's parish field. Lady Patriot ace pitcher Sabrina Palermo, one of Revere's three senior captains who was the Most Valuable Player in the Northeastern Conference this season, tossed a three-hit shutout, fanning four enemy hitters. The Revere defense backed up Palermo's outstanding performance, led by fellow senior captain Kristina Stella, who made some superb plays at her shortstop posi-

tion. Palermo herself also turned in a fine defensive display from the pitcher's circle with six assists for putouts. Revere's other senior captain, Victoria Russo, was a major contributor offensively with a home run over the fence in centerfield in the fifth inning and a base hit and run scored in the three-run Revere third frame that broke open a 0-0 deadlock. The other major contributors at the plate for Revere were junior Julianna Cecere, who came through with a two-RBI base hit in that third inning rally; freshman Victoria Correia, who stroked a ground-rule double for an RBI in the third; and Stella, who scored two

runs, including a steal of home (after she had walked and stolen second and third) to account for the fifth and final Revere run in the fifth. Coach Joe Cicarello and his crew now will meet 19th seed Westford Academy in the quarterfinals. Revere (which is the sixth seed in the D-1 North with a 15-5 regular season record) and Westford (which finished 11-9 on the year) coincidentally met in the regular season more than three weeks ago. Westford prevailed in that one, 4-1, in a Saturday morning encounter that was the day after the Revere High senior prom, which was attended by five Lady Patriot starters.



The Student Senate Star (S.S.S) is Revere High School's very own spot in the Revere Journal, where student voice shines bright! Submissions will be open for our editions sent out during the last week of every month as we hope to increase visibility of youth voice in Revere. Whether its op-eds, poems, stories, or any other form of writing, we hope to showcase the unique perspective of students across the city. Some pieces will be signed by writers, while other pieces may be signed "Student Senate Star" to preserve anonymity. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, email studentsenaterhs@gmail.com and/or reach out to our Instagram, @rhs.studentsenate! Enjoy our twenty-second edition!

# OPPOREUNITIES & INCLUSION COMMITTEE 2024-25 RECAP

As the 2025 school year comes to an end, the Opportunities & Inclusion Committee of the Student Senate has had an eventful year. For our last meeting, our Youth Scholars Fellowship Program (YSFP) had Rumney Marsh Academy middle school students take a tour of Revere High's STEM and Writing Centers; There, they gained insight on what it means to be a Revere High School scholar and fellow. Next year, we hope to expand the program to other schools in the district!

Additionally, the RHS American Sign Language club (ASL) has brought students together, partaking in activities to learn sign language. Our current advisor will be heading on maternity leave for the next year, so we are looking for a new advisor who is willing to learn with the students! No matter the fluency, if you or anyone you know is interested, please reach out!

Along with YSFP and the ASL club, this is the

hosted in Danversport, where students went through workshops to learn about coping strategies and support systems.

Partnering with RHS' Feminist Empowerment Movement club (FEM) and Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC), we hosted a survivor speaker workshop where students listened as speakers shared their experiences with sexual assault and their ongoing process of recovery.

Finally, we want to thank our wonderful seniors, Endurance Nkeh, Nicole Lei, Isha Hassan, Ivana

second year we have partnered with the NAN Project to host a Mental Health Workshop at RHS, where speakers share their struggles with mental health and provide resources to help support students. We have also expanded this initiative by organizing a field trip to the NAN Project's Mental Health Summit, Nguyen, and Dayna Phan, for their incredible dedication to building this committee from the ground up. This committee would not have been so successful without their passion and commitment to strengthening our school's community!

# GOODBYE, CLASS OF '25!

As the school year has flown by, its end is upon us. For many outside of the school system, this time of year signifies not much other than a change in the seasons or in what you might wear. For us seniors, it signifies not just a change, but a promise that our lives will never be the same. Facing this has been as daunting as it has been exciting. But why is it so scary to begin with? In all honesty, leaving RHS has begun to feel as if I am leaving a core part of who I am behind.

I, like many other students at RHS, have spent these dizzying last four years overwhelmed by countless extracurriculars, events, assignments, and personal struggles. Throughout it all, I found myself thinking "I can't wait for this to be over." While I am more than ready to move on, it is also important we reflect on the power of our efforts, and most importantly, our care for our community.

I've heard various staff members say the Class of 2025 is unique. Whether it's the fact that our class size is one of the biggest in recent years, or all of the memorable events we've hosted, what stands out most to me is our tenacity. We were the first full class back from the lockdown in 2020, and we have made the most of it. We brought back the spirit of the RHS Talent Show with a resounding success. We raised more money for Haunted Hallways than previous years. We threw a Senior Prank Party that brought smiles to tired faces. Throughout our challenges and division, we stuck with it. And thanks to our commitment and care for those around us, we succeeded.

Even more telling of our tenacity than the fun and successes has been our struggle. The Class of 2025 fought for a new Wonderland, and at first, failed. Yet still, we bounced back stronger and petitioned for its creation, despite the fact that we'll never attend at the new location. We faced overwhelming coverage of school fights and administrative challenges as we began our senior year. We now enter postsecondary education in a landscape that is defined by instability and antagonization. Now, more than ever over the past four years, our differences are deemed to be weaknesses rather than strengths. Throughout these challenges, I still have hope that we will use our experiences for good: to create a world that is better than we felt before, just as we did with RHS as we leave now.

Over the past few years, the RHS Class of 2025 has remained strong. With it, the Student Senate has blossomed into the organization it is today. This organization has taught me the power of not only my own voice, but how strong we can be when we

work together. Our care for our community reminds me that the work for representation never ends. My hope is that future classes look to our actions and collaboration as a beacon of what is possible. Our seniors have accomplished great successes: acceptances into colleges, experiences of internship opportunities, and milestones of independence. Still, we have also faltered: rejections, separation, and insecurity. All of these moments have made us who we are today. To the Class of 2025: know your worth, don't forget your roots, and use your experiences as a lesson. To the underclassmen: be patient with yourself, find your passions, and care for your community. To the staff and teachers: be proud of your sacrifice, continue to connect, and be confident in your dedication. To the rest of Revere: have courage, view your neighbors as friends, and

listen to the youth of today and tomorrow. We, as a class, have taken these values to heart. Ultimately, without a doubt, my peers have made me proud to say I am from Revere. We are strong because we have struggled, and through it, we have come together as one.

