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This year the FHS Alumni booth in front of the Millicent Library will be selling a new product: 12 oz. stemless wine glasses that are \$8.00 (see photo).

For our classmates making donations to the 2022 Light-A-Light fund raiser campaign, your efforts helped in purchasing new Knipe Auditorium Stage curtains. What was there before was deteriorating when touched. Checking in with our own Chris Richard, (a/k/a Mr. FVHN History), possible the old curtains installed around mid-1930's era.



New FHS emblem installed on top valance.



To give you perspective what there, workers to a snap shot of the old curtain coming down into a bin, with about 4 inches of "dust" attached. Interesting side fact, the workers installing the new

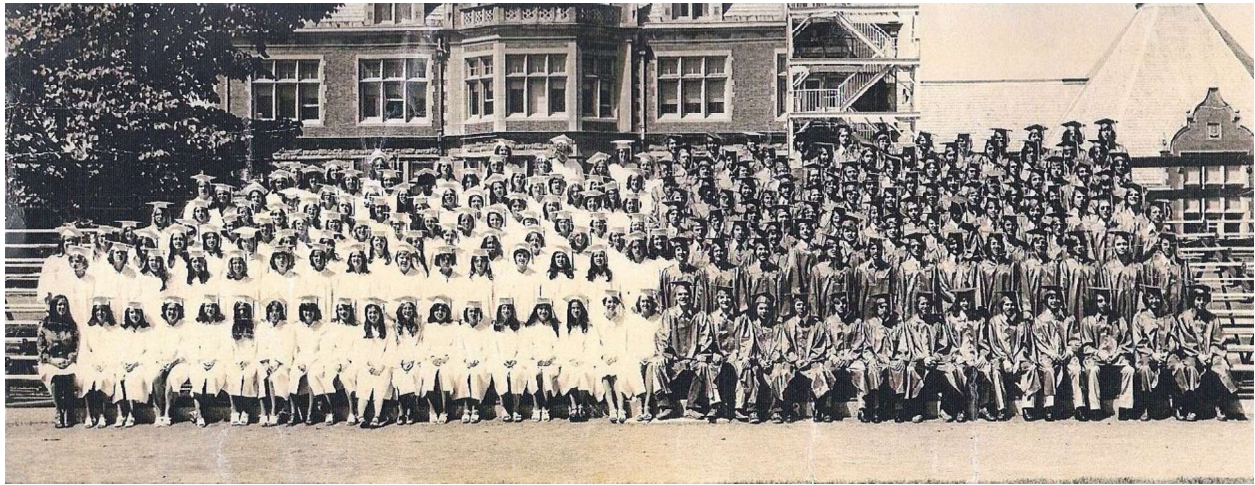
curtains took several photos with their iPhone of the plentiful gargoyles in attendance. One worker quoted as saying " Never seen a high school like before in my life, you sure this is a Highschool?"

COACH: JIM LANAGAN FHS Hall of Fame Inductee. Jim Lanagan wrapped up his 15th season



Coach Jim Lanagan listens as his Hall of Fame bio is read. Laurie Los Lee/The Standard-Times

at Bishop Stang High School in November of 1995, which marked his 37th season of walking the sidelines as a head football coach. He left Bishop Stang as the winningest football coach in that school's history with an overall record of 90-55-5. It was the final stop in a head coaching career that also included stints at



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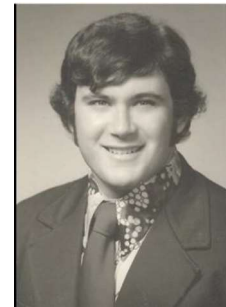
Monsignor Coyle High School of Taunton, Wareham and Fairhaven High School. Coach Lanagan's overall 37-year coaching record was 178 wins, 110 losses and 8 ties. He won back-to-back Southeastern

Massachusetts Conference Div III championships at Wareham High School in 1972 and 1973, and then made it three consecutive titles by leading Fairhaven High School to the SMC Div II championship in his first year there in 1974. Jim began his head coaching career in 1964 at Coyle, where he remained for seven seasons before taking the reins at Wareham in 1971. After three years with the Vikings, coach Lanagan replaced Kevin Cadieux as the head coach at Fairhaven High in March of 1974 and he directed Blue Devils football teams for the next seven seasons, the final two while serving as the school's Director of Athletics. Jim won a title in his first year at Fairhaven, taking 29 returning team members from 0-9-0 in 1973 and turning the 1974 team into an 8-2-0 championship squad that produced three all-star players and earned coach Lanagan the title of SMC Defensive Coach of the Year. His record at Fairhaven High was 39-27-3.

