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pickles from the deli. Bless the apple pie and
tea, Bless each and every calorie.
Let us enjoy Thanksgiving dinner. Tomorrow
we can all get thinner. For all Thy help along
the way We're thankful this Thanksgiving
Day. We're thankful too, for all our dear ones,
for all the far away and near ones. Although
we may be far apart, We're together in my
heart. Keep us in Thy loving care,
This is my Thanksgiving prayer.
P.S. Anyone who wishes may help with the
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NEWS BRIEFS

ABCC KICKS OFF
'OPERATION
SAFE HOLIDAYS'
ENFORCEMENT
EFFORT FOCUSING
ON IMPAIRED
DRIVING
PREVENTION

To ensure safety for everyone in Massachusetts during the holidays, the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) will be conducting alcohol enforcement at local bars in Massachusetts cities and towns from Thanksgiving Eve through New Year's Eve.

In doing so, the ABCC hopes to prevent accidents caused by impaired driving and other alcohol-related harm that often occurs at this time of year. The ABCC will work with municipal police departments and focus enforcement efforts at bars that have been identified as the last to sell alcohol to a convicted drunk driver and other high-risk locations.

"With Operation Safe Holidays, we want to make sure everyone gets to enjoy this time with family and friends, while still staying safe," said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg,

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Councilor Ira Novoselsky, Councilor Joanne McKenna, Councilor Anthony Zambuto, Deb Peczka, Director of Elder Services, John Kingston, School Committee, members of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, and senior center members pause from eating and their volunteering for a photo during the Revere Senior Center Thanksgiving celebration on November 19. See more photos on pages 16 and 17.

License Comm. reduces hours for Shirley Ave.
establishment after residents complain of noise

By Journal Staff

The Revere License Commission held its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday,

November 19, in the City Council Chamber. On hand for the session were chair Robert Selevitch and members Daniel Occena and Liliana Monroy.

The first item on the agenda was a request from Mission Hill Donuts, LLC, d/b/a Dunkin' 338 Squire Road, Mark Pesce, LLC Manager, for the transfer of a Common Victualler License from Lu-Jac Corp., with requested hours of Sunday-Saturday, 5 a.m.-9 p.m.

Nicole Sullivan, speaking on behalf of the applicant, explained that the request relates solely to a change in ownership and there will be no changes in the operation of the business. The commissioners had no questions and the application was approved.

The next item was an application from Triangle Pro, Inc., d/b/a Billy C, 441 Revere Street, Zhen Zhang, Manager, for a change of Manager from Jin Fang Wang.

A co-owner of the company appeared before the commission to present the request. There were no questions and the matter was approved unanimously.

The third item was a request by State Road Wine and Spirits, Inc., 116 State Road, Jewel Saeed, Manager, for a transfer of Stock and Change of Corporate Name from Beachmont Wine and Spirits. All operations will remain the same.

Attorney Elizabeth Pisano from Upton, Connell, and Devlin explained that there are two new investors in the business. She said there will be no change in operations, although there will be upgrades in the look of the premises and in the quality of the products.

The commissioners had no questions and approved

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RELICS OF SAINT PADRE PIO
AT ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH IN REVERE



Several hundred faithful filled St. Anthony's for the Mass and veneration of relics of Saint Padre Pio on November 22. See more photos on Page 3.

Presentation to
Council highlights
urgent care facility

By Adam Swift

AFC Urgent Care recently celebrated its first anniversary at the Northgate shopping center, but there are still many in the community who are not aware of the services the facility provides.

At the request of Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, representatives from AFC made a presentation to the council Monday night on the healthcare services they provide.

"I had a couple of incidents where I had to get some healthcare, and I wanted to go to Danvers but I was in a little bit of pain," said McKenna. "So I Googled it, and I found out there is an urgent care in Northgate."

When she went in AFC, she said it wasn't crowded and she asked the receptionist why there wasn't anyone there, and the receptionist said it was because not many people know they are there.

"I went into the backroom, it is so clean, it is wonderful, and the reason why this is in front of the council is to let the residents know that they can go to Northgate Shopping Center and get very, very good care," said McKenna.

Shreya Patel, the director of operations at AFC Urgent Care said that there are often new patients who come in who didn't realize AFC was open.

"This month marks our one year anniversary in terms of our clinic opening, and our mission over the past year has been very simple - it is to provide Revere with fast, accessible, and high quality medical care," said Patel.

The clinic was opened to address two major issues that many community members face, said Patel, long emergency room wait times and limited primary care appointments.

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10AM @ THE STADIUM

Thanksgiving
Football 2025

RHS Patriots must
stop Winthrop's running game

By Cary Shuman

The Revere High football team has been strong against the run during its second-half surge that has included wins over Malden and Everett.

On Thanksgiving morning at Harry Della Russo Stadium, the Patriots will be tested by Winthrop's rushing attack that features three seniors and likely NEC All-Stars, Seth Sacco, Sean Dolen, and Nick Romano.

Revere head coach Lou Cicatelli has done his homework, personally scouting Winthrop during its 34-14 win over Wilmington.

Cicatelli said he and his players are aware of the explosive Sacco's quest for 1,000 yards rushing for the season (Sacco enters the game with 881 yards).

"Winthrop is very good, and we're going to have to play our best game to beat them this year," said Cicatelli.

Reda Is Ready

Revere's top defensive player is sophomore Reda Atoui, "who has been unbelievable this year," according to Cicatelli.

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ZBA approves variance for enlarged garage

By Journal Staff

The Revere Zoning Board of Appeals held its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, November 19, in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber.

On hand for the session were chair Michael Tucker and fellow members Aklog Limeneh, Arthur Pelton, James O'Brien, and alternate member Peggy Pratt.

The members took up one matter, an application from Jonathan A. Hartman, 78 Woodland Road, who was requesting a variance of Revere Revised Ordinances (RRO) Section 17.16.260(F)(1), "No accessory structure shall occupy more than 10% of the rear yard," to enable him to raze the existing garage and construct a

24' x 26' two-car garage. Attorney Nancy O'Neill appeared on behalf of Mr. Hartman. She explained that he intends to construct a modern garage to replace the present outdated, one-car garage, which has a footprint of 13.5' x 21.5', with a larger garage that will be able to hold two cars.

She noted that the new structure will have minimal, if any, impact on adjacent properties. In addition, O'Neil pointed out that the two-car garage will increase the available off-street parking on Woodland Rd., which is located in the Oak Island section of the city.

John Barrett, who has lived at 34 Woodland Rd. for 78 years and who will be

the builder of the new garage, spoke in favor of the project.

Carol Healey, who lives at 51 Flint St., spoke against the project, saying, "It is not congruent with the neighborhood. It is oversized. There no longer will be any green space -- there will be just a row of construction. It is very close to my home. I wouldn't mind if the present garage were to be modernized. But with the new garage, there will be no green space."

She also noted that the new garage actually will reduce on-street parking because the enlarged two-car garage will widen the driveway.

Richard Healey also spoke against the application. "The proposed structure is 624 sq. ft, compared to the current structure of 273 sq. ft. This is not a slight increase in square footage -- it is more than twice the size," said Healey.

Patricia Gallucci of 11 Putnam Rd. (who was representing her sister), spoke against the request. "Why would you want to give a variance? What is the reason? We already have a parking problem there, but this will remove a parking space from the street."

The board voted 4-1 (with Tucker dissenting) to approve granting the variance with the conditions that the garage may not be used for commercial purposes, the height of the garage door shall be restricted to nine feet, and the garage shall not be used for habitation.



Caregivers learn about the Beachmont’s comprehensive math and reading intervention programs designed to boost student confidence and strengthen foundational skills.

Beachmont Elementary strengthens student skills with targeted math and reading intervention programs

Special to the Journal

Last week marked Revere Public School’s celebration of American Education Week, and Beachmont Elementary School used the occasion to highlight its commitment to individualized learning through com-

prehensive math and reading intervention programs designed to boost student confidence and strengthen foundational skills. At a Family Coffee Hour last Thursday, interventionists and administrators outlined how small-group support is helping students thrive



Beachmont’s Family Coffee Hour coincided with RPS’s observation of National Education Week.

License Commission // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

the request.

The commission conducted two hearings. The first pertained to a continued hearing regarding Argueta & Piche Corp., d/b/a Carnaval Latino Restaurant, 7B Everett Street, Julia Duarte-Alarcon, Manager, regarding allegations of "violating closing procedures, overservice, and service past 2 a.m." The matter had been continued from the commission's August meeting.

The commissioners heard from representatives of the establishment, who said that a new security firm has been ensuring that patrons are leaving the premises before the closing. Police Lieut. Glenn Malley noted that there have been no new issues reported to the police.

"We've seen over the past 60-90 days that with the new security firm, they are on an upward trajectory and I trust we will not see them going forward," said Occena. "I'm certainly in favor of allowing them to not have the police details and continue with that they've been doing."

The commissioners voted unanimously to place the matter "on file."

Next up was another continued heating from August concerning Lupita Revere, LLC, d/b/a Lupita Restaurant, 111 Shirley Avenue, Erasmo A. Guevara, Manager, into allegations of "disruptions of the public safety and order, service to intoxicated patrons, violation of license closing rules, violation of on-premises license law."

Several residential neighbors of the establishment told the commissioners of the ongoing problems.

"I'm fighting for my house, for my peace, for my safety, for my sleep, and for my family," said one resident, who has lived across the street for 13 years. "We have the same exact problems that we had in July of 2024 -- loud music, drunk crowds, careless behavior in the street until three in the morning, and it is getting worse."

"This is a clear nightclub, not a restaurant, operating in the middle of a residential neighborhood, and the loud

DJ shakes the neighborhood every night," he continued. "They promised sound-proofing and a double door, but nothing has changed. We cannot sleep until 2:30 or 3:00 every Friday and Saturday night. Even when the door is shut we hear the music and when someone opens the door, the sound blasts across the street like a live concert. People smoke weed in the streets and we can smell it."

"People leave the place and shout in the street for 45 minutes as they are waiting for Uber and we have to wait until 3:30 for them to go," he continued. "There were eight police cars there last week because there were fights in the street."

"We are just asking for a basic quiet life, nothing more," he added, noting that upstairs neighbors decided to leave because of the noise. "Lupita's makes our lives a nightmare for my family and my 12 year-old daughter."

Occena questioned whether the resident was able to distinguish between the patrons of Lupita's and two nearby establishments, to which the resident responded that when Lupita's hours had been rolled back to midnight, there were no problems, but as soon as the commissioners restored the late-night hours to a 2:00 a.m. closing, the problems resumed.