> In Community, Erta Ismahili, Student Senate Chair







#### RHS PATRIOT VARSITY BASEBALL RECOGNIZES THEIR SENIORS AT FINAL HOME GAME

The RHS Patriot Baseball Seniors were recognized before the final game last Monday evening at Conigliaro Field. Family and friends joined in to wish the seniors well, and to thank them for their dedication to the team, and their guidance to the younger players.



The RHS Patriot Seniors with family and friends at the final home game for the 2025 regular season.



Senior Ismael El Gharbi with his mother Johanna and brother Ashley, and Coach Sebastian Salvo.



Senior Brendan Sack with his parents Dianne and Scott, Grandmother Dianne and Head Coach Sebastian Salvo.



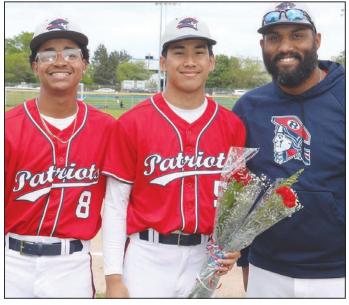


Senior Ivan Chavarria Garcia with his mother Yessica, sister Amy and friends, with Head Coach Sebastian Salvo.

Senior Seth Sullivan with his parents Leanne and Scott, sister Joli, girlfriend Ella and nephew Reign.



Senior CJ Flores with his mom, Loida, sisters Gabby and Lulu, and Coach Sebastian Salvo.



Senior Danny Hou with teammate Sergio Peguero and Head Coach Sebastian Salvo.

#### **Roundup** // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11 RHS SOFTBALL tennis team drop

FALLS IN TOURNEY

The Revere High softball team came up on the short end of a 9-1 decision at Framingham in an opening-round contest of the MIAA Division 1 state tournament this past Sunday.

Coach Megan O'Donnell's squad entered the tourney as the #35 seed in D-1 with a 13-7 record, while Framingham was the #30 seed with an 11-9 mark.

The host Lady Flyers flew out to a 6-0 lead in the opening inning, a deficit from which the Lady Patriots proved unable to recover. Framingham tacked on single runs in the second and fourth frames.

Danni Hope Randall tossed all six innings for Revere, allowing 11 hits and striking out nine Lady Flyer batters. Senior Frankie Reed provided the offensive spark for Revere with two hits.

Despite the tourney setback, the Lady Patriots achieved a fine season in which they finished in fourth place in the Greater Boston League.

#### RHS GIRLS TENNIS FALLS IN TOURNEY

The Revere High girls

tennis team dropped a 5-0 decision to Malden in the opening round of the MIAA Division 1 state tournament last Wednesday.

Head coach Carla Maniscalco's squad entered the tourney as the #36 seed in D-1 with an 8-5 record, with Malden rated as the #29 seed with a 12-2 mark.

The Lady Patriots had met the Lady Golden Tornadoes, the undefeated champion of the Greater Boston League, twice during the regular season, with the latter prevailing on both occasions by scores of 5-0.

Despite the loss, Maniscalco praised her team's performance this season.

"The team had a very good season," said the longtime head coach, who was a member of the Revere state championship tennis teams in the 1980s. "They were competitive and ready to play from the first match until the very end. Their focus from the beginning helped them qualify for the state tournament for the second year in a row.

"Our seniors played a crucial role all season: Dayna Phan at first singles, Erta Ismahili at second singles, Rachel Sanchez and Cesia Loza at first doubles, and Kiara Munguia and Keila Loza at second doubles," Maniscalco continued. "Stephanie Phan filled in often in second doubles and third singles. She was always ready to step up when needed.

"All of the seniors were excellent role models for the underclassmen and will be greatly missed," Maniscalco added. "In addition, freshman Genevieve Belmonte should be recognized. Genevieve played third singles and had a very impressive first year."

#### RHS GIRLS 4X400 SETS NEW SCHOOL RECORD AT STATES

A contingent from the Revere High School girls outdoor track and field team competed in this past weekend's Division 1 State Meet that was held at Tufts.

The highlight of the meet for coach Racquel MacDonald-Ciambelli's Lady Patriots came from the 4x400m relay team, who set a new school record with a time of 4:25.89. The quartet was composed of Ashley Cabrera Rodriguez, Jaliyah Manigo, Rania Hamdani, and Gemma Stamatopoulos. They broke the old record that had been set in 2017 by over four seconds to finish in 16th place, a nice improvement over their seeding of 23rd, moving up seven total spots.

"Every girl on this relay team also broke at least one additional record this year as well," said MacDonald-Ciambelli. "They truly were a super-talented quartet."

Three Lady Patriots competed in individual events. Gemma Stamatopoulos competed in the 400m hurdles on Thursday at Tufts and came away with a lifetime personal record (PR) of 1:12.11. This was good for 22nd overall out of 38 competitors.

Liv Yuong competed in the long jump. Liv jumped 16 feet, but fouled on her two other attempts. Even with only one jump, Liv came away placing 19th overall.

Freshman Haley Peralta also competed in the javelin. Haley threw for 74'-4", taking 18th overall.

"Only one other freshman placed higher than Haley, so the future is bright for her in this event," noted MacDonald-Ciambelli.

#### Wednesday, June 4, 2025

#### **REVERE** Through the Years

#### 20 years ago June 8, 2005

Revere High science teacher David Eatough has been studying the habits of the Eastern coyote in an urban setting in Revere, but recently discovered that three of the five coyotes he has been following in the Woodlawn Cemetery have been poisoned.

City Planner Frank Stringi told the City Council that the reconstruction project for Shirley Ave. should begin shortly.

The annual Sand Castle Festival at Revere Beach is set for July 15-17 and will feature 10 international sandcastle sculptors.

The City Council voted 6-4 to approve \$148,500 in deficit spending for the current fiscal year.

A 14 year old youth said he was abducted at knifepoint at 10:30 p.m. as he walked along Constitution Ave. where he was forced into a car by two males and a female, robbed, and then dumped out of the vehicle near Harry Della Russo Stadium.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Batman Begins, and Cinderella Man are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

#### 30 years ago June 7, 1995

The City Council, citing air and noise pollution concerns, has ordered the City Solicitor to take all necessary legal action to stop the construction of a batching plant at Rowe's Quarry. The council took the action after hearing from an attorney for the company who tried to explain that a batching

plant merely speeds up the rock-crushing process and will have no impact on Revere residents.