Other Classmates of '76 inducted into Hall of Fame also. They are **Linda Tobertga Frysinger '76**, **Armand "Mickey" Santos '76** and **Raymond Canastra '76**

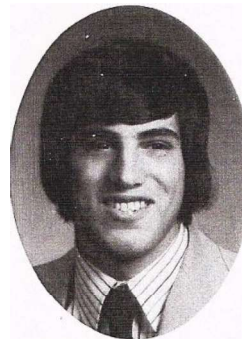
Raymond Canastra Class of 1976 A three season athlete at Fairhaven High School, Raymond Canastra played football, and ran indoor and outdoor track. A three-season athlete Ray gained the most notoriety on the football field. Ray was a mighty anchor of both the defensive and offensive line for Fairhaven High School football in the years 1974 and 1975. During this time Fairhaven High School won back-to-back Southern Massachusetts Conference Division II Championships. Along with achieving team success, Ray was also recognized for his personal achievements. Ray was selected by the Standard Times as an all-Southern Massachusetts Conference All-Star, selected by the Taunton Gazette as an All-Star, and also selected by

The Courier to the South Easter Massachusetts Conference All-Star squad. He earned each of these honors in both his junior and senior seasons. Ray was also selected as a captain of the football team during his senior year. Upon graduation, Ray spent his time on the New Bedford waterfront. In 1994 Ray established the Whaling City Seafood Display Auction.



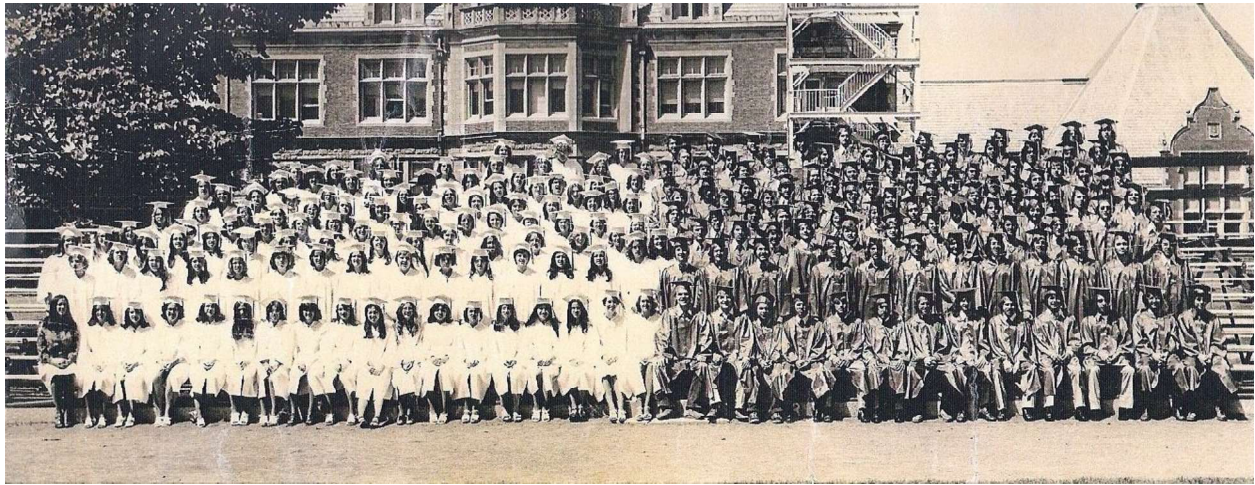
The auction provided an orderly open market giving fisherman with more exposure to buyers and the buyers a more predictable supply of seafood. Later in the same year Ray created BASE, an electronic auction house. This business connected buyers and sellers from different locations opening the seafood market. Ray also contributed his time with numerous local youth sports. He not only sponsored many teams and organizations, but he also helped run St Mary's Catholic Youth Organization basketball program, as well as coaching many other youth sports teams.