"I would agree that if they had applied for a nightclub license in that location, it would not have worked," Selevitch added.

A former resident, who had lived there since 2007, but who said she was forced to move from her Shirley Ave. apartment to a quieter locale in Saugus because of her husband's cancer treatment, also provided testimony about the loud noise generated by Lupita's.

"You've heard what the neighbors have said and it isn't anything we haven't heard before," said Selevitch, addressing Mr. Guevara. "What can we do to keep the noise down so that people can enjoy their homes?"

"I don't want to see your business get hurt," said Lieut. Malley, who then noted that most of the Revere P.D.'s police cars are there every weekend, that patrons are coming out drunk, and that one person was observed with a solo cup in their hands.

"The issue is in the street, not on the premises," said Occena.

"I think the solution here is to roll back the hours to midnight," said Selevitch.

"I think we need to take into account the neighbors and the neighborhood and when we rolled it back last time, we alleviated the problem. I feel badly that this gentleman (the owner) will suffer, but by the same token, he had an opportunity to fix it in the past, but it hasn't been fixed."

However, Occena interjected and suggested that instead of rolling back the hours, there should be an increase in the police detail on the weekend nights.

When Monroy suggested rolling back the closing hours to 1:00 a.m., Selevitch queried about rolling back the entertainment license -- specifically the DJ -- to midnight.

Occena then made the unusual suggestion that the meeting go "off the record," at which time the commissioners stepped from the City Council rostrum and went off-camera to discuss what Selevitch characterized as a "procedural question" after they had returned. "There were procedural things we had to discuss as to what we can and can't do," said Selevitch when the commissioners returned, suggesting that what the members discussed off-the-record was not a violation of the Open Meeting Law.

Selevitch made a motion to roll back the hours to 1:00 a.m., which Monroy seconded. Occena amended the motion to make the rollback effective for 30 days and to bring the other two establishments before the commission at that time.

"We all want to see a vibrant business on Shirley Ave., but we have to balance the business with the needs of the residents," said Selevitch.

The commissioners then moved onto their next matter and voted unanimously to permit special hours for

New Year's Eve -- as they have done in the past -- to allow establishments to remain open until 3:00 a.m., though they may not serve liquor after the usual 1:30 a.m. All alcohol must be cleared by 2:00 a.m., all music must cease by 2:30 a.m, and patrons must be off the premises by 3:00 a.m.

The commission received one communication during the month, a notification from the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) of the approval of the transfer application of Rice Passions World Corp d/b/a Rice Passions.

The commissioners also issued the following licenses:

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| Malt/Wine Package Store: | A.L. Prime Energy Consultant, Inc., 655 Revere Beach Parkway |
| AMBE Corp. d/b/a Broadway Convenient Mart, 632 Broadway | Yaksh, Inc. d/b/a Beachway Beer & Wine, 40 Furlong Drive |
| All Alcohol Package Store: | Jia Liquors Corp. d/b/a BCM Liquors, 535 Broadway |
| Orange Grove Market, Inc., 158 Shirley Avenue | Pramukh Raj Gas Station, Inc. d/b/a Joe's Market, 338 Squire Road |
| Premrang, Inc. d/b/a Gio's Liquors, 765 Broadway | Shree Rang, Inc. d/b/a E-Z Liquors, 750 Washington Avenue |
| Shuban, Inc. d/b/a Parkway Convenience, 190A Revere Beach Parkway | All Alcohol Restaurant: Lin & Ben, Inc. d/b/a Jade Asian Restaurant, 339 Squire Road, Unit 120 |
| Entertainment: | A.L. Prime Energy Consultant, Inc., 655 Revere Beach Parkway |



Revere TV
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SPOTLIGHT

Watch the Annual Thanksgiving Day Football Game with the old rivalry of Revere versus Winthrop tomorrow morning! This year, it is a home game for the Patriots at Harry Della Russo Stadium at 10 AM. RevereTV will be providing live coverage of the game online and on television and replays can be watched immediately after on YouTube. Please then enjoy a marathon of past games all Thanksgiving long, followed by a marathon of past RHS Powderpuff Flag Football games on Friday. These games and more play on the RTV Community Channel.

Victoria Fabbo aired a few Fall episodes of "Fabulous Foods" so far, featuring recipes like pasta carbonara, ghormeh sabzi, and pumpkin scones. Victoria is looking forward to the upcoming holiday season and already started the celebrations with an episode with new special guests and a Hanukkah recipe. Tune in next week when this new episode premieres on the Community Channel and YouTube to kick off the December celebrations.

Remember to get ready for the 13th Annual Priscilla Nickerson Memorial Scholarship Santa Parade on Saturday, December 6th, hosted by the City of Revere, Mayor Patrick Keefe, and the Revere Parks and Recreation Department. To participate, meet at 3:15 PM at the Revere High School Back Lot, located at 101 School Street, for a 3:45 PM departure. The parade will run from 3:45 PM to 4:45 PM, ending at City Hall where the annual tree lighting will take place. If you'd like to ride along on the parade float to the City's tree lighting, register at revere.org/santawalk. The cost is \$20 per person, with children and seniors riding free. All proceeds will support the Priscilla Nickerson Memorial Scholarship Fund. Look to the flyer posted in RTV's "In the Loop" videos for more details. These videos play in between programming on TV and are posted to all social media outlets.

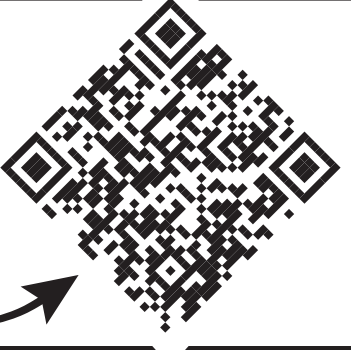
If you don't plan to attend in person this year, you can watch the Annual Robert A. Marra Memorial Sounds of Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 14th, at 4:00 PM on RevereTV. As always, this event will feature the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra performing classic holiday songs, accompanied by a live singer! Attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to The Revere Food Pantry. Enjoy this concert live on RevereTV on Comcast channels 8 and 1072, RCN channels 3 and 614, or on RevereTV's YouTube channel that day. You will also be able to catch replays of this concert daily through New Year's Day.

RTV GOV is scheduled with the latest from City Hall. Tune in to watch the meetings from this month which include the Cultural Council, License Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Traffic Commission, Ways and Means Sub-Committee, Appointments Sub-Committee, and Revere City Council. December starts right away with a Revere City Council Meeting on the first which will of course play live on RTV GOV and YouTube at 6 PM. You can watch all meetings as they happen live and replays thereafter on RTV GOV which is channel 9 on Comcast and channels 13 and 613 on RCN.

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HUNDREDS OF FAITHFUL ATTEND & VENERAT RELICS OF SAINT PADRE PIO ON NOVEMBER 22



Father Xavier Arulraj (left) Pastor of St. Anthony’s church, leads co-celebrants Very Reverend Fr. Brian Flynn (center) and Padre Fortunato Grottola in prayer as Father Flynn holds one of the Saint Padre Pio relics, with a statue of Padre Pio set behind them.



The relics, which included one of Padre Pio’s gloves and a lock of hair, are carried to the altar before the Mass.

Urgent Care // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

“Over the past year, we have also contracted with the Revere Police Department and the fire department ... to offer new hire physicals as well as required vaccinations and drug screens,” said Patel. “Additionally, we’ve offered discount school physicals to members of the Revere Public School system, and we also offer other discounted services. Recently, we hosted a flu vaccine clinic for Revere residents promoting public health and safety.”

The clinic offers a comprehensive range of services, including blood test-

ing and onsite x-rays. “We are fully equipped to do any sort of rapid testing, whether it is the flu, strep, Covid, as well as any sort of STD testing,” Patel said.

Both Councillors Chris Giannino and Robert Haas III said they have been to the clinic and were impressed with its convenience and service.

“I was one of the people up here who had no idea, I was going to Lynn and other places for urgent care, and I am thrilled that you are here,” said Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto.

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who oversees the ABCC. “Vigilant enforcement and deterring bar owners from over-serving helps prevent tragedies before they occur, protecting everyone within our communities.”

The program is run in conjunction with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA) Impaired Driving Crackdown, from Thanksgiving Eve through New Year’s Eve, and is funded through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security - Highway Safety Division.

According to the NHTSA, from 2017 to 2021, 137 drivers involved in fatal crashes on Thanksgiving Eve (6 p.m. to 5:59 a.m.),

also known as ‘Blackout Wednesday,’ were alcohol impaired. In 2021 alone, 36 drivers were in fatal crashes on that day. Also, from 2017 to 2021, young drivers ages 21-24 represented the largest percentage of drivers involved in deadly crashes. The message before Thanksgiving is simple – the NHTSA says to stop the blackout trend on Wednesday.

Alcohol is involved in 40 percent of traffic crash fatalities, resulting in 17,013 fatalities and injuring an estimated 275,000 people annually. Data indicates that well over 50% of impaired driving arrests originate at bars.



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Padre Pio, a Capuchin friar, mystic and priest who bore the stigmata – (the wounds of Christ) – on his hands, feet and side for more than 50 years, was known for miraculous healings, prophetic insights and deep devotion. The Italian priest, who lived from 1887 to 1968, is honored by many in this region who trace their ancestry to Padre Pio's birthplace in the Campagna region of Southern Italy.

The Mass was concelebrated by Very Reverend Fr. Brian Flynn, Episcopal Vicar of the Boston Archdiocese North Region, St.



Padre Fortunato Grottola, Superior of the Capuchin Monastery, Pietrelcina, Italy, ministers Holy Communion to a parishioner during Saturday's Mass at St. Anthony's Church venerating relics of Saint Padre Pio.

Anthony's Pastor Xavier the Capuchin Monastery, in Arulraj, and Padre Fortunato Grottola, Superior of Padre Pio's birthplace, Pietrelcina, Italy.



Very Reverend Fr. Brian Flynn, Episcopal Vicar of the Boston Archdiocese North Region, elevates the sacred host during the eucharistic prayer at the 4 p.m. Mass at St. Anthony's Church on Saturday, November 22 as Padre Fortunato Grottola, Superior of the Capuchin Monastery, Pietrelcina, Italy looks on. The Mass venerated relics of Saint Padre Pio, whose statue is in the foreground.



Shown above, and to the right, some of the several hundred faithful who came out to venerate relics of Saint Padre Pio at Saturday's Mass at St. Anthony's.