Carmen A. "Tony" Martucci, the chief of the Re-Auxiliary Police, vere passed away Sunday at the age of 76. He was an original member of the auxiliary police from its formation in 1960.

Deputy Fire Chief Lawrence Horgan retired this week after 37 years of service with the Revere Fire Dept.

The city and Fire Dept. union officials have agreed to a new contract with raises of 2-3-2 percent over the next three years.

A Sumner St. man who is reputed to be a member of an Asian gang was arrested after allegedly firing several shots from a rifle from his third floor porch at several members of the Blood Red Dragon gang who were on the street below where they were smashing the windows of a car with four other people in it.

Congo, The Bridges of Madison County, and Braveheart are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

#### 40 years ago June 8, 1985

Diplomas were awarded to the 386 members of the RHS Class of 1985 this morning in exercises held at Harry Della Russo Stadium. Student speakers were Class Valedictorian Mark S. Miller, Salutatorian Susan M. Kelley, and Class President Michael A. Ross.

With Mayor George V. Colella and Carabetta Enter-

prises, the developer of Revere Beach, having ironed out their differences regarding the financing of the Revere Beach project, Carabetta now has a new issue to contend with regarding the color of its buildings. Carabetta wants to use exposed aggregate panels, similar to what it used a few years ago on the 90-unit Seaview Towers, but state officials from the State Design Review Board want Carabetta to use a darker color.

Channel 5 news reporter Susan Wornick could be facing jail time for refusing to name her source before a Suffolk County grand jury for a story she did in February concerning the looting of a CVS store by Revere police who had responded to an early-morning burglar alarm.

Life-long resident Pat Tata, a 35 year veteran of the Revere Fire Dept., has announced his candidacy for City Councilor-at-Large.

Tina Malfitano The School of Dance will hold its 38th annual revue Friday night in the RHS auditorium.

Goonies, Brewster's Millions, and Perfect are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

#### 50 years ago June 4, 1975

The 550 members of the RHS Class of 1975 will receive their diplomas tomorrow morning in Harry Della Russo Stadium. Student speakers will be Valedictorian Laurie J. Kane, Salutatorian Debra A. Gravallese, and Class President Dom Finelli. Class Day exercises were held this morning at Augustine's Restaurant on Route 1 in Saugus.

The City Council has killed plans for a new middle school, but voted favorably to conduct a public hearing to authorize a bond for a new \$6,091,000 elementary school in Beachmont. The middle school proposal was opposed by virtually every group in the city, including the PTA.

As expected, Mayor William G. Reinstein's appointment of Samuel Moschella as the new City Auditor has raised a furor with the City Council.

Ellen Burstyn and Kris Kristofferson star in Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore at the Kincade Theatre.

#### 60 years ago June 10, 1965

The 557 members of the RHS Class of 1965, the largest number of grads ever in the history of Revere High, will receive their diplomas this morning when they step to the podium at Paul Revere Stadium. Student speakers are Valedictorian Stephanie Karem, Salutatorian Ann Toomey, and Class President William Cintolo. Philip A. Driscoll, Dean of Admissions at Brandeis University, will be the guest speaker.

Congressman Torbert A. Macdonald has announced that a federal grant of \$921,000 will be awarded to the city in anti-poverty funds under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 for job training programs.

City Councilor Frank Fiore Jr. and his father, who operate a liquor store at 288

American Legion Highway, were robbed of \$900 Friday night by a man who had a hand in a pocket and indicated he had a gun.

Throngs of parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church attended a jubilee Mass and reception for Rt. Rev. Msgr. Patrick J. O'Connell on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood.

The City Council has rejected a plan to increase the number of wards in the city from five to seven. Councillor George V. Colella had proposed that Ward 4 be divided into three wards

Rita Ferullo is the new President of the Revere Emblem Club

James Garner and Steve McQueen star in The Great Escape at the Revere Drive. Lana Turner stars in Love Has Many Faces at the Revere Theatre.

#### 70 years ago June 9, 1955

Revere American Legion Post 61 will play host to the Mass. American Legion next week when thousands of delegates of the organization come to Revere for the annual state convention. The festivities will be highlighted by a banquet Monday night and a mammoth parade featuring 50 bands and drum and bugle corps.

The 310 members of the Revere High Class of 1955, the 50th anniversary Revere High class, will hold their first-ever outdoor exercises at Paul Revere Stadium this morning. The Revere High graduations usually have been held in the Revere Theatre, but the installation of a new and larger movie screen has not left enough room on the stage for the graduation exercises. Class President Gerald L. Finkelstein will present the Class of '55 gift to the school to the Junior Class President, Roger Marino.

#### 80 years ago June 7, 1945

The Revere Theatre was filled to capacity this morning for graduation exercises for the 291 members of the RHS Class of 1945. There are 31 members of the class serving in the armed forces whose diplomas were presented to their parents. Miss Libby Kabler delivered the valedictory address and Harold S. Zamansky the salutatory address. School Committee Chairman John J. Riley presented the diplomas. Wilfred F. Kelly, headmaster of South Boston High School, was the guest speaker.

The Chelsea Creek Realty Co. presented the City Council with a petition for the establishment of an oil farm with a capacity of 68,400,000 gallons. It is to be located on Lee Burbank Highway at the same location as the present oil farms.

Public hearings were held this week on the subject of pay raises for Revere's fire and police personnel. The raises would bring the chiefs' salaries to \$3300, captains to \$3100, lieutenants to \$2900, police sergeants to \$2800, third year patrolmen and firemen to \$2600, second year personnel to \$2400, and starting salaries to \$2200.

# Neighbors object to new garage at home on Endicott Avenue

#### By Journal Staff

The Revere Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) held its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, May 28, his home at 225 Endicott Ave.

construct a 3-car garage at in the neighborhood by a net of two vehicles.