Armand "Mickey" Santos '76 Mickey was an outstanding three sport athlete at Fairhaven High School for three years earning eight letters for football, basketball and track. Santos went on to earn a



Mickey include a three-touchdown game against Seekonk leading to a 32-0 victory and another three-

scholarship to Boston University to play football. Mickey helped lead Fairhaven football to two South Coast Conference Championships and was a 1975 Standard Times All-Star and also earned All S.M.C. honors. An excellent scoring force, Santos was in the top ten of his division in the state scoring 10 touchdowns while totaling 62 points in 1975. Two outstanding games for



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touchdown scoring game versus Bourne in a 26-0 win. In his senior year he was captain of both the football and basketball teams. In basketball Santos was a two-year varsity player who was clutch under pressure. He had a game winning basket in a 51-49 barn burner against Old Rochester and in an upset win over New Bedford Vocational High School Mickey scored the last ten points of the game ending in the 46-44 victory. In track and field, he was a Standard Times All-Star excelling in the 100-yard dash, the long jump and the relay team. Mickey is a counselor at Dartmouth High School and he and his wife Kyle reside in Lakeville with their three daughters. Mickey is also the son of Fairhaven Varsity football legend Armand Santos.



Linda Tobertga Frysinger '76, Also a member of FHS Hall of Fame. Seemingly no information about our Linda is available online. We will be happy to update Linda's Hall of Fame information when available. Congrats to Linda.

Read this opinion online, not sure of author, thought this was a good read, with our 50th approaching thought



to pass along. Funerals Feel Like Class Reunions These Days "We've got to stop meeting like this"... a line that's felt far too rehearsed than I'm comfortable

with. I'm not accustomed to writing anything connected to negative connotations, but something happened that awoke a more profound message that I need to get off my chest. Today I lost a childhood friend, and I'm finding it difficult to process. Just when I thought I had life somewhat figured out, I'm reminded

that just about anything can alter that perception. Just today I was shocked by the news of my friend's passing and rushed home to change, shave and hustle over to the funeral home before visitation hours expired. It's the irony of rushing, for me. Upon arrival, my eyes instantly found a few familiar tear-stained faces.

Their smiles struggled to emerge from the heartache. It was a class reunion I wasn't prepared for, yet here we are. "We've got to stop meeting like this." There was that line again echoing through my skull like a broken record. I understand that people get busy and I'm just as guilty, but where's the fine line where we convince ourselves of the importance of family and friendship over a paycheck? It's a revolving scenario similar to the circle of life but on a more morbid scale:

Someone we know and love dies. We're reunited with old familiar faces we haven't seen in quite some time. Loose plans are made to grab a coffee or a bite to eat. Those plans fail because our busy lives are intercepted. We fall out of touch once again and years melt away. Step one repeats itself and runs its course.

One of the toughest parts of losing friends is the significance of our social identity. The loss of a friend can lead to feelings of disorientation and confusion about who we are without them. In other words- the internal question "Why not me?" will often resound, making us more acutely aware of our own mortality, which can be uncomfortable and unsettling.

A late great pastor once told me that "only death gives life meaning. Knowing our limited time should infuse every moment, every breath, with purpose". I felt that today more than I have in the past. I'm not sure when funerals became class reunions, but it's quite a desolate place to reunite. Can we please change this trend?



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The Holdovers Movie and link to movie trailer.



Scene filmed from Knipe Auditorium from the movie.

It's been a year-and-a-half since Fairhaven's Superintendent of Schools Tara Kohler made the big announcement on Michael and Maddie: Hollywood was coming to Fairhaven, and Fairhaven High School was going to be a part of it. Now, 18 months later, the movie has been filmed, the crew has packed up and gone, and the production has finished. The release date has been set. It will be Thanksgiving weekend this year.

For those of us who have been anxiously waiting to get a glimpse of what this Paul Giamatti film is going to look like, we got our first peek on Monday when The Holdovers movie trailer was released on YouTube.

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As promised, Giamatti plays a crotchety old man who is tasked with "babysitting" four students who have nowhere to go for Christmas break. "And most of the kids dislike you, pretty much hate you. The teachers, too," says Dominic Sessa's character, Angus. At least one of the scenes in the trailer was shot in the timeless Henry Huttleston Rogers-funded interior of Fairhaven High School. Angus is seen sitting at a piano on the Knipe Auditorium stage. The familiar FHS logo on the curtain was replaced with the fictitious Barton School logo. The dining room scenes in the trailer were filmed at Wamsutta Club in New Bedford. Bostonians will also recognize a shot of Faneuil Hall Marketplace and the statue of Sam Adams. Judging from the trailer, The

Holdovers looks like it could be a heartwarming holiday film. We can't wait to see it on the big screen.

