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MONTHLY FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT **TEMPLE TIFERETH ISRAEL OF WINTHROP**

The service will be led by Rabbinical Intern, Mimi Micner, Temple Tifereth Israel of Winthrop will welcome the Sabbath at its monthly Friday Evening Service on Feb. 15. A short participatory service (6 p.m.) will be followed by light refreshments (6:30 p.m.) Phone (617-846-1390) or email the Temple (ttiwinthrop@gmail.com) with any questions. We are located at 93 Veterans Road in beautiful Winthrop by the sea.

SEN. BONCORE HOSTS WINTER RECEPTION

Richard and Jessica Bardi, State Sen. Joe Boncore with his fiancée Christine Diarbakerly, and Jamy Madeja of the MMTA (Massachusetts Marine Trades Association) at Sen. Boncore's annual Winter Reception at the Battery Wharf Hotel in Boston's North End. See more photos on Page 8.

Senior Center reopens following burst pipe

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

After a burst pipe in the main dining room dumped a torrent of water into the Robert DeLeo Senior Center, it has been reopened.

Kathryn Dixon, director of the center, said the center was opened Monday with a hole still in the ceiling exposing the sprinkler system pipes that

burst, causing the problem. Dixon said water was on every floor in the building. Golden Drive."

"It was running right out the front door," Dixon said. She explained that staff only were in the building on Jan. 22, the building had been

closed for the weekend. "Chief Flanagan and all the

firefighters were lifesavers," said Dixon. "And Peg Lyons of the Winthrop Housing Au-

thority were generous for allowing to use their space on For two weeks the cen-

ter set up for senior lunch at Golden Drive. Ruined in the flood were

new light fixtures, all the floors and furniture. There is no dollar estimate

yet for the damage, but insurance adjusters have been in to access the situation.

Winthrop, Revere and Chelsea teaming up for **Community Health Needs Assessment survey**

geting funding to help address

2018 real estate market up in Winthrop

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

The 2018 real estate market in Winthrop showed a rise in the price of a median priced single-family home as well as condominium prices.

"As you know, 2018 was a banner year for real estate. I think 2019 will also be a very good year also, but the price appreciation should slow down. There will be more opportunity for buyers. When it comes to real estate

sales, I am a big believer in consumer confidence and the job market," said James Polino, president of Highland Real Estate. "If people are not worried about losing their jobs and they are confident about the economy, they will buy homes. With the strong economy and the record low unemployment rate, I think the real estate market will do well, even with interest rates

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Maria Rago to run 2019 Boston Marathon to benefit Family Reach

By Kate Anslinger

Winthrop resident Maria Rago is taking some major steps to raise \$10,000 for a noteworthy organization. As one of her lifelong dreams, Rago has committed to finishing the 2019 Boston Marathon for Family Reach, a national non-profit organization committed to alleviating the financial burden that causes hardships for families.

Working with more than 300 hospitals and cancer centers nationwide, Family Reach provides immediate financial assistance, education and navigation to families before they hit critical breaking points. The goal of the organization is to bridge the gap between hospital and home, quickly providing the vital support families need to stay afloat.

"Reaching the finish line

her free time. "I can't wait to get there, but I'm also so excited for the journey that lies ahead."

Rago is a special education teacher at Brighton High School, where she teaches ninth-grade physics and 11thgrade advanced algebra to severely emotionally and behaviorally disturbed students. While she has run several half marathons, this will be her first full marathon.

"As I train for the Boston Marathon, I am committed to raising over \$10,000 for Family Reach. I want to ensure families battling cancer can keep a roof over their heads, food on the table and maintain reliable access to treatment."

On April 15, Rago will join thousands of other runners on the streets of Boston. If you are interested in helping Rago reach her goal and benefit famon Boylston Street has been a ilies battling cancer, donations life-long goal and childhood can be made by credit card at dream of mine," said Rago, https://www.crowdrise.com/ who has been tracking miles mariarago or through venmo:

Winthrop Public Schools

For the first time, Chelsea, of community life."

Revere, and Winthrop are According to Town Manager Faison, "This is an important process for Winthrop, I frequently stress the need for data and analysis at the municipal level so that we can improve services we provide to residents. It is exciting to partner with our neighbors because public health issues can impact our communities in different ways."

Preschool Screening

The Winthrop School Department will conduct the annual Preschool Screening for 3 and 4 year old child dren born prior to September 1, 2016 he screenings will be held on March 11,12 &13, 2019 at the Gorman Fort Banks School. The purpose of the screening is to identify those childre n need of special education services Additionally, children who will be 4 years of age prior to September 1, 2019, not identified as a student in need of special education services. will be eligible for tuition based lotter openings in the integrated preschoo program. Information regarding program options can be found at: www.winthrop.k12.ma.us under the Parent Information tab.

All students must participate in the screening process to be considered for placement.

To schedule an appointment and obtain the required application, lease contact Judi Buono, Studen Registration, 617-846-5500 x7102, on or before Feb. 28, 2019. enings are held by appointment only

combining forces to conduct a comprehensive regional Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and design a Community Health Implementation Plan (CHIP).