Mr. Davis also noted that Mr. Davis presented the his in-laws often come to application on his own be- the house to watch his two half. He noted that his home children and parking on the feel for them because they street can be difficult. A neighbor on Bellingham Ave., Nick Daher, spoke in favor of the proposal. "They are tremendous neighbors and I've seen them start a family of their own and have seen the difficulty they have with parking on their street," Daher said. Jeremy Cosgrove, another Bellingham Ave. neighbor, also supported the application. "I see them shuffling cars all the time," said Cosgrove. However, Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna spoke against the application. "When I first looked at the proposal, I told the Davises that I saw no problem and that they had plenty of room to put in a driveway," said McKenna. "But then I spoke to the neighbors and it was brought to my attention that Mr. Davis is running an illegal Airbnb on the third floor of his home. He wants the parking for his Airbnb guests and he supposedly has been issued a cease-and-desist order by the city. 'We have to follow the rules in Revere,...you have to follow the rules by registering it (the Airbnb) and having adequate parking," added McKenna, who wrote the city ordinance governing Airbnb units. Vinny Massone, a resident of 251 Endicott for 31 years, spoke against the proposal. "I sympathize with their parking problem, which is something we all have to deal with," he said. "But he is running an Airbnb and inviting people into the neighborhood, whereas the rest of us are all just looking for some place to park."

Another resident, Loraine Rossi, of 221 Endicott Ave., also spoke against the proposal. "Everyone here has parking issues," she said. "I

established to protect our 20 feet within the RB Disneighborhoods and we ask the board not to reward vice and punish virtue."

After the opponents had

trict to enable her to construct a 15.7' x 16.7' single story addition.

Ms. Cindy Molina, the spoken, Davis requested homeowner, presented the application. Molina noted that she and her husband are requesting the variance in order to add more living space for their family. The board had no questions. There were no opponents and the board unanimously approved the application. The final matter of the evening was a request from Michael Trapula, 87 Jones Rd., for variances from the minimum front-yard and side-yard setbacks to enable him to construct a carport at 87 Jones Rd. Mr. Trapula presented the application and two neighbors voiced their support for Trapula. Ward 1 Councillor McKenna said she had spoken to a neighbor who had told her that the project initially had created run-off onto her property, but Mr. Trapula has taken care of that issue. There were no opponents. However, the board members raised the issue that this was an after-the-fact request because the carport already has been constructed and the Building Department has issued a cease-and-desist order. Trapula said that he constructed the carport to protect his expensive motor vehicles and apologized for not having followed the proper procedure with the Building Dept. and the ZBA. However, the ZBA had not received the structural documents from Trapula's engineer in time for the meeting. The members voted to continue the matter until its meeting next month to allow Trapula to submit the documents.

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2025, 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, James O'Brien, Arthur Pelton, and alternate member Peggy Pratt.

The first matter was an application from Edward Davis, who was requesting variances to enable him to is surrounded by "homes with garages and curb cuts and I'm just looking for what the other homes in my neighborhood have," he said.

He also noted that his proposed garage and wider curb cut will remove three of his cars from on-street parking, while eliminating only one on-street space (because of the wider curb cut), thereby increasing on-street parking



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have little kids." However, Rossi stated that the prior renovation project to the Davises' home created runoff issues on her property and she feared that the addition of a garage will add to the problem.

"My mother lives at 221 Endicott and I fear this will create an igloo for her in the winter," said Rossi.

A resident of 247 Endicott Ave. spoke against the application. "I moved to Revere in 2016 and I love our little neighborhood, but it seems like more and more of the green spaces are disappearing, as well as the trees," she said. "I completely empathize with them because of the parking, but I would like to see as much green space preserved as we possibly can."

Maribeth DiBlasi, the owner of 237 Endicott Ave. who lives on Bellingham Ave. said, "I understand the struggle with parking. I like Ed and I understand that he wants to improve his property, but he is operating a business that profits from short-term rentals and without that, I would be sympathetic to his request. To me, this does not represent a hardship for a family in need of fixing, but caters to a commercial interest that places the burden on our streets and our sense of community. He is a 'super host' who advertises throughout No. America and Canada and hosts up to four guests for a minimum of four days. We're already feeling the strain of increased traffic congestion. I like Ed and his family and his cat. We don't want to lose green space and a sense of community to support his business. Zoning laws were

that he be allowed to withdraw his application "without prejudice" to enable him to speak to the neighbors and modify his request, and the board voted to do so.

Patricia Romano, 41 Stevens Street, came before the ZBA requesting variances to enable the construction of a duplex-style, two-family dwelling on three vacant lots at 617-619 Keayne Street consisting of 6563 sq. ft. in a Residential Business (RB) district.

Atty. Joseph V. Catoggio Jr. presented the application.

'The lots need a variance for depth. These lots, and the others along the street, were created in 1918. They are irregular lots that now create a hardship given the revised zoning ordinances that have been updated since that time," said Catoggio. "The new home will enhance the immediate neighborhood with the removal of a vacant lot that has been a bit of an eyesore."

Nick Romano of 41 Stevens St., a lifelong resident, said he will be living in one of the new units. He said that with the lack of housing in Revere, as well as the high cost of housing, the proposal will be a positive development for the city.

Tucker said he had spoken to the ward councillor, who had no objections. There were no opponents and the board unanimously voted in favor of the application.

The next application pertained to 105 Eustis St., in which the homeowner came before the board requesting a variance of Revere Revised Ordinances (RRO) Section 17.24.010 with respect to the minimum rearyard setback requirement of

The ZBA's next meeting is set for June 25.

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#### **ELECTION SEASON**

City Council President Mark Casella (above) and Ward 5 Councillor John Powers (below) recently hosted campaign fundraisers. Photos, PAGE 11.



#### By MICHELLE CERULLI Special to the Journal

**EDUCATION** 

Tith one daughter heading off to college this fall and another close behind, principal of Revere High, Dr. David DeRuosi, knows what watching kids grow up is like. Add over a thousand more students to the equation and you've placed yourself in DeRuosi's shoes as high school principal.

When asked if it is difficult to develop personal relationships with his students simply because there are so many of them, DeRuosi replied, "Absolutely. It's very difficult for me to remember every-

# **Big ideas**

Expanded course offerings are just one of the highlights of DeRuosi's first two years as Revere High's principal

one's names. But what I think is more important is that the students know me. They are very comfortable coming into my office and seeking me out for help. I walk the halls and go into the classrooms. For them to know me and see me is important. I want them to know

that I am always accessible," he said.