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NATALIA’S SPA & BOUTIQUE HOLDS RIBBON-CUTTING ON BROADWAY



Mayor Patrick Keefe Jr. and the City of Revere were proud to welcome Natalia's Spa & Boutique to Broadway at today's ribbon-cutting ceremony. This new business is another exciting step in the ongoing work to revitalize the Broadway business district and support local entrepreneurs. Congratulations to Natalia and her team on this milestone. We're grateful for their commitment to Revere and look forward to seeing Broadway continue to grow and thrive.



Student Skills // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

tion takes place during the school’s WIN (What I Need) block, ensuring students do not miss coursework with their general education teachers. Groups are intentionally kept small—no more than six students—so instruction can be paced carefully and adapted to individual needs.

“With a small group, I can slow things down. I can reteach things and make sure kids are getting exactly what they need at their pace,” Norton said.

Students are identified through a combination of screening, data collection, and teacher recommendations. Groups change throughout the year as students progress. The program uses a research-based curriculum that pinpoints specific skill gaps rather than reteaching entire units from scratch. Hands-on learning, visuals, and math games are core components of the intervention room.

“Being competitive, engaging in peer competition—it goes a long way to help them understand the math,” Morin added.

As the focus of the coffee hour shifted to literacy intervention, Principal Christopher Freisen connected the school’s academic supports to a broader statewide push to ensure all students develop strong literacy foundations by second grade. He noted that the “science of reading” requires repeated, targeted practice—something families often support at home without realizing how complex the process can be. Freisen credited the school’s reading interven-



Principal Christopher Freisen connected the school’s academic supports to a broader statewide push to ensure all students develop strong literacy foundations by second grade.

tionists, Carla Petruzzello and Christine Ferrara, for playing a pivotal role in student growth.

“Sometimes it’s not automatic, but it takes time. It’s building that confidence,” he said. “These two are such a huge support for student growth across the board.”

Petruzzello works primarily with kindergarten through third-grade students, helping them build early literacy skills such as letter identification, sound correspondence, concepts of print, blending and segmenting sounds, and mastering high-frequency words. She uses a structured, research-based phonics program that relies on explicit routines and significant repetition.

“It takes hundreds of exposures for these skills to stick,” she said. “We’re constantly reinforcing.”

Students are grouped

by ability, based on beginning-of-year universal literacy assessments, classroom input, and ongoing progress monitoring. Instruction is continually adjusted “on the fly” when students need more practice or alternative approaches.

Ferrara supports fourth and fifth graders using Read Live, a program focused on building reading fluency, stamina, and comprehension through repeated readings and vocabulary work. Students choose their own stories, complete cold and hot timing reads to measure improvement, practice along with audio models, and answer comprehension questions.

“The goal is to see how much they can improve their score after three readings,” Ferrara explained. She and Petruzzello also step in with one-on-one support whenever students need help with phonics or vocabulary along the way.

Both reading interventionists emphasized how engaged students are during their sessions.

“They love coming with us,” Petruzzello said. “We’re excited to work with them every day.”

Together, Beachmont’s intervention programs reflect the school’s mission to meet students where they are and help them grow with confidence. With data-driven instruction, small-group attention, and enthusiastic educators, the school continues to build strong foundations in both literacy and math for all learners.



Reading Interventionists, Christine Ferrara and Carla Petruzzello.

Three local men indicted in connection with seizure of 99 kilos of cocaine

Staff Report

Three Massachusetts men have been indicted by a federal grand jury in Boston in connection with the seizure of approximately 99 kilograms of cocaine in Revere; Colton, N.Y.; and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Joel Betances, 43, of Revere; Noel Betances, 42, of Chelsea; and Reylin Segura, 31, of Boston, were indicted on one count each of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute controlled substances. Joel Betances and Noel Betances were also charged with possession with intent to distribute 5 kilograms or more of cocaine. Noel Betances was charged with distribution of 500 grams or more of cocaine. Segura was also charged with possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine. The defendants will be arraigned in federal court in Boston at a later date.

Noel Betances and Segura were previously arrested and charged by complaint in August 2025. Joel Betances was arrested in the Dominican Republic on Nov. 19.

According to court records, in 2023, an investigation began into packages sent from Puerto Rico to Massachusetts that were suspected to contain narcotics. One such package intercepted in Puerto Rico in June 2023, allegedly contained five kilograms of cocaine. Between June 2023 and September 2023, it is alleged that Noel Betances and Joel Betances were observed picking up additional suspected cocaine packages from locations in Chelsea, Revere and Boston, and de-

livering them to different location – including a residence in Revere.

It is further alleged that approximately two years later, on July 26, 2025, Joel Betances supplied an individual with 25 kilograms of cocaine to be transported to New York. The cocaine was subsequently seized from a vehicle in Colton, N.Y.

Additionally, it is alleged that on Aug. 12, 2025, Betances was observed exiting a residence in Revere with a box, which he transferred to Segura in exchange for a plastic bag. The box was allegedly later found to contain four kilograms of cocaine and the bag allegedly contained approximately \$58,000 in bundled cash. A subsequent search of the Revere residence resulted in the seizure of an additional 65 kilograms of cocaine and approximately \$341,780 cash.

The value of the cocaine seized in the case is estimated to be at least \$1.4 million.

The charges of conspiracy

to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute controlled substances (involving five kilograms or more of cocaine) and possession with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine provide for a sentence of at least 10 years and up to life in prison, at least five years of supervised release and up to life and a fine of \$10 million. The charges of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute controlled substances (involving 500 grams or more of cocaine), distribution of 500 grams or more of cocaine, and possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine, provide for a sentence of at least five years and up to 40 years in prison, at least four years of supervised release and up to life and a fine of \$5 million. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.



US Department of Justice photo of drugs and money allegedly seized in Revere earlier this summer.

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OBITUARIES

Joan Memmolo

Her legacy of love, warmth, and unwavering kindness will remain in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her

Joan Memmolo, a life-long resident of Revere, passed away peacefully on November 21, 2025. Joan was the beloved wife of the late Salvatore “Salvy” Memmolo and the cherished daughter of the late Andrew Russo and Ella (Picariello). She was also the devoted daughter-in-law of the late Angelo and Giovanna Memmolo. A woman whose heart knew no limits, Joan was the loving mother of three daughters who were her greatest joy: JoAnn Giuffrida and her husband, Anthony of Saugus, Andrea Pagano and her husband, Robert of Lynnfield, and Sally Ann Teebagy and her husband, Jason of Revere. She was the dear sister of the late Irene Littlefield. Joan’s love extended deeply into her growing family. She was a devoted grandmother to Ashley and Russell; Alexandra and Marc; Tayla; Robert and Ashley; Nicole; Frank and Christina; Amanda; Kaylee; Jason and Ava. She was also a doting great-grandmother to Emilia, Robert, and Leo. Her warm presence and boundless affection will continue to live on through each of them. She was a treasured aunt to Cindy and Michael, Joanne, Angelo, Ralph, and Debi, and a caring sister-in-law to Alessandro and Emanuela Memmolo, and Pat and Dolly Memmolo. Joan also leaves behind many loving cousins and countless friends whose lives she touched with her generosity and spirit.

A lifelong Revere resident, Joan was the proud



owner of Continental Cleaners in East Boston, where she built not just a business, but lasting friendships. If you were fortunate enough to know Joan, you had a friend for life—someone who would feed you, laugh with you, support you, and make you feel at home. She adored all things that sparkled and shined, but nothing shimmered brighter to her than her family.

Family and friends will honor Joan’s beautiful life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home in East Boston on Sunday, November 30th, from 3 to 7 p.m. A Funeral Mass celebrating her life will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Revere on Monday, December 1st at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with Joan being laid to rest beside her beloved husband, Salvy at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. Joan’s legacy of love, warmth, and unwavering kindness will remain in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her. May her memory be eternal. For more information or to leave an online condolence please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, our blessing we recall the thing we are most thankful for, we recollect them all:

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Sharlene Grossman

Retired Revere Educator who will be remembered for her sharp wit, resilience, and her steadfast dedication to her family, friends, and students

Sharlene R. (Trugman) Grossman, 79, of Watertown, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, educator and friend, passed away on November 14, 2025.

Born in Boston on December 12, 1945, to the late Isaac and Leah Trugman, Sharlene was raised in the West End of Boston and spent summers with her close-knit extended family on Revere Beach.

A proud graduate of Girls' Latin School, she went on to earn both her undergraduate and master's degrees from Boston University – beginning a lifelong commitment to learning and education.

Sharlene spent 37 years as a dedicated teacher in the Revere Public Schools, shaping countless young lives with her passion and unwavering belief in her students. Even after retiring, her love of teaching never waned – she continued to work in various edu-

cational positions, inspiring learners of all ages.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 47 years, Steven, with whom she shared a lifetime of love, companionship, and mutual support. She was the cherished mother of Kara and her husband., Andrew, and Deidre and her husband, Jason. Nothing brought her more joy than being “Grammy” to her treasured grandchildren: Brayden, Ember and Gabby, each of whom lit up her world.

Sharlene will be remembered for her sharp wit, resilience, and her steadfast dedication to her family, friends, and students.

Her funeral service was held graveside on November 16 at Stepiner Cemetery, 776 Baker St., West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, donations in her honor may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Jane Fontaine

She will be remembered for her tough exterior and warm beautiful heart

Family and friends attended Visiting Hours on Sunday, November 23rd in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Jane E. Fontaine, who died on Wednesday, November 19th at the Salem Hospital following a valiant 11-month battle from colon cancer. She was 66 years old. A Funeral Service was conducted in the Funeral Home at 6 p.m.

Jane was born on May 25, 1959, in Salem to her parents Rene and Mary Fontaine. Jane was raised and educated in Salem. She was a graduate of Salem High School, Class



of 1977. Following high school, Jane began working for Stop & Shop Grocery Store in Salem and later in Swampscott, as a clerk. She would go on to hold many other roles throughout her 45+ year career. Along the way, Jane made countless lifelong friendships, most significantly the love of her life, Richard Bryson. Jane and Richard lived their lives in Revere and Wakefield, NH. Jane enjoyed her summers at their cottage on the beach in New Hampshire. She truly cherished her time by the lake with many friends. She was also devoted to caring for her parents as they got older and their health declined. Jane also enjoyed going out for dinners and traveling in her earlier years. Jane was a woman who was dedicated to the things and people she loved. She will be remembered for her tough exterior and her warm beautiful heart.