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1976 Classmate making recent news: A New Bedford business needs your old clothes to dress celebrities. Here's why. NEW BEDFORD — You know that bin of old clothes you don't know what to do with? Before tossing it out, perhaps consider that there's a local business possibly willing to buy it; And from there, who knows, you may just spot it on one of your favorite Hollywood stars in their next big hit.

That's what happened when the crew behind 'Finestkind,' which shot in New Bedford last year, had costume design needs that the latest mall fashions wouldn't fill. Circa Vintage Clothing in New Bedford dressed the film's A-list cast, among them Jake Gyllenhaal, Tommy Lee Jones and Netflix' "Wednesday" star Jenna Ortega. "It's interesting because even though it's set in contemporary times they wanted vintage, I guess because it's so popular now," said Circa owner Chris Duval. "So much stuff ends up in a dumpster, but I always tell people: don't."

Duval has been in business for 37 years, first opening in Fairhaven in 1986 before moving to the now-closed New Bedford Antiques site on Coggeshall Street, and then to Circa's current West End location on Court Street. A look around inside Circa Vintage Clothing on Court Street in New Bedford shows items for sale and shop decor from many eras. "We're constantly working on films, plays, things like that," Duval said, noting HBO's biopic series "Julia," based on famed TV chef Julia Child, as another recent production that employed his help on wardrobe, aiming specifically for '60s-era looks. He even has a "distressed" inventory for when someone needs a look that can only be achieved through real-life wear and tear. "A lot of times they want stuff that shows wear," Duval said. 'Fashion archeology'. When it comes to defining his niche, Duval says he's taken a liking to a term once coined to describe him: "fashion archeologist." As such, each collection, rack and display at Circa is arranged with the attractive deliberateness of a curated museum. A



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section of old local wear includes items like a New Bedford Institute of Technology '59-'60 soccer championship varsity jacket, while the walls are adorned with old signage from places like Pepin's Men's Apparel and The Standard-Times' former press building.

And as with any irreplaceable artifact, the process of preparing each item for display must be done with preservation in mind. "A lot of it is finding the right products to clean with, and you need dry air," Duval said, also noting sunlight is one of the best natural stain-fighters. "Sometimes I have to wash something many, many times. It's funny, people say, 'You spend all this time on something you'll sell for 20 bucks?' But it's



satisfying." State-level accommodations for filmmakers booming business

Though traditional retail was once a more prominent aspect of the Circa business model, Duval has largely transitioned away from it since moving to his current location eight years ago, noting 2006 state legislation that created film tax credits, resulting in an influx of major productions shooting in Massachusetts, has been a great help. "That opened the floodgates, because there's a lot of good locations here that haven't been used and it's kind of like fresh meat," he said. "When they said it, I thought, oh, that'll be good, but it turned out to be really good."

Who else comes into Circa? Aside from the realm of character costuming, Duval says his clients have often

included photographers looking to do modeling shoots, and the likes of Ralph Lauren and Converse designers when they've been in need of some new fashion ideas based on old ones. "I have design teams come in for inspiration for current projects," he said. "Sometimes it's just for the colors or patterns that can't be found in today's 'fast fashion.'" The view through an antique mirror shows some of the men's formal wear at Circa Vintage Clothing. And then, although he considers himself mostly out of retail at this point, he'll still make the occasional appointment for a casual customer looking to add something unique to their own closets, often familiar faces. "I just think it's awesome," Duval said, referring to a past Fairhaven shop customer who'd just come in from New York to show her vintage-loving daughters around. Other times, it may be someone who's heard about Circa through the showbiz grapevine, like the time he got a call from Téa Leoni, wife of X-Files star David Duchovny. "I never know who it's going to be," Duval said. Think you have something to sell Circa? If you believe you have something Circa-worthy, Duval can be reached at 508-997-9390. For more information, visit www.circavintage1986.com.