Approaching his third year as principal, it seems as if DeRuosi couldn't be happier. "This year

RHS Principal Dr. David DeRuosi is anxious to see how his students respond to the revamped curriculum when the 2005-06 school year begins in September.

#### A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH



### **COMMUNITY**

# Step up to the microphone

Siriani among

"Fiddler on the Roof" classic "If I Were a Rich Man" and said he thought he had the competition under wraps, until the judges including Channel 5's Dixie Whatley - told him they had trouble hearing him. "I don't think anybody sang better than I did, but I think I got disqualified because of diction," the Cataldo Drive resident told the Journal. "I do know the microphone technique was bad on my part. I did my song and it came off good. I got many great compliments from the judges.' Siriani is famous locally for his singing, and many have seen him in high school plays, local productions and on the Revere League of Special Needs telethon. A respiratory therapist by trade at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston, Siriani also is very active in fund-raising and volunteer activities for the Greater Boston Association of Retarded Citizens (GBARC). His love of music and singing

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#### DANCE CLASS

Lincoln School sixth graders bring the 2004-05 school year to a rhythmic conclusion. PAGE 6.

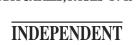
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Jonathan and Alexis Larivee enjoy one of the carnival-style attractions at the city's Fourth of July celebration Monday at the Revere High School athletic field.

#### **ON THE BEACH**

# Kayaking program begins this week

#### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Beach is back in season and the city and RevereCARES have put together several free youth programs, including the traditional sea kayaking program.

The kayaking program began three years ago and includes instruction from Charles River Canoe & Kayak employees followed by an afternoon of sea kayaking just off Revere Beach, all supervised by

Revere's Safety Boat Officer Arthur MacDonald.

This year's sessions are:

a.m. to 1 p.m. • Monday, July 11, from 1:15

p.m. to 3:30 p.m. • Monday, July 25, from 1:15

p.m. to 3:30 p.m. • Wednesday, July 27, from 2:15

p.m. to 4:30 p.m. • Thursday, Aug. 4, from 9:45

a.m. to noon

• Monday, Aug. 8, from 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

•Wednesday, Aug. 17, from 9:15 • Thursday, July 7, from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Registration is required and sessions are held at Eliot Circle on Revere Beach.

In addition to this summer's kayaking program, there will also be a free Fishing 101 program to teach kids about fishing, fish species

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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.

# 18 finalists in PopSearch competition

BY SETH DANIEL seth@reverejournal.com

Were it not for a tricky microphone, Revere's Lou Siriani could have been center stage before thousands, singing with the Boston Pops for Boston's Independence Day blowout last weekend.

Siriani was one of only 18 finalists who competed in a competition concert at Symphony Hall in the style of the popular TV show "American Idol" on June 5. The eventual winner actually got to sing at last weekend's celebration in Boston. Siriani showed off his pipes with a very animated version of

#### REVERE SENIOR CENTER KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

#### Photos by Marianne Salza

The Revere Office of Elder Affairs held a Kentucky Derby party on May 28 at Saint Anthony of Padua Parish. Senior center members, topped in floral fascinators and fedoras, enjoyed lunch provided by Bono Appetit, and entertainment by vocalist, Wendi Joy.



Vocalist Wendi Joy providing entertainment.



Jeanette and Ralph DeRosa dancing to "Best Thing that Ever Happened to Me."



Jimmy and Donna.



Tony and Lois D'Ambrosio, Marian Maffeo, Joe Russo, Geri Damiano, Charlie Russo, Larry Russo, Rita Russo, Joe Guarino, and Irma Accettullo.



Judy O'Keefe, Linda Grover, Leah DePaolo, Betty Wing, Letecia, Susan Uysal, and 100-year-old Hazel Shiner.





Linda Doherty, who created 20 fascinators for friends, with Rose DeLuca, Norina Longo, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Jeannette Cuzzi, Eleanor Vieira, and Diane Piper.

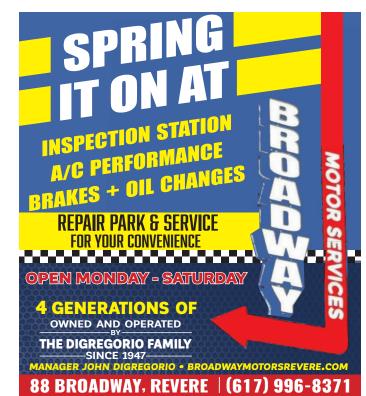


Mina Canas and Susan Martelli, Administrative Clerks, Amanda Bonasoro, Owner of Bono Appetit, Councilor Ira Novoselsky, Councilor Paul Argenzio, John Kingston, School Committee, Julie and Robert Raftery, and Anna Piccardi, Assistant Director and Transportation Coordinator.

Rose DeLuca, Councilor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Councilor Joanne McKenna, Linda Doherty, and Irma Accettullo.



Ralph and Jeanette DeRosa, Richard Carbone, Janet Marchillo, Rita Shapiro, and Tom Spiridigliozzi.





Ladies dancing to DJ Wendi Joy's "Memory Remix."



**PROSPECT HOUSE** Assisted Living & Memory Care has affordable 1BR and studio apartment homes for lease immediately under the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program! Make the move today and enjoy living in our beautiful community!

#### **INCOME LIMITS & GUIDELINES APPLY**

- Applicants must be at least 55 years old.
- Applicants must meet selection criteria.
- Applicants must income-qualify. (Maximum gross income limits for a 1-person household is \$68,520 and for a 2-person household is \$78,360 as of 2024, subject to change).



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#### REVERE POLICE PROMOTIONS CEREMONY HELD IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

#### By Cary Shuman

Thomas Malone was promoted to Revere Police captain, Joseph Internicola was promoted to lieutenant, and Keith Lessner was promoted to sergeant during an impressive ceremony May 28 in the City Council Chambers.

City Clerk Ashley Melnik administered the oaths of office to the three officers before a capacity crowd of family, friends, city officials and professional colleagues in the Revere Police Department.

Mayor Patrick Keef congratulated the officers and their families on their promotions.

"It's an extremely special honor for me as Mayor to present these distinguished promotions to three deserv-

ing men," said Keefe. "My pride in today's ceremony is even more personal due to some meaningful relationships I have with each member."