She was the loving wife of 43 years to Richard A. Bryson of Revere; cherished daughter of the late Rene J. and Mary E. (Hurley) Fontaine; dear sister of Robert “Jay” Fontaine and his husband, Ray Gottwald of Harwich and the late John R. Fontaine. She is also lovingly survived by many friends and extended family both here in Massachusetts and in New Hampshire.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Jane’s memory to the Danna Farber / Jimmy Fund, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9188. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertucciosmithvazza.com. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals.

Margaret “Skookie” Lavargna

A loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend, whose presence will be profoundly missed

Margaret (MacEachern) “Skookie” Lavargna, of Revere, formerly of the Linden area of Malden, passed away at home peacefully surrounded by her loving family on November 19, 2025, at the age of 90. She was born in Boston on March 12, 1935, to the late Ivan and Olga (Gill) MacEachern (both of Prince Edward Island, Canada).

Raised in Roslindale, Margaret, known as Skookie to her family and close friends, cherished being part of a large family and remained close to her nine siblings throughout her life. Some of her fondest memories of her childhood included visiting family in PEI Canada with her beloved Aunt Elizabeth and Uncle Conrad Benoit. In her younger years, she loved to dance and could often be found at Moseley’s on the Charles Ballroom with her best friend, Anna. She met her future husband, Albie through a co-worker, and the rest is history. Together they raised six children and had a loving marriage that spanned over 60 years.

Skookie was an amazing cook and her home was warm and inviting. She could whip up a tasty meal at a moment’s notice followed by a cup of tea and engaging conversation for all who came to visit. She was a devoted fan of Boston and New England teams, always rooting from the edge of her seat.

Summers were always spent by the pool with family and friends. She loved her home. Her patience and kindness made sleep-overs a fun place for her grandchildren to spend weekends and school vacations. The holidays always ended with a big card game and lots of laughter.

Skookie also had a creative side. She had an eye for decorating and an appreciation for art. Through the years she created many unique ceramic pieces as gifts for those fortunate enough to receive one. She crocheted the most beautiful blankets, winning a Blue Ribbon for one of her creations at the Marshfield Fair. An avid reader, Skookie was known for getting lost in a good book and shared a book-swap with her close-knit group of neighbors.

Over the past 10 years she expanded her talents to the digital world by creating home-made photo books, blankets & specialty mugs through Shutterfly, and was an IPAD expert (especially with her Macys App), despite her vision challenges and being legally blind.

Skookie was grateful for the support of the Commission for the Blind, which provided training and education on the tools and techniques that allowed her to stay creative and make everyday tasks possible. At first glance, no one would



ever guess that she had no vision in one eye and very limited vision in the other. She was simply amazing.

A loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend to many, her presence will be profoundly missed. Despite the loss, Skookie left behind beautiful memories that will be cherished forever.

Skookie was the beloved wife of 60 years to the late Albert “Albie” Lavargna Sr. Devoted mother of the late Joseph of Malden and survived by her son Albert, Jr. and his late wife Virginia of Revere, her son Michael of Revere, her daughter Charlene Santo and her husband Stephen of Brockton, her daughter Cheryl Pendenza and her husband Anthony of Medford, and her daughter Karen and her husband Tim Johnson of Reading. Loving Grandmother to 10 grandchildren, Heather Santo, Dominic Santo, Nicole Lavargna, Christin Lavargna, Julie Lavargna, Mollie Gardner, Maggie Pendenza, Sarah Pendenza, Emma Johnson, Jackson Johnson and 6 great grandchildren Christian, Antonio, Nico and Selena Crank, Joie and Everett Gardner. Dear sister of Frederick MacEachern and his wife Beverly of W. Roxbury, Virginia Costello and her late husband Robert of Roslindale, and the late Ivan MacEachern, Corinne Dickie, Mabel Gracie, Velma Atkins, John MacEachern, Vernon MacEachern, and George MacEachern. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Service will be held at Paul Buonfiglio & Sons Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere today, Wednesday, November 26, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. followed by an 11 a.m. Prayer Service in the funeral home. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Saint Jude children’s research hospital. See the link below.

We invite all who knew and loved Margaret to celebrate her life by sharing their memories, stories, and photographs on her memorial page at www.buonfiglio.com.

To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of Margaret Lavargna, please visit our flower store.

Prayer To The Holy Spirit

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

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OBITUARIES

Vincenzo J. “Jim” Cannarozzo

Heroic World War II Veteran who made the world around him better through courage, kindness, hard work and an unshakeable sense of duty

 Vincenzo Cannarozzo, known by many of his fellow workers and friends as Jim, passed away peacefully with family at his bedside on November 16 at Mass General Hospital in Boston after a brief illness. He was ninety-nine years old.

Vincenzo was a proud veteran of World War II and a distinguished member of the Eighty-Fourth Infantry Division, known as the Railsplitters, which served under General Patton and the Third Army. He received the Bronze Star Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, the World War Two Victory Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge First Award, the Honor Service Lapel Button for World War Two and the Sharpshooter Badge with rifle qualification. Vincenzo landed on Omaha Beach in Normandy in early November of nineteen forty-four, five months after the D-Day invasion. His division immediately entered combat and took part in the assault on the Siegfried Line near Geilenkirchen in Germany. He later played an important part in the Battle of the Bulge, helping to halt the German advance into Belgium and Luxembourg. The division endured two relentless weeks of marching through freezing temperatures and brutal weather in order to stop the enemy offensive. Afterward, his unit pushed forward to the Roer River and eventually reached the Rhine. Vincenzo later volunteered for a special assignment to help liberate Jewish prisoners at Auschwitz. The scenes he witnessed there were horrors beyond description and they remained with him for the rest of his life. It is almost impossible to comprehend what Vincenzo accomplished as an eighteen-year-old soldier. He earned the nickname the BAR Ghost. The BAR, which stood for Browning Automatic Rifle, was a light machine gun used to provide suppressive fire for infantry units. Vincenzo showed remarkable ingenuity with the weapon. He removed the bipod to make it lighter, allowing him to move more quickly between firing positions. By constantly shifting locations he protected both himself and his platoon from enemy fire. He also removed the first round from each twenty-round magazine to prevent jamming, a common and sometimes deadly problem for many BAR gunners. A jam at the wrong moment could cost American soldiers their lives. His mechanical instinct and his ability to adapt equipment to the needs of the battlefield made him an exceptional infantryman.

After the war, Vincenzo married his longtime sweetheart, Mary Iovanna. Together they raised two daughters, Maryann and Linda. Even after Mary passed away eleven years ago, Vincenzo continued to celebrate their wedding anniversary every year. Vincenzo was an exceptionally versatile and talented individual, especially when working with mechanical devices of every kind. With a piece of wood, he could create furniture of such



beauty and craftsmanship that it could not be found in any store. His wide range of skills came from the many jobs he held throughout his life. He worked as a machinist, managed a leather coat factory and owned a laundry business on Broadway in Revere. After selling the business, he took the civil service exam and became a custodian for the Revere Public Schools, where he served for twenty-five years. He was appointed head custodian because of his outstanding test score. As a custodian he achieved two honors unmatched by anyone else in the district. At an elementary school one year the students decided that he should receive the yearly book that usually went to the best teacher of the year. They would not take no for an answer. They believed it should be dedicated to Mr. Cannarozzo because of his exceptional care and commitment to every teacher, administrator and student. He treasured that yearbook all of his life. His second achievement came during the construction of the Beachmont Elementary School. While the building was being completed, Vincenzo carefully read the entire contract between the City of Revere and the construction vendor. Because he knew every detail, he noticed that the vendor was attempting to remove unused materials from the site. The contract required that all unused materials be returned to the city, and Vincenzo refused to allow anything to be taken that did not belong to the vendor. His vigilance saved the city thousands of dollars. Although his job title was custodian, in reality he was a true facility manager who oversaw maintenance, repairs, preventive care, cleaning and grounds keeping. When he retired he wrote a letter to the School Committee expressing how proud he had been to serve as a custodian for the Revere Public Schools. His message was so heartfelt and inspiring that it was remembered for many years. Some School Committee members even kept copies

of his original letter because it was so unique and meaningful.

Vincenzo enjoyed spending time with his family, especially during the holidays. He always prepared meals fit for a king. Whenever someone in the family faced a problem, he was always there to help. He was a first-generation American born in Charlestown, Boston. His parents had migrated from Sicily in search of a better life. Vincenzo embraced every opportunity this country offered him and truly lived the American dream. There was never a challenge too difficult for him to overcome. His determination and his unwavering desire to always do the right thing were legendary. In nineteen forty-four, as a young soldier in a foxhole in Europe, Vincenzo could never have imagined the life he would live or the lives he would touch. Throughout his years he made the world around him better through courage, kindness, hard work and an unshakeable sense of duty. If you spoke to the people who knew him, they would tell you that he succeeded. He will be missed by all.

He was the son of the late Guiseppe Cannarozzo and Guiseppe (Sabbia) Cannarozzo. Vincenzo “Jim” Cannarozzo who passed away suddenly on November 16th, was the beloved husband of 64 years to the late love of his life Mary Iovanna. He leaves behind a loving daughter Mary-Ann Cifuni and her husband Gennaro Cifuni. He was the father of his beautiful second child, the late Linda Monaco. He also leaves behind his dear sweet sister Rosalie Klause, his late brothers and sisters, Josephine Lusso, Fanny, Nino, Lucy and Anthony Cannarozzo along with his late stepmother Vincenza Cannarozzo. He was the special grandfather of Christopher Cifuni, Justin Cifuni, James Monaco and wife Jennifer, Anthony Monaco and wife Crystal, Joseph, Michael and Matthew Monaco. He leaves behind five great-grandchildren Cole Cifuni, Francesca, Delilah, Anthony and Javi Monaco. Uncle Jimmy will be missed by his special nephews, Cliff, Ron and Joseph Lusso and Rob Klause along with his sweet niece Robin Joss all of whom he loved. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertucciosmithvazza.com. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals.

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum presents Holiday Music in the Courtyard 2025

Special to the Journal

The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum reimagines the traditional holiday concert with its Holiday Music in the Courtyard celebration, from 6–9pm on Wednesday, December 3, 2025. The performance will take place in the Gardner Museum’s famed Courtyard, while guests are invited to watch from the surrounding galleries, strolling through the Museum to take in the music from every angle. (Please note, this is not a seated concert.)

Led by George Steel, Abrams Curator of Music, this immersive evening will showcase music from across four centuries, celebrating a variety of cultures’ winter traditions. The performance features the acclaimed Vox Vocal Ensemble and the all-star American Brass Quintet, with opportunities for everyone to sing along with familiar carols.