"Major hospitals, along with health centers, human services providers and non-profits that serve area residents, are working with municipal leaders, health departments and the boards of health of each community to develop the plan," said Winthrop Public Health Nurse Meredith Hurley, during Tuesday night's Town Council meeting. "Residents of the three communities are being urged to go online and fill out a survey that asks about local health issues and other aspects

The effort is being co-coordinated by the North Suffolk Public Health Collaborative and the Mass General Hospital Center for Community Health Improvement (CCHI) with the ultimate goal of identifying, prioritizing and addressing the most urgent health needs faced by each community and the region, these assessments are often used to apply for tar-

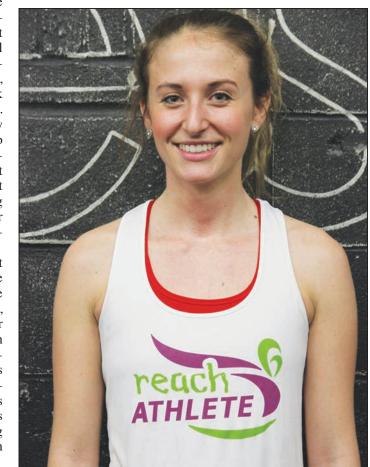
community needs. Every three years, most hospitals conduct a community health needs assessment to meet requirements set by

the Affordable Care Act. The Massachusetts Attorney General also requires such a report and is encouraging regional assessments of its type in Massachusetts," said Jeff Stone, director of the North Suffolk Public Health Collaborative. "Mayor Arrigo, Chelsea City Manager Tom Ambrosino and Winthrop Town Manager Austin Faison realize that public health conditions don't respect borders, and, working together we can solve some or out health challenges more effectively."

The collaborators have set and ambitious timeline. The CHNA and CHIP will be completed by September 30, and will result in a guide for three-year community health improvement plan that all providers can use. The process includes intensive data collection-hundreds of residents surveys, interviews and focus groups as well as collecting data from other agencies such

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and strengthening her stride in @Maria_rago112.



Maria Rago.





WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

Monday, Jan. 28

Report that right by Short Beach there is a Dodge with its hazards on, which ran out of gas. The owner just went to get some gas. Vehicle is parked legally out of traffic, officer is giving the owner of the vehicle a courtesy ride back to his vehicle and will be standing by with owner until it is on its way. The vehicle is running and officer cleared.

Calling party on Winthrop Street states there was a bank of snow jutting out in the middle of the street. Caller was worried that with the snow that is supposed to come that it will accumulate more. DPW was notified.

Party states that by the pump station in some trees at Pico Playground there is a white bike that he believes may have been stolen. Caller states that it was there last night and it is still there. Officer on a delayed response. Vehicle was too large to transport in the cruiser. Calling party will bring it to the station and it will be added to the inventory.

Caller on Bowdoin Street states that a white Jeep has been parked for several days and is parked the wrong way and does not have a parking sticker. A parking citation was issued for parking in the wrong direction.

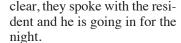
Unit assisted fire with traffic on Shirley Street.

Caller on Coral Avenue would like a well-being check on his mother. Caller states that he has not heard from her in a week. The mom lives with her boyfriend. Unit getting no answer at the door and the lights are off in the house. Unit spoke to residents who state that the subject moved out a few months ago.

Report of an erratic driver on Revere Street, possibly intoxicated. BOLO given to all units.

Tuesday, Jan. 29

Caller on Summit Avenue sates that his neighbor is playing loud music from his vehicle. W92 reports area completely quiet. Unit will do a walk around of the stated address to confirm. Units



Party on Highland Avenue reports solicitors from Green Peace were knocking on doors in the neighborhood. Headquarters stated that no solicitors checked in with the department today. Unit located two male parties and they were advised of both town and WPD policies. They will seek the proper permit and have been sent on their way for the night.

Caller on Shirley Street reports a possum in the middle of the road that got run over and it is still alive, but is badly hurt. Caller was referred to environmental police and Mass wildlife.

Party on Overlook Drive would like an officer to assist her with retrieving items she left on Birch Road. Caller will be coming by the headquarters to set up an appointment to get the belongings.

Party on Crystal Cove Avenue reports he found items missing from his apartment when he got home today around 5 p.m. and he believes he knows who took them. Clear, no crime committed. Party was given the information.

Party from previous incident came to the station to ask for an assist in picking up property from an address on Birch Road she was at last night. Units will respond to try to retrieve property for the night consisting of a pink bag, gold wallet and phone. Units 926 and W92 responded and located a black backpack outside the residence but could to raise anyone inside. Wallet, cash, backpack returned. Party will head to another address for the night and refused a courtesy ride to her mother's.

Unit came by a disturbance on Kennedy Road. It was a verbal disagreement. Both parties are on their way.

Wednesday, Jan. 30

Unit off with party on Washington Avenue. 92 transporting party to the station. One in custody for possession of Class A drug, warrant out of Lynn and warrant out

of Chelsea and also resisting arrest.

Caller on Crystal Cove Avenue stated a homeless man is in his home and stated that his wife let him in the home. No weapons, man is refusing to leave. The gentleman in question had left the premises. Units clear.

Walk-in from Russell Street to report of past vandalism that appears to be a continuation of a pattern of harassment.

Party on Wilshire Street walked in to headquarters to report that there is a refrigerator in the back yard with the doors still attached. Party is concerned due to kids living at the address and around the neighborhood. Made contact with the homeowner who will be removing the doors now.

Walk-in from Hutchinson Street to report a neighbor's dog. ACO is clear from this address, now heading to the dog's owner on Sagamore Avenue. Parties will try to rectify the issue amongst themselves. Peace was restored.