#### **Captain Thomas** Malone

"Captain Malone, a lifelong resident of city, has been a public servant for 30 years. His family has been strong participants in our community for as long as I can recall. Capt. Malone has earned the honor to serve in his new role because of his unwavering commitment to public safety, and I know he will represent all of our residents and his colleagues on the force with dignity and respect. I am proud to call you Captain."

#### Sgt. Keith Lessner

"Sgt. Lessner is a friend and former competitor: We were rival athletes in neighboring communities. Keith's energy, attitude, and competitiveness make our police force stronger. He is a positive role model to our residents, specifically our young students, who look up to those in positions of authority. Keith's no-nonsense approach to his craft is refreshing, to say the least, and should serve as an example to the newer officers on the force."

#### Lt. Joseph Internicola

"I save Lt. Internicola for last, because it's no secret that Joe is like a brother to me. He embodies what we all want in a police officer: He is strong, yet compassionate. He is intelligent,



Sgt. Keith Lessner, Lt. Joseph Internicola, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Capt. Thomas Malone, Capt. Maria LaVita, and Executive Officer, Lt. Sean Randall.

tionship with our elder resrespectful and determined. He is the definition of seridents is unmatched. "Joe is a true hero to his vant-oriented leadership. I know he has used his life family: his beautiful wife, experiences to develop his

approach to being a good

officer. His work with Mass

Badge, his relationships in

our schools, and his rela-

Deana, and his children, Joseph, Gia, Sabrina, and Viviana. Your support to him is support to the City of Revere."

"Congratulations to Tom, Keith, and Joe. Thank you to your families for allowing them to serve our community. We are stronger, we are safer, and we are a better city because of each of you," concluded Mayor Keefe.



City Clerk Ashley Melnik administers the oath of office to Police Capt. Thomas Malone.



City Clerk Ashley Melnik administers the oath of office to Lt. Joseph Internicola.



City Clerk Ashley Melnik administers the oath of office to Sgt. Keith Lessner.



Capt. Thomas Malone, family, and friends, (from left) Nicholas Estabrook, Maria Ferreira, Ryan Willett, Kevin Willett Jr., Connie Malone, Joanne Willett, and Kevin Willett.





Sgt. Keith Lessner, Lt. Joseph Internicola, Sgt. Dennis Hickey, Officer Andrew Lauria, Lt. Robert Impemba, Capt. Thomas Malone, Executive Officer, Lt. Sean Randall, and Capt. Maria LaVita.

# Healthcare partnerships helping your community thrive

Sgt. Keith Lessner and the members of his proud family, pictured at the oath office ceremony in the City Council Chambers.



Lt. Joseph Internicola and family, including Irma Accettullo, Antonio D'Ambrosio, Deena Internicola, Joseph Internicola III, Gia Internicola, Viviana Internicola, Sabrina Internicola, Lisa Granese, and Lois D'Ambrosio.



#### Working Together for You: Your Community Healthcare Partners

For more than twenty years, Commonwealth Care Alliance (CCA) has been focused on improving the lives of people with the most significant health and social needs. Deeply rooted in our communities, we take pride in nurturing relationships with community leaders, provider and social organizations, and our members and their caregivers continually evolving our capabilities to help our members live well.

We've learned that the best care happens when we partner with other mission-aligned organizations, allowing us to share expertise, strengthen services, and respond more effectively to the needs of the people we serve. Our chosen partners reflect our same core values and mission-driven approach to care, acting as an extension of CCA and ensuring our philosophy of delivering compassionate, person-centered services is infused in everything we do. That's why we're proud to join forces with Care-Source, a nationally recognized nonprofit organization that administers one of the largest Medicaid managed care plans in the country.

CareSource brings over 35 years of expertise in supporting people with complex needs and is dedicated to learning from and investing in the communities they serve. CareSource brings CCA and its members a proven track record of providing high-quality, personalized services that ensure





members get the support they need to thrive, making CareSource an ideal partner for CCA.

CCA and CareSource share the same goal: to provide high-quality, whole-person care that puts members and patients first – especially those with complex medical, behavioral health, and social needs. To do this, we'll continue working with local providers, caregivers, and community organizations to ensure our members receive the services they need to live as safely and independently as possible in the communities they call home.

Together, CCA and Care-Source are combining our strengths to deliver even better care to our members and patients across Massachusetts, while maintaining the comprehensive, personalized experience you know and expect. As a member of the CareSource family of companies, CCA remains focused on serving people with the most significant needs, and we're now delivering on that mission supported by the strength of CareSource-allowing CCA to serve our members far into the future. With the support of

CareSource, CCA now has

access to more tools and resources to live out our mission and respond more quickly to members' needs. Moving forward, more members will benefit from enhanced care coordination, access to innovative health solutions, and a stronger support network that addresses and prioritizes their unique challenges.

CCA is entering a new chapter of innovation and improvement. Throughout this work, we are focused on what matters most-our members and patients-and we're excited about what's ahead. CCA and CareSource are stronger together, and that means better care for the people we serve.

Commonwealth Care Alliance® (CCA) is a mission-driven healthcare services organization that offers innovative health plans and care delivery programs designed for individuals with the most significant needs. CareSource is a nonprofit, nationally recognized managed care organization that offers health insurance, including Medicaid, Health Insurance Marketplace and Medicare products. CCA is a part of the CareSource family of companies.

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# **LEGAL NOTICES**

described as follows:

**LEGAL NOTICE** 

#### 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, June 18, 2025 at 70 Cooledge Street, Revere, Massachusetts. **REVERE HOUSING** AUTHORITY By: Dean Harris **Executive Director**

#### LEGAL NOTICE

6/4/25

COMMONWEALTH **OF MASSACHUSETTS** THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 **CITATION ON** PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU25P1214EA Estate of: William F. Cody, Jr. Also known as: William F. Cody Date of Death: 04/10/2025 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy has been filed by Kenneth R. Cody of Malden, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. **IMPORTANT NOTICE** You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/11/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMIN-ISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) **A Personal Representative** appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised ad ministration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the **Personal Representative** and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 30, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. **Register of Probate** 06/04/25 R **LEGAL NOTICE REVERE PUBLIC** SCHOOLS **Public Hearing** Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Section 38N of Chapter 71 of the Massachusetts General Laws that the Revere School Committee will conduct a public hearing

Emmanuel **M. Ferrante School** Committee Room and via Zoom, located on the first floor of the Revere High School, 101 School Street, relative to the Revere Public Schools proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 School Operating Budget. All interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard for or against the whole or any part of the proposed budget. **LEGAL NOTICE** Action Emergency Management Service, Inc. 1087 Broadway Revere, MA 02151 P: 781-286-3900 F: 781-286-3924 Call #: 34282 2015 Toyota RAV-4 White VIN #: 2T3R-FREV1FW384129

on Tuesday, June 17.