Additionally, coinciding with the Gardner Museum’s current exhibition Allan Rohan Crite: Urban Glory and taking a cue from Crite’s work "Three Spirituals From Earth To Heaven," on view in the exhibition, the Boston Arts Academy Spirituals Ensemble led by Michael W. Bradley will perform several selections.

The music and sing-along will run from 7–8 pm, and ticket holders can come early at 6 pm or stay late until 9 pm to enjoy the Museum galleries, shop at Gift at the Gardner, or purchase treats from Café G’s holiday menu of small plates and cocktails/mocktails.

Visible from virtually any gallery in the Palace, the Courtyard is the heart and soul of the Gardner Museum, with changing horticultural displays throughout the year. In December, the festive garden features dark forest greens and shades of red and silver including masses of flowering jade trees, silver dusty miller, green aloe, and the dark red winter blooms of amaryllis, creating a magical setting for Holiday Music in the Courtyard.

George Steel’s music programming for the Museum continues founder and legendary arts patron Isabella Stewart Gardner’s vision of bringing together musicians and audiences for inspiring gatherings. Dating to 1927,



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George Steel conducts musicians in the Courtyard of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston.

the Gardner’s Weekend Concert Series is the longest running museum music program in the country. Much like Isabella Stewart Gardner did in her time, Steel champions unknown repertoire and embraces new works, creates connections and builds community among musicians, and supports them by presenting them in new endeavors and collaborations. His programming also frequently draws on the history of the Gardner Museum, featuring instruments from the Museum’s collection and music by composers who were associated with its founder. In honoring Isabella Stewart Gardner’s musical legacy, Music at the Gardner remains strongly committed to broadening the repertoire of music presented to include previously overlooked and marginalized composers as well as performers of all backgrounds.

Tickets (\$50) are available at gardnermuseum.org/about/music or by calling the Box Office at 617 278 5156. For additional information including about accessibility, please contact boxoffice@isgm.org.

The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum invites you to escape the ordinary in a magical setting where art and community come together to inspire new ways of envisioning our world. Embodying the fearless legacy of its founder, the Museum offers a singular invitation to explore the past through a contemporary lens, creating meaningful encounters with art and joyful connections for all. Modeled after a Venetian palazzo, unforgettable galleries surround a luminous Courtyard and are home to masters such as Rembrandt, Raphael, Titian, Michelangelo, Whistler, and Sargent.

The Renzo Piano wing provides a platform for contemporary artists, musicians, and scholars and serves as an innovative venue where creativity is celebrated in all of its forms.

The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum is located at 25 Evans Way, Boston, MA 02115. The museum is open weekends from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., staying open until 9 p.m. on Thursdays. It is closed on Tuesdays. Admission is \$22 for Adults, \$20 for Seniors, and \$15 for Students, with free entry for children under 18, members, on your birthday, or if your name is “Isabella.” You can get a \$2 discount with a same-day Museum of Fine Arts ticket. For information, call 617-566-1401 or visit www.gardnermuseum.org.

Music at the Gardner is supported by Nora McNeely Hurley / Manitou Fund. The Museum thanks its generous concert donors: The Coogan Concert in memory of Peter Weston Coogan; Fitzpatrick Family Concert; James Lawrence Memorial Concert; Alford P. Rudnick Memorial Concert; David Scudder in memory of his wife, Marie Louise Scudder; Wendy Shattuck Young Artist Concert; and Willona Sinclair Memorial Concert. The piano is dedicated as the Alex d’Arbeloff Steinway. The harpsichord was generously donated by Dr. Robert Barstow in memory of Marion Huse, and its care is endowed in memory of Dr. Barstow by The Barstow Fund. Music at the Gardner is also supported in part by Barbara and Amos Hostetter, Nicie and Jay Panetta, and the Massachusetts Cultural Council, which is supported by the state of Massachusetts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR THE HOME FOR LITTLE WANDERERS HOSTED BY THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE HOME FOR LITTLE WANDERERS

The Family and Friends of the Home for Little Wanderers hosted their annual fundraiser last Friday evening at St. Anthony's Lower Church Hall. It was jam packed with people from all over the area, all wanting to make a better Christmas for those children in need.



Now that's Italian, Carlos Orozzo and Rose Oliveri were a few of the many guests at last Friday evenings fundraiser for the House of Little Wanderers enjoying a delicious and plentiful buffet dinner.



Raffle ticket sales force, Eileen Popp and Judy Gregorio.



The Sullivans. Ed, Taylor and Tracy with Mayor Patrick Keefe.



Maria Alimonti, Michelle Alimonti and Tracy Sullivan with Elvis (Mike Slater) and Rachael Samba Viva.



Shown above, Event DJ Alan LaBella with Phil DiTomaso, Dickie Cesareo, Pete Sclaro, and Steve DiFilippo.

Shown to the left and all smiles and having a great time for a wonderful cause, the kids at the Home for Little Wanderers, Tracey Moore, Taylor Sullivan and Christine LoConte.

DJ Alan LaBella and other entertainers made it a great event, as well as the delicious Italian buffet that everyone enjoyed.



John Sousa with his family, Charlotte Sousa and daughter Melissa Tarness.



Shelia and Jacob Grasso collect tickets from the people attending the event.



Renee Zawadi, Janice Meunier and Donna DiLiegro grabbed the front row seats.



Jackie and Kelly Barresi and Anne Grasso are heading to the gift tables to check out the many raffle prizes.



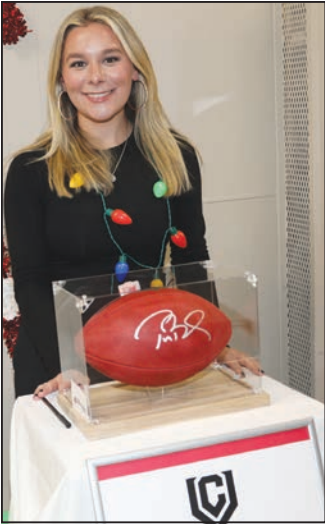
Brenna Holland and Brooke Renfrow with Rachael Samba Viva.



Michelle Alimonti greets Mayor Patrick Keefe with Christine Cavagnaro, and Antonette Tripoli.



Checking out Mario Lemieux's signed game shirt is Austin Davis and Kristina Stella.



Nothing better than going home with a signed Tom Brady football under your arm, Jordan Sullivan (shown at left) sold plenty of chances for the prize.



Kristin Galli (shown at right) enjoying the evening at St. Anthony's Lower Hall at the annual benefit for the Home for Little Wanderers sponsored by the Family and Friends of the Home for Little Wanderers.



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Sports

RHS SPORTS *Through the Years*

10 years ago November 26, 2015

When the Revere High football team takes to the field Thanksgiving Day for their traditional holiday battle with archival Winthrop, it will be a day of firsts — and potential firsts — for the Patriots. The contest will mark the first occasion on which Revere will host the Vikings on Revere's home turf at the new Harry Della Russo Stadium. In addition, coach Lou Cicatelli's squad, which enters the fray with a 7-3 record, already has achieved the most wins of any Revere football team since the 1980 and 1981 editions, which finished 7-2-1 and 7-3 respectively (and of which Cicatelli himself was a member) and has recorded the first winning record since that time. Thus, an eighth victory will make this year's team stand alone as the second-winningest in school history, exceeded only by the 1973 squad that went 10-0 in the regular season before losing to Brockton in the Division I Super Bowl.

The Revere High School Powderpuff team celebrated a 40-0 victory over Winthrop on Saturday afternoon in Harry Della Russo Stadium. The girls were victorious from beginning to end over the visiting Vikings.

20 years ago November 22, 2005

The Revere High football team will rate as a heavy underdog to Winthrop when the teams meet for their annual Thanksgiving Day classic. The Vikings claimed an undisputed Northeastern Conference championship with a 9-1 record and al-

ready have secured a spot in the Division 2 state championship playoffs. Revere enters the fray at 5-5 and will be looking to claim the Patriots' first winning season since 1981. The 1989 RHS squad finished at 5-5. Coach Lou Cicatelli's Patriots will be led into the battle by running back Emilio Digitale, who has set a Revere High single-season rushing record with 1,447 yards and has scored 16 touchdowns. The Pats also will be led by captains Reggie Royster, Steve Ferrante, and Dennis Hickey.

30 years ago November 21, 1995

Revere and Winthrop will renew their annual Thanksgiving Day rivalry at Winthrop's Miller Field at 10:00 a.m. Both teams figure to keep the ball on the ground with the contest to be decided in the trenches. Revere comes into the contest with a 3-5 mark and Winthrop is 5-4.

The RHS Powder Puff football team rolled over No. Reading, 34-0. Jen Nelson rushed for four touchdowns for the Revere squad, which was coached by Bob Lospennato and Steve MacDonald. Revere has played Everett in recent years, but Everett did not have a team this year. The first Powder Puff games were played against Winthrop, but a brawl after one of the games ended the rivalry.

40 years ago November 20, 1985

The Revere High football team had to settle for a 6-6 tie with Arlington Saturday. Emilio Leone scored the Patriot touchdown on a 44-

yard pass from quarterback Joe Galvin. However, the potentially-winning two-point conversion failed. Revere, 2-5-2 for the season, now will prepare for the annual Thanksgiving Day game with Winthrop.

The Revere High Powder Puff football team is readying for its annual clash with Winthrop Saturday in Revere.

50 years ago November 19, 1975

The Revere High football team earned its first win of the season with a 16-8 triumph over Somerville. RHS quarterback Mario Potito scrambled around end for short runs for both touchdowns. The Patriots now will prepare to meet Winthrop on Thanksgiving Day. Revere has won the last three contests against their archrivals on the holiday.

60 years ago November 25, 1965

The 5-1-2 Revere High football team will be a heavy favorite to defeat Winthrop when the schools meet in their annual clash on Thanksgiving Day. Winthrop will be seeking revenge for an 8-0 defeat last year that ruined its perfect season and a chance for a Class B championship. The victory gave Revere an undefeated, once-tied record, but the local squad ended up forfeiting its victories because of an ineligible player. Revere's lone loss this season came at the hands of a powerful and undefeated Malden Catholic team that figures to be the Class B champion this year.

Coach Ronnie Corbett's

Immaculate Conception High football team claimed the undisputed championship of the Catholic Suburban League with a 24-6 win over Arlington Catholic, which like IC came into the contest with an undefeated record. IC's junior quarterback, Mike Carabba, who is almost a certainty to repeat as a league all-star, ran for two touchdowns on short runs and tossed a seven-yard TD pass to Bob Smith.