Something to think about, FHS Alumni customary tradition, the FHS Class having its 50th class reunion is the class to traditionally serve the Sunday morning breakfast at the High School's cafeteria. Breakfast donated by Alumni Matt Gamache and his Courtyard restaurant. Class 76 will need a handful of volunteers to serve and quick cleanup. Think about helping if you are going to be around that Sunday after the reunion. Details to follow; 3 years out, however, will arrive here soon enough.



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One of our educators while our class attended FHS has passed away. Janice Rita Souza Randall, a former administrator at Radcliffe College and teacher at several Massachusetts schools, died on July 17 at her home in the Atria senior living facility in Fairhaven. She was 83.



For 20 years, Ms. Randall worked at Harvard University, serving as a publicist and administrator for the Mary Ingraham Bunting Institute at Radcliffe College (now the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study) and the Henry A. Murray Research Center, also at Radcliffe (now part of Harvard's Institute for Quantitative Social Science). Prior to her time at Harvard, she was program coordinator at Lesley College (now Lesley University) in

Cambridge. In earlier years, Ms. Randall taught English at various public and private schools, including Fisher Junior College, the International Institute, and Newman Preparatory School in Boston; Dartmouth High School and Bishop Stang High School in North Dartmouth; and Fairhaven High School. Following her retirement from Harvard in 2003, she served as an administrative assistant and wedding coordinator at Emmanuel Church in Boston before returning to her native South Coast in 2015.

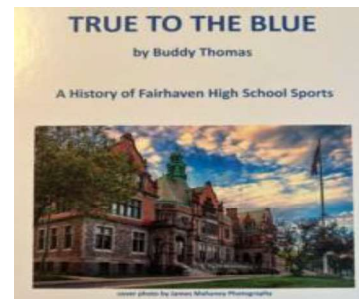
Born in New Bedford in 1940, the daughter of the late Ernest Souza and Margaret (Doyle) Souza, Ms. Randall attended New Bedford public schools as a child, graduating from New Bedford High School in 1958 and from Bridgewater State College in 1962. She continued her education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where she earned a master's degree in English in 1969.

Ms. Randall was the widow of Dean L. Randall, a former city editor of the Attleboro Sun and the New Bedford Standard-Times as well as former metropolitan editor of the Boston Herald. Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, MacLaren Randall and Laurie Jakobsen of New York, N.Y.; a sister, Elinor Borrmann of San Rafael, Calif.; stepdaughters Kim Randall and Jennifer Randall, both of Mattapoisett; granddaughters Rebecca Randall of New York, N.Y., and Leah Randall of Mattapoisett; and several nieces and nephews. Ms. Randall was also the sister of the late Leone Benevides of New Bedford. A Cemetery service will be held on

Monday, August 28, 2023, at St. Mary's Cemetery, 1213 Kempton Street, New Bedford, MA 02745 at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ms. Randall's memory may be made to the Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust, PO Box 70567, Dartmouth MA 02747. Arrangements are placed in the care of Perry Funeral Home, 111 Dartmouth St., New Bedford, MA 02740. Please see our website: www.perryfuneral.com for condolences.

The Fairhaven High School Hall of Fame Committee announces the publication of Buddy Thomas's first book: TRUE TO THE BLUE. In this unique publication Buddy Thomas has used his 40+ years of experience covering local high school sports for the Standard-Times to produce a decade-by-decade chronicle of Fairhaven High School sports. Buddy relied on the archives of the Standard-Times to research the first half of the 20th century, including some historic photos of some of the legends of the high school's sports teams. Buddy relies on his experiences of covering local high school sports since 1966 to examine the highlights of the Fairhaven Blue

Devils teams in the latter part of the 20th century and the first decade of this century. Buddy Thomas will be conducting a book signing on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 10:30 am in the auditorium on



the ground floor of the Millicent Library. Copies of TRUE TO THE BLUE will be on sale for \$25 at time, and the book can also be purchased at the Euro Store at the corner of Center and Main Streets, as well as at the FHS football game vs NB Voc-Tech on Friday, September 21st at the Concession Stand. The book can also be purchased online at Store.BookBaby.com (after 9/15/23) for the same price plus shipping. Buddy serves as a consultant to the FHS Hall of Fame Committee and he has asked that all proceeds from the sale of his book go to that committee to assist them in carrying out their mission.

Take care! Be well and stay safe.