2025 at 6:00 PM in the

6/4/25, 6/11/25 R plan. PLATE #: 6SX217 (MA) Call #: 34257 2006 Honda Accord Blue VIN #: 1HGC-M568X6A124941 Call #: 34226 2007 Hyundai Santa Fe Gray VIN #: 5NMSH73E47H117236 Call #: 34134 2007 Chevrolet Malibu Blue #: 1G1ZS58F57F298522 PLATE #: 5YGF41 (MA) Call #: 34370 2012 Jeep Compass White VIN #: 1C4NJDBB-7CD522694 PLATE #: 3BWG56 (MA) Call #: 34348 1994 Toyota Corolla VIN #: 1NXAE-09B0RZ124300 LLC Call #: 34377 2006 Honda Odyssey Gray John V. McGreen VIN #: 5FN-Taft & McSally, LLP RL38736B432321 21 Garden City Drive Call #: 34393 Cranston, RI 02920 2004 Chevrolet Express (401) 946-3800 Blue VIN #: 1GCH-G35U141130607 Call #: 34404 2004 Toyota Highlander Green VIN #: JTEE-P21A240037816 PLATE #: 1KPH92 (MA) Call #: 34425 By virtue and in 2002 Honda Civic execution of the Power Black of Sale contained in a #: 1HGES16592L065618 Michael Vasquez, Laura 5/21/25.5/28/25. R. Pabon to Mortgage 6/4/25 Electronic Registration R recorded in the Suffolk LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE as modified by a certain By virtue of and in modification agreement recorded on February execution of the Power 21, 2013, and recorded of Sale contained in a certain mortgage with said Suffolk County given by OPEN DOORS **INVESTMENTS LLC to Alpha** Real Estate Lending LLC, dated February 9, 2024 is the present holder, by and recorded with the assignment from: Suffolk Registry of Deeds Mortgage Electronic in Book 69879, Page 74 of which mortgage Alpha Real Estate Lending LLC gage Corp., its successor is the present holder for and assigns to JPMorgan breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing Book No. 51015, at Page the same, the mortgaged 164 premises located at 41 JPMorgan Chase Bank, Oak Island Street, Revere, MA will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on June 26, 2025, at the rities Trust 2006-WMC3, mortgaged premises, more Mortgage Pass-Through particularly described Certificates, Series 2006below, all and singular the WMC3, recorded on April 23, 2013, in Book No. premises described in said 51324, at Page 222 mortgage, to wit: The Land referred to here-U.S. Bank National in below is situated in the County of Suffolk, State of Massachusetts, and is

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The land with the buildings thereon situated in Revere, Suffolk County, Massachusetts and being shown as Lot "V" on a plan entitled "Plan of Land at Oak Island, Revere, belonging to Walter IL Gleason, Trustee," dated June 21, 1923 and recorded with the Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book 4481, Page 21, together being bounded and described as follows: SOUTHWESTERLY: by Oak Island Street, forty-two (42) feet; NORTHWEST-ERLY: by lot Was shown on said plan eight four 27/100 (84.27) feet; NORTHEASTERLY: by lot U as shown on said plan, ninety-nine 34/100 (99.34) feet; and SOUTHEASTERLY: by a two foot strip as shown on said plan, thirty-eight 68/100 (38.68) feet. Said parcel is shown as Lot V on said Subject to Access, Driveway & Sewer Easement at Book 14225, Page 5, recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds. Subject to a plan entitled Plan of Land at Oak Island, Revere of Suffolk County Registry of Deeds. Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$10,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or current funds in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Taft & McSally, LLP, 21 Garden City Drive, Cranston, RI 02920 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. Other terms to be announced at the sale. Alpha Real Estate Lending Present holder of said mortgage, by its attorney

Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WMC3 to U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for MASTR Asset **Backed Securities Trust** 2006-WMC3, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WMC3, recorded on October 25, 2024, in Book No. 70730, at Page 288 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 AM on June 27, 2025, on the mortgaged premises located at 27 Fenwick Street, Revere, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT: The land in Revere, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lots 111, 112, 113 on a plan entitled "Building Lots at Fenwick Park, situated at Franklin Park, Massachusetts, belonging to Frank V. Stone, Stephen S. Stone, Annie E. Guild, and Ralph E. Stone" dated Boston, Mass., May 1908, H.A. Millhouse, Surveyor, recorded with Suffolk Deeds at end of Book 3299. Said lots are bounded as follows: NORTHEASTERLY by Fenwick Street, seventy-five (75) feet; **NORTHWESTERLY** by Lot 110, as shown on said plan eighty (80) feet; SOUTHWESTERLY by Lots 94, 95, and 96 as shown on said plan, seventy-five (75) feet; and SOUTHEASTERLY by Lot 114 as shown on said plan, eighty (80) feet. Containing 6,000 square feet of land according to said plan. For mortgagor's(s') title

see deed recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 39661, Page 153. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way,

#### HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California St.

Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500 20531 6/4/25, 6/11/25, 6/18/25 R

(78.42) feet;

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Lin & Ben, Inc. d/b/a Jade Asian Restaurant, Xiu Yue Lam, Manager, has made application for transfer of a Wines & Malt Restaurant license from Yutaka, Inc. and a change of license category to All Alcohol. Said license to be exercised at 339 Squire Road, Unit 120, Revere, MA. Requested hours are Sunday - Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 11 p.m., requested seating is 99, and requested entertainment is background music only. A hearing on said application is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the **Council Chamber (located** on the 2nd floor) in Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere. **REVERE LICENSE COMMIS-**SION Robert Selevitch, Chairman Daniel Occena Liliana Monroy 6/4/25 R **LEGAL NOTICE** MORTGAGEE'S

NOTICE

OF SALE OF

**REAL ESTATE** 

By virtue and in execution

Mortgage given by Cynthia

**Electronic Registration Sys-**

tems, Inc., as nominee for

The New York Mortgage

Company, LLC, its succes-

sors and assigns, dated

December 16, 2005 and

recorded with the Suffolk

**County Registry of Deeds** 

at Book 38740, Page 150,

of the Power of Sale

contained in a certain

Randall to Mortgage

Lot 25, Forty-eight and 78/100 (48.78) feet; NORTHWESTERLY by said Lot 25, Fifty and 50/100 (50.5) feet. Containing 6,124 square feet be said measurements and contents more or less and all according to said Plan. The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of TEN THOU-SAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$10,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said



6/4/25, 6/11/25, 6/18/25 R LEGAL NOTICE **NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S** SALE OF REAL ESTATE certain mortgage given by the deed. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Fifteen Systems, Inc., as nominee Dollars by certified for WMC Mortgage Corp., dated May 24, 2006 and **County Registry of Deeds** in Book 39661, Page 155, **Registry of Deeds in Book** 51015, Page 166, of which mortgage the undersigned Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for WMC Mort-Chase Bank, NA, recorded on February 21, 2013, in this publication. **U.S. BANK TRUST** N.A. to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for MASTR Asset Backed Secu-Association, as Trustee for MASTR Asset Backed Secumortgage rities Trust 2006-WMC3, By its Attorneys,

restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in Thousand (\$15,000.00) or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION. AS TRUSTEE. AS SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2006-WMC3, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-WMC3 Present holder of said

SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOM-INEE FOR THE NEW YORK MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS by assignment recorded in said Suffolk **County Registry of Deeds** at Book 52227, Page 55, subsequently assigned to FEDERAL NATIONAL MORT-GAGE ASSOCIATION, ITS SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS by OCWEN LOAN SERVIC-ING, LLC by assignment recorded in said Suffolk **County Registry of Deeds** at Book 54449, Page 342, subsequently assigned to U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSRMF MH MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST II, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS by FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE AS-SOCIATION, by assignment recorded in said Suffolk **County Registry of Deeds** at Book 62451, Page 77 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on June 25, 2025 at 33 Avalon Street, Revere, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: a certain parcel of land, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated in said Revere and being lots 26, and 27, presently know and numbered as, 33 Avalon Road, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, at the end of Plan Book 3383 and bounded and described as follows: NORTHWESTERLY by said Road, Fifty and 83/100 (50.83) feet; NORTHEASTERLY by said Avalon Road and Avalon Terrace by a curved junction Twenty-eight and 83/100 (28.83) feet; EASTERLY by said Avalon

subsequently assigned to OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC by MORTGAGE mortgage shall control in **ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION** the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL **BE OF THE ESSENCE.** Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. **U.S. Bank Trust National** Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of LSRMF **MH Master Participation** Trust II Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANS LAW GROUP PLLC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 21-000216 6/4/25, 6/11/25, **LEGAL NOTICE** COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 **CITATION ON** PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU25P0933EA Estate of: Mary Stellato Also Known as: Maria Stellato Date of Death: 05/13/2023 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with **Appointment of Personal** Representative has been filed by John Stellato of Winetka, IL requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests

Must be paid in advance Cash - Card - Money Or Call (781) 485-0588 or stop by the office Deadline: Mondays, 12 noon Directions to your yard sale accessible via QR code with each run. Scan to open an interactive mapl FREEYARDSALEPOSTER with every adplaced P Prequires in office purchase

# LEGAL NOTICES

Winetka, IL be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/16/2025. This is NOT a hearing

6/18/25

that: John Stellato of date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMIN-**ISTRATION UNDER THE** MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) **A Personal Representative** appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required

to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 12, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. **Register of Probate** 05/21/25 R

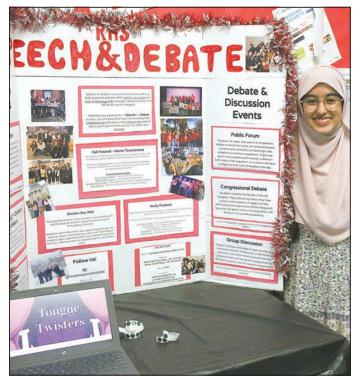
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#### HUNDREDS TURN OUT FOR DISTRICT-WIDE STUDENT SHOWCASE ANNUAL EVENT CELEBRATING 'DEEPER LEARNING' AT ALL SCHOOLS



A Revere High School student represents the high school's Speech and Debate Club during the showcase.

#### Courtesy Photos

On Wednesday, May 28, hundreds turned out for Revere Public School's annual District-Wide Spring Student Showcase. The event, held at Revere High School, showcased a variety of student projects, performances, and artwork that highlighted the talents and creativity of students across all grade levels. Families and community members were invited to explore the displays and celebrate the hard work of all students.

Once again, the Student Showcase had three components: our General Student Showcase for all grades, which highlights academics, clubs, community service, etc.; Revere High School's Multicultural Night, which celebrates the different cultures at the high school; and Revere High School's Art Exhibit, which showcases work from high school art classes this semester.

The District-Wide General Showcase, featuring all schools, included creative academic work that students are proud of and that demonstrates deeper learning. This event was a vibrant display of student talent and creativity, bringing together the entire community to celebrate the hard work and achievements of our students. The event highlighted not only the diverse talents of our students but also the sense of community among families and educators.



Students from the Whelan School show off their project.



Revere High School's Mia Morgan and the high school's Family Liaison, Sandra Figueroa.







Parents and staff were invited to come and







see students from across the district present their Deep Learning projects.

Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly checks out an elementary school student's project.

Paul Revere School Principal Maurice Coyle learns about a student's project.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Danielle Mokaba talks with a teacher during the showcase.



Middle School students from the Rumney Marsh Academy during the showcase last week.



Members of Revere High School's Welcome Club explain the club's purpose to guests.



Staff and caregivers check out some of the student art during the showcase.



Elementary school students proudly display their history project.



The Asian American Students Association representative talks about her club.







The high school's rock ensemble performs during the showcase.