The DelGaizo twin brothers, quarterback Jim and wide receiver John, helped power the Syracuse freshman football team to a 4-1 record this season. The brothers connected for a touchdown in each of the past two games against Buffalo and Colgate. Jim tossed a total of six TD passes in those two contests. The

freshman team under Jim DelGaizo's quarterbacking scored an average of 32.8 points per game, a new Syracuse freshman record.

70 years ago November 24, 1955

The Revere High football team, which has won two games this season, will meet St. Mary's of Lynn on Thanksgiving Day in the season finale. This will mark the third Turkey Day contest between the two rivals. Revere has played a number of other rivals, B.C. High, Weymouth, and Taunton, on the holiday ever since relations were severed with Winthrop after the 1946 season following a brawl among the players and fans after the 1945 contest.

80 years ago November 22, 1945

A 5-4 Revere High football team rates as a heavy favorite to defeat a 2-5 Winthrop squad when the teams meet for their 28th annual Thanksgiving Day battle. A capacity crowd of more than 5000 fans is expected to be on hand for the Turkey Day contest at Miller Field in Winthrop. Revere fans as usual will embark early on their short trek to Winthrop if they hope to secure a seat for the battle. Revere will be led by their star player, Jerry Sarno, who played a big role in Revere's victory on the holiday last year.

Malden Catholic defeated Immaculate Conception High 39-6 Sunday before 5000 fans at Malden Catholic Stadium in the last game of the year for both teams.

NICOLE SAO PEDRO-WELCH LEADS ENDICOTT COLLEGE DANCE TEAM



Former Revere High state gymnastics champion and cheerleading captain Nicole Sao-Pedro Welch (third from left, front row) is pictured with the Endicott College dance team before the Gulls' CNE championship football game in Beverly versus Curry College Sao-Pedro-Welch has been an assistant professor and head dance coach at Endicott for the past 15 years. Nicole is the wife of Revere Chamber of Commerce President Niles Welch and the daughter of Denise Sao Pedro and Carlos Sao Pedro.

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Indeed, Atoui has earned the respect of GBL coaches, earning All-Star recognition. He also starts at running back and had 128 yards rushing and two touchdowns in Revere's signature win (21-14) of the season over Everett.

"Reda's always around the ball and we're hoping he'll be able to accomplish some things in this game," said Cicatelli.

The Patriots will also look to defensive end Cesar Herrera to help contain Winthrop's ground game.

Quarterback Jose Fuentes has had an excellent rookie season and was selected as a GBL All-Star. Also receiving GBL honors was tight end and outside linebacker Bryan Fuentes.

Revere team enjoys BC-Georgia Tech game

Coach Cicatelli and his staff chaperoned the team on a trip to Alumni Stadium in Chestnut Hill for the BC-Georgia Tech game.

"It was a great game, and the players had an enjoyable experience," said Cicatelli. "The trip was courtesy of PAL (Police Activity League) and Kris Oldoni, who is always coming through for the kids of Revere."

Revere brings a 3-6 record (3-3 GBL) into the Thanksgiving game. Winthrop is 4-6 with wins over Saugus, Salem, Gloucester, and Wilmington.

A large crowd is expected for the game with a forecast for temperatures in the mid-to-high 40s.

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Coastal climate resiliency issues at the center of the Massachusetts MBC annual hearing

Special to the Journal

The Metropolitan Beaches Commission (MBC) and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay hosted their annual hearing at the Massachusetts State House on the condition of the 15 metropolitan beaches stewarded by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). DCR’s new Commissioner, Nicole LaChapelle, testified on the agency’s ongoing work to ensure the beaches are welcoming to all and strengthen the resiliency of DCR properties along the Boston coastline. “Our coastline is vital to Massachusetts – it shapes

our way of life, our economy, and who we are as a state,” said LaChapelle. “Our first priority is to find out which beaches are at short-term risk from impacts of coastal storms and then work collaboratively towards a shared understanding of coastal resiliency needs – rooted in equity, access, conservation, and suitability – that can be met efficiently and cost-effectively.” She also emphasized the importance of collaborating with multiple agencies, including the Army Corps of Engineers, the City of Boston, and the Office of Coastal Zone Management

(CZM). “These partnerships are vital because tackling extreme weather requires everyone at the table. We need a ‘One Massachusetts’ approach to protect our communities and our coastline because extreme weather does not recognize geographic boundaries,” LaChapelle noted. “In the past two years, we’ve made significant strides in accomplishing the recommendations of the Breaking Barriers report and improving water quality at some of our priority beaches,” remarked MBC Co-Chair, Senator Brendan Crighton. “That’s been the result of these fantastic part-

nerships between the Commission, Save the Harbor, and DCR.” LaChapelle shared that over the past year, DCR has invested \$15 million in capital improvements to the Metro Beaches and is on track to invest an additional \$12 million in the current fiscal year. The past year’s investments include improvements to bathhouses, the harborwalk, playgrounds, and utility services. The Breaking Barriers report was published in 2023 by the MBC to increase diversity, equity, and inclusion on the Metropolitan Region’s public beaches from Nahant to Nantasket. “When the Metropolitan Beaches Commission was founded, we focused on the foundational aspects of ensuring our beaches were safe and accessible,” said MBC Co-Chair Rep. Adrian Madaro. “Now, almost 20 years later, with the impacts of climate change affecting our coastline, the Metro Beaches Commission will continue to be crucial to ensuring healthy beach access for our communities.” “I look forward to collaborating with Commissioner LaChapelle on our ongoing efforts to enhance climate

resiliency and accessibility on America’s first public beach, so it may continue to serve as a premier destination for residents across the Commonwealth,” said MBC Commissioner Rep. Jessica Giannino. Save the Harbor then testified on climate preparedness in relation to the release of the ResilientCoasts report. “Last year the Commissioner requested beach vulnerability assessments for our region’s public beaches,” noted Chris Mancini, Executive Director of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. “CZM came through with that information showing 16.6 miles—about 20 percent— of the MBC’s publicly available beaches are vulnerable to short-term coastal erosion.” “We are also pleased to see the property buyback program featured in the ResilientCoasts Plan,” Mancini added. “This demonstrates Massachusetts’s forward-thinking regarding the rate of change on our shores.” MBC House Vice Chair Rep. Joan Meschino remarked, “This is a great moment for the Commission because [climate resiliency work] gives us a reason to

invest in our city’s beaches.” Staff from Save the Harbor highlighted the organization’s collaboration with DCR to appropriate more funds from the Mass Ready Act towards climate adaptation and beach vulnerability assessments. Between the Breaking Barriers report, the ResilientCoasts Plan, and the Mass Ready Act, Massachusetts is taking a multi-pronged approach to prepare itself for a changing climate. In the meantime, people continued to flock to the beaches for rest and recreation, as evidenced by the continued success of the Better Beaches Program. This program aims to give decision-making power over community spaces directly to community members. This year, Save the Harbor and DCR distributed \$315,000 to 75 grantees to run 182 free cultural festivals, fitness and wellness events, beach parties, and more along DCR’s beaches. “Our public beaches belong to everyone, and together we can make sure that every visitor can see themselves reflected at each of our 15 metro beaches,” stated LaChapelle.



Shown (left to right) are Metropolitan Beaches Commissioners Nicole McClain, Margaret LaForest, Rep. Adrian Madaro, Department Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Nicole LaChapelle, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay Executive Director Chris Mancini, Rep. David Biele, Rep. Joan Meschino, and Commissioner Susan Hamilton.

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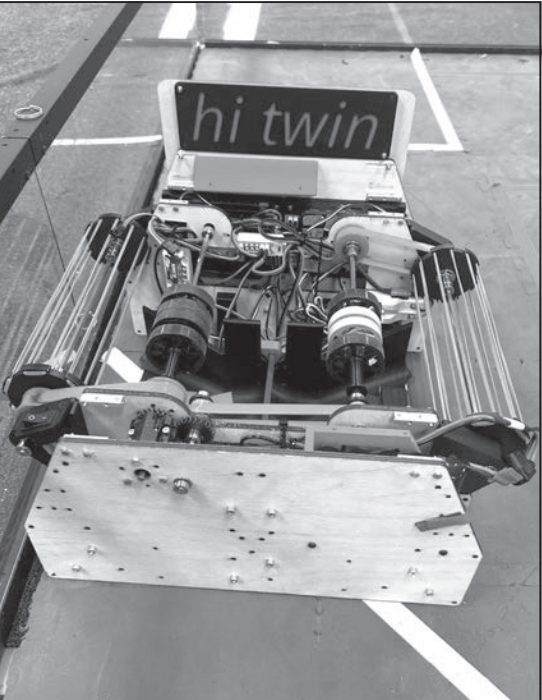
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RHS NUTRONS ARE GEARING UP FOR ROBOTICS COMPETITION SEASON

FROM YOUR RHS ARTISTS FASHION FROM A GALAXY FAR FAR AWAY

Our FTC (First Tech Challenge) teams have been hard at work preparing for their competition in January. FTC is a robotics league for high school students, where teams design, build, and program robots to complete a series of tasks on a smaller field. The challenge changes every year, requiring teams to think strategically, engineer creatively, and adapt as the season progresses. Throughout the build season, students follow a design process to save time and money throughout the season. After brainstorming and designing ideas, students transition into building prototypes that combine all the mechanisms they learned through their



years in robotics. Several of our teams are now polishing and refining their systems for the upcoming competition next month. Alongside our FTC competition, the FLL season is underway, where middle school teams compete using Lego-based robots. FLL introduces students to real-world problem-solving as they design, build, and program autonomous robots to complete themed missions on a game board. Our high school robotics members mentor these teams weekly, helping them learn mechanical basics, coding, and overall strategy. Looking ahead, our FRC (First Robotics Challenge) season officially begins on January 10th. FRC is the largest and most advanced robotics competition at the high school level, often described as a “sport for the mind.” Teams build full-scale, industrial-style robots in just six weeks to tackle a large, complex annual challenge. Our team is eager to dive into another year of ambitious engineering and collaboration. We want to thank all our dedicated students and mentors for their commitment, creativity, and teamwork. From mentoring younger students to building advanced competition robots, their passion is what makes our robotics program thrive. None of these accomplishments would be possible without the energy and enthusiasm they bring to robotics every day!

- RHS Robotics Team (the NUTRONS)



Star Wars inspired artwork by RHS fashion design student Vitoria Ferreira

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Federal funds will save parking garage project, Waterfront Square development

By SETH DANIEL
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The city scored a major victory late last week when Mayor Tom Ambrosino learned that more than \$22 million in Stimulus funds would be coming to rescue the stalled parking garage at Wonderland - an improvement that has been called the lynchpin of the larger \$500 million Waterfront Square development.

For the past two years, the mayor and city planners have been wrangling - pulling strings here and calling in favors there - to try and plug the funding gap in the \$52 million commuter parking garage on Butler Circle.

The last hope has been Stimulus funds, and the city has been waiting eagerly for an announcement since early last summer.

And Stimulus came through. “We’re very excited,” said the mayor, who has been slowly working towards developing Wonderland since he took office. “This is a very critical piece early in the project. It’s probably the biggest hurdle. If no development ever takes place, they still needed a parking garage there. I don’t want to overstate the importance of this. It doesn’t mean the development is happening, but there can be no development on the east side without a garage. It is an important first step and one we’ve been working on for the past year or more.”

The city’s economic development consultant, Paul Rupp, said this would be a milestone seen as the tipping point towards getting the development done.

“It’s a thing we’ll look back on years from now and say it was a critically important point in the larger

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION



Benae Bertocchio - a McKinley parent - hands a flier to Erika Svendsen on Monday afternoon during dismissal at the school. Parents are worried that the school may be shut down for good at the end of this school year.



A good Thanksgiving centerpiece is one that can be gobbled up - at least that’s the view of those at the Edible Arrangements store in the Northgate Mall, where they’re working double time to get Thanksgiving-themed fresh fruit centerpieces on Revere tables this turkey day. Here, Production Manager Odalis Richard and owner Donna Morgan display one of their seasonal specialties - which includes chocolate covered apples rolled in cinnamon spices.

Frustrations mount as conditions deteriorate at the McKinley School

By SETH DANIEL
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The McKinley School is bursting at the seams this year, and this week parents and former parents have risen up in protest - saying the current facility is no place for their children to learn. However, until a new school to replace the McKinley is definitely in the pipeline, the parents do not want the school closed.

“Inequitable,” has become the mantra this time around.

The school is more than 100 years old and is the only remaining school not to be re-built as part of the city’s School Building Program. Already, the city has built two new schools in West Revere, a new middle school near the high school and the Paul Revere School is in its last stages of construction.

Now, McKinley parents want to know when they’re going to get their school and they’re not getting the answers that they want.

So far, the timeline for starting a new school looks to be at least 2012, but some contend it will be much longer - or worse yet - the kids will be scattered and the school will be shuttered and never re-built. Such a scenario would break up one of the tightest school communities in the city.

On Monday afternoon, parent Benae Bertocchi stood outside the entrance to the school and handed out fliers written in English and Spanish to those picking up their children. The fliers called on parents to attend Tuesday night’s School Committee meeting, “And ask the Revere School Committee not to close the McKinley School without plans to build a new McKinley!”

Bertocchi said parents should not tolerate the deplorable, crowded condition.

*This week,
we look back
16 years to
the news of 2009.*

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

REVERE SENIOR CENTER THANKSGIVING

Photos by Marianne Salza

The Rosetti-Cowan Senior Center held a Thanksgiving Party on November 19 featuring DeMaino's turkey lunches served by members of the Suffolk

County Sheriff's Department. Attendees also jitter bug and doo wop danced to the musical entertainment of the Memorylaners band, who performed songs from the '50s, '60s, and '70s.



Marianne Damgone, and Irene Lanza.



Ann Eagan, Mina Canas, Administrative Assistant, and Lorraine Repoli.



The Memorylaners band performing music from the 1950s-1970s.



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Senior Center members dancing to "Can't Help Falling in Love," by Elvis Presley.

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Revere Senior Center members celebrating November birthdays.



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Mary Viliotta, Linda Doherty, Sandi Lozier, Karen Knapp, Liz Haley, Chickie Colella, Maria Cefalo, Eleanor Veira, Denise Rampelberg, and Nancy Monkiewicz.

Motivational speaker Anthony Valentine brings message of resilience and self-worth to RMA

Special to the Journal

Students at Rumney Marsh Academy were challenged to rethink the way they view their future, their struggles, and themselves during a powerful school-wide assembly on November 17 featuring nationally known youth motivational speaker Anthony Valentine.

The founder of KLTR and a former inner-city EMT, Valentine has spent nearly a decade traveling the country to help young people understand, as he put it, “the power of their stories and how their choices influence friendships, communities, and well-being.” His visit to Revere was part storytelling, part demonstration, and all heart—reflecting a mission rooted not in his accomplishments, but in the lessons he has learned along the way.

Valentine opened by addressing one of the biggest challenges facing young people: seeing possibility when the present feels overwhelming.

"It is so hard to see the future when we're living in the now," he told students. Many of the beliefs young people carry, he said, are shaped by the expectations—or doubts—of the world around them. Some students may feel counted out before they have even begun.

But Valentine made it clear that the adults in their lives, especially their teachers, see things differently.

"They show up every single day. This is why I show up," he said. "We haven't



Anthony Valentine speaks to the students in the auditorium.

counted you out, and we won't count you out. So, all we ask of you is not to count yourself out."

That message would anchor the rest of his talk: possibility is real, but it never happens by accident. He emphasized that greatness requires persistence, practice, dedication, hard work, and above all, consistency. "Nothing," he said, "simply arrives."

“You won’t just wake up one day, and a great thing will happen, or you’ll just do a great thing,” he said. “It comes with persistence... and all of those efforts started yesterday.”

Valentine's ability to connect his message to lived experience is a hallmark of his work. Before becoming a speaker, he spent seven years working on an ambulance, an experience he said changed the way he viewed people, compassion, and the weight every

person carries. He estimates that during those years, he met more than 5,000 people in moments of crisis or vulnerability. Over the last nine years, he has spoken to more than 50,000 students. Each encounter has shaped the lessons he now shares.

What those lessons have taught him, perhaps more than anything else, is that everyone is constantly “pouring”—giving effort, energy, and emotion to the people and responsibilities around them, often without recognizing it.

"We're all pouring every single day, even when we feel empty," Valentine said. Students pour into schoolwork, friendships, families, and obligations, sometimes to the point of feeling hollow inside. And that emptiness, he told them, is something almost everyone encounters. By asking

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BLO presents 'Must the Winter Come So Soon?' at the Boston Public Library

Special to the Journal

The Boston Public Library and Boston Lyric Opera (BLO) are joining forces to present a special Opera Night titled "Must the Winter Come So Soon?" on Thursday, December 4, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The free event, which welcomes all audiences—no prior opera experience necessary—aims to bring

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PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere (RRO) that the City of Revere Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday evening, December 17, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 on the application of Zepaj Development, LLC, 791 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 requesting the following variances to enable the appellant to raze the existing structure and construct a 112 unit residential structure at 500 Revere Street, Revere, MA 02151:

1. RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to maximum FAR requirement of 1.5 in the GB District;
2. RRO Section 17.24.010 (g) with respect to the requirement that all residential uses within the GB District have a minimum side yard setback of 15 feet and front yard setback of 20 feet;
3. RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to the. Maximum height requirement of 50 feet within the GB District;
4. RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to the maximum number of 5 stories required within the GB District;
5. RRO Section 17.28.020 (D) with respect to minimum parking requirement for residential apartment use within the GB District.

A copy of the aforementioned application (A-25-30) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM and on Friday 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM. If unable to attend the public hearing, proponent/opponent testimony will be accepted in writing via email to amelnik@revere.org on or before December 9, 2025.

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The Trial Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston MA, 02114
In the matter of: Stephen Depatto (et seq): Revere, MA
RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mass Dept. of Mental Health of West-borough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Stephen Depatto is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
You have the right to object to this proceeding.

the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 05, 2025
Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate
11/26/25 R

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
SuffolkProbate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
Docket No. SU24P1518EA
Estate of: Louis John Ciatelli, Sr.
Also known as: Louis John Ciatelli
Date of Death: 06/04/2024
A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Louis J. Ciatelli, Jr. of Topsfield, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of the final account and other such relief as may be 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 12/23/2025.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.
WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 18, 2025
Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate
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LEGAL NOTICE
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON
Docket No. SU13P2574GD
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston MA, 02114
In the Interests of: Grady Flint
Of: Revere, MA
RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/Protected Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by James V DiNatale of Newton, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Accept the Resignation of the Guardian of the Respondent.
The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 11/28/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
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Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
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LEGAL NOTICE
(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket 22 SM 003196
ORDER OF NOTICE To:
Arthur Hovsepian and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):
HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Nomura Home Equity Loan, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-FM2, claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Revere, numbered 22 Lynnway, given by Arthur Hovsepian and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, Fremont Investment & Loan, its successors and assigns, dated February 22, 2006, and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 39124, Page 301, as affected by Judgment obtained in Suffolk County Superior Court in Civil Action No. 1784cv02897, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants'

a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.
ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION
The City of Revere certifies to HUD that Patrick M. Keefe Jr, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Revere to use HUD PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on November 6, 2025.
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson Recorder
15-002878
11/26/25 R

LEGAL NOTICE
COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT, NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS, AND FINAL NOTICE OF FLOODPLAIN ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION
City of Revere, Dept. of Planning & Community Development (DPCD)
281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151
Date of Publication: September 17, 2025
Expires: December 10, 2025
These notices shall satisfy three separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Revere.
REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS
On or about December 11, 2025, the City of Revere will submit a request to the HUD for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title 1 of the of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following projects or activities:
Project/Program Title: Gibson Park Revere - Improvements
Purpose: To enhance the quality of life through infrastructure investment
Location: Gibson Park
Project/Program Description: Improve access, recreational offerings and storm water management facilities for the benefit of residents of Revere.
Level of Environmental Review Citation: 24 CFR Part 58.36 [JD1]
Estimated Project Cost: The project is estimated to cost \$750,000.00, of which \$190,000.00 will be HUD Funded Assistance or Insured. Use of funds from other agencies include Congressional Direct Spending Funds of \$500,000.00 and Federal Earmark Funds of \$2,558,000. [JD2]
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
The City of Revere has determined that the projects will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:15 A.M to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday and on Friday from 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM. The ERR is also available electronically at <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review-records/>. [JD3]
PUBLIC COMMENTS
Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Revere, DPCD. All comments received by December 17th, 2025, will be considered by the City of Revere prior to authorizing submission of

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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, Section 5-304
Docket No. SU25P2492GD
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston MA, 02114
In the matter of: Grady Flint of: Revere, MA
RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person
TO G.L. c. 190B, Section 5-304
Docket No. SU25P2492GD
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Date: November 05, 2025
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LEGAL NOTICE
A-25-34
Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere (RRO) that the City of Revere Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday evening, December 17, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 on the application of Trichilo Development, LLC, 13 Victoria Street, Revere, MA 02151 requesting the following variances from the ZBA to enable the appellant to file a Planned Unit Development application for the construction of a 39-unit residential apartment building at 18-22 Green Street, Revere, MA 02151:

1. RRO Section 17.20.160 with respect to the minimum lot area requirement of 25,000 square feet for a PUD within the TED District;
2. RRO Section 17.20.170 (B) with respect to the requirement that at least 10% of the land area of a PUD shall be set aside as permanent usable open space;
3. RRO Section 17.20.200 with respect to the requirement that at least 2 parking spaces per residential unit shall be provided for a PUD.
A copy of the aforementioned application (A-25-34) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:15AM to 5:00PM and on Friday 8:15AM to 12:15PM. If unable to attend the public hearing, proponent/opponent testimony will be accepted in writing via email to amelnik@revere.org on or before December 9, 2025.

Ashley E. Melnik, Clerk
City of Revere
Zoning Board of Appeals
11/26/25, 12/3/25 R

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1. RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to maximum height requirement of 35 feet within the NB District;
2. RRO Section 17.28.020 with respect to minimum parking spaces for a general office use.
A copy of the aforementioned application (A-25-33) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:15AM to 5:00PM and on Friday 8:15AM to 12:15PM. If unable to attend the public hearing, proponent/opponent testimony will be accepted in writing via email to amelnik@revere.org on or before December 9, 2025.

Ashley E. Melnik, Clerk
City of Revere
Zoning Board of Appeals
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LEGAL NOTICE
A-25-31
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1. RRO Section 17.23.050 (D) with respect to minimum setback requirement of 30 feet from all property boundary lines;
2. RRO Section 17.23.050 (B) with respect to maximum height requirement of 12 feet per story.
A copy of the aforementioned application (A-25-31) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:15AM to 5:00PM and on Friday 8:15AM to 12:15PM. If unable to attend the public hearing, proponent/opponent testimony will be accepted in writing via email to amelnik@revere.org on or before December 9, 2025.

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City of Revere
Zoning Board of Appeals
11/26/25, 12/3/25 R

LEGAL NOTICE
A-25-29
Public Hearing
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A copy of the aforementioned application (A-25-29) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:15AM to 5:00PM and on Friday 8:15AM to 12:15PM. If unable to attend the public hearing, proponent/opponent testimony will be accepted in writing via email to amelnik@revere.org on or before December 9, 2025.

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Notice
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Pursuant to Mass General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40, Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Revere Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 6:30

P.M., in the City of Revere Council Chambers on the second floor of the Revere City Hall, on a Request for Determination of Applica-bility to determine if the proposed work at Belle Isle Marsh, Rumney Marsh, and low-lying residential neighborhoods fringing the marshes are areas or is an activity subject to the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act. The application is on file and is available for public inspec-tion in the Conservation Commission Office at 249R Broadway, Revere, MA on Monday through Thursday from 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Application and meeting information may also be obtained by contacting the

Conservation Commission by calling 781-286-8185 or by emailing concom@revere.org.

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Suffolk Downs celebrates grand opening of The Point Barre & Yoga

Ribbon cutting in Beachmont Square marks opening of woman-owned fitness studio's second location

Special to the Journal

The HYM Investment Group (“HYM”), National Real Estate Advisors, LLC (“National”) and the City of Revere celebrated the grand opening and ribbon cutting of The Point Barre and Yoga (“The Point”), the second retail tenant to officially open at Suffolk Downs, following Twisted Fate Brewery’s opening in October. Founded in 2017, The Point is a woman-owned yoga and barre studio with an existing location in East Boston. The expansion to ground-floor retail space in Amaya at Suffolk Downs marks the studio's second location and will further enhance the vibrancy of the

growing Beachmont Square neighborhood. The official ribbon cutting ceremony featured a speaking program, with remarks from Thomas N. O’Brien, Managing Partner and Chief Executive officer of HYM; Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe and Revere elected officials; and Angela D’Amore and Jessica Drake, co-owners of the Point Barre & Yoga. Located at 56 Salt Street in Revere, The Point’s Suffolk Downs studio introduces a bright, modern, and welcoming space for yoga, barre and wellness enthusiasts. Designed to inspire movement, mindfulness, and community, the new studio offers a wide range of infrared and room-temperature yoga classes, barre and Pilates sessions, as well as dance cardio and mommy & me options. The Point is also launching a Suffolk Downs Run Club and partnering with NamaStay Sober to offer a weekly class focused on fostering healthy

habits, connection and support within the community. For a full schedule of classes and events, visit www.thepointbarreand yoga.com. Since its founding, The Point has been dedicated to creating a space that fosters well-being, emotional balance, and mindfulness for people of all ages and skill levels. The studio philosophy centers around inclusivity, offering a welcoming environment where individuals can strengthen both body and spirit. Whether seasoned practitioners or those just beginning their journeys, The Point's spaces offer a place to build meaningful relationships and improve well-being. The expansion to Suffolk Downs allows The Point to extend its mission of building a supportive, connected community to an even broader audience. With this opening at Suffolk Downs, The Point joins the new Twisted Fate Brewing taproom at Amaya, which officially opened



Pictured inside the beautiful new studio at The Point Barre and Yoga, 56 Salt St., Revere, are (from left) HYM Investment Group Managing Partner Thomas O’Brien, Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe, business owners Angela D’Amore and Jessica Drake, Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, and Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto.

its doors in October. Situated in the vibrant Beachmont Square, with direct access to the MBTA Blue Line and less than a half mile from the oldest public beach in the U.S, the Revere studio is perfectly positioned to become a new local favorite. “From the beginning, our mission at The Point has been to create a space where

people feel seen, supported and connected. Expanding to Suffolk Downs allows us to welcome even more members of the community into a studio that nurtures both strength and stillness. We’re thrilled to bring this sense of belonging to Revere and to contribute to the energy and growth happening in Beachmont Square,” said The Point Barre and Yoga Co-owners Angela D’Amore and Jessica Drake. “HYM is excited to celebrate the opening of The Point Barre and Yoga as Suffolk Down’s second retail tenant,” said Thomas N. O’Brien, Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer of HYM. “As a local, woman-owned business founded in East Boston, The Point has a deep connection to this community. With this opening, The Point adds to the growing list of vibrant destinations for residents and visitors to enjoy in Beachmont Square.” “Today’s opening of The Point Barre and Yoga is another exciting step in the continued growth of Beachmont Square,” said Mayor

of Revere, Patrick Keefe. "We're grateful to see local, woman-owned businesses choosing to plant roots in Revere, and we look forward to the impact The Point will have on residents and visitors alike." BLACKLINE Retail Group serves as the exclusive leasing agent for the first phase of development at Beachmont Square and is bringing eight distinct retail destinations to Amaya for residents and visitors to enjoy, including The Point and Twisted Fate. The Point’s Revere studio is located on the ground floor of Amaya, a 475-unit residential building located in the heart of the 1.7-million-square-foot Beachmont Square neighborhood, offering more than 24,000 square feet of dynamic retail space. The neighborhood is home to popular attractions like The Yard @ Beachmont Square, two dog parks, The Track at Suffolk Downs, and The Stage at Suffolk, which hosts a range of community events and concerts. For more information, visit atsuffolkdowns.com.



Mayor Patrick Keefe joins Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto, HYM Managing Partner Thomas O’Brien, Chief of Planning and Community Development Tom Skwierwaski, Transportation Coordinator Julie DeMauro, Chief of Staff for Sen. Lydia Edwards Office, Mela Villa Gomez, Business Liaison John Festa, and The Point Barre and Yoga business owners Jessica Drake and Angela D’Amore for the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new studio located at 56 Salt St., Revere.

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students whether a cup he held was “full” or “empty,” Valentine illustrated how perceptions shift depending on what someone believes about themselves. Beliefs, he explained, are like walls. When young people experience pain, disappointment, or failure, those experiences can build emotional barriers that keep them from seeing what’s possible. Yet those walls aren’t permanent. “Usually, a bridge is made so that we can carry things across,” he said. Lowering those walls requires adjusting beliefs—not pretending a difficult experience didn’t happen, but reframing its meaning. “I can’t change what I felt in those moments... but what I can adjust is how I see those experiences,” he

told them. “If I’ve ever felt not good enough, where can I adjust my beliefs so I can feel better about myself, about survival, about everything that is around me?” The idea, he said, is not just to survive the difficult parts of life but to understand what each person is carrying and pouring from. Like a science experiment—a comparison he returned to often as he shared that science was his favorite subject growing up—every person has an internal “mixture” made from memories, grief, love given, and love withheld. That mixture changes over time as new experiences blend into the old. “Everybody in this room has their own internal mixture,” he said, reminding students that what they feel

inside is shaped by real experiences and is worth acknowledging. At one point, Valentine spoke plainly about the emotional exhaustion that comes from giving so much of oneself. He described the feeling students might recognize after studying all night for a test, pouring everything into it, and then being filled suddenly with insecurity—wondering if they did enough or fearing the result. The same happens in friendships or relationships, he said, when someone gives so much they feel they have nothing left. What rises afterward—fear, doubt, anxiety—isn’t a sign of failure but a sign that a person has emptied themselves. Those feelings, he emphasized, do not mean something is wrong with

them. They mean they are human. Throughout the assembly, Valentine blended humor, personal storytelling, gentle challenge, and science-based metaphor to keep students engaged. He joked about the best parts of visiting different towns—especially the promise of a good home-cooked meal—and recalled his childhood dreams of becoming a doctor. Now, he said, he may not be a medical doctor, but he heals in a different way. “My goal is to touch hearts,” he said. It is a mission that has carried him from ambulances to classrooms, from emergency calls to auditoriums filled with students searching for direction. As the assembly concluded, Valentine’s core mes-



Motivational speaker Anthony Valentine with student volunteers.

sage rang clearly: the world needs the faces, voices, and stories of Rumney Marsh Academy students. Their future isn’t predetermined, and their value is not measured by the hardest moments of their past. “There is still so much

possibility, still so much opportunity,” he told them. With persistence, belief, and a clearer understanding of what they carry inside, he assured them, they can build the bridges that lead to brighter futures.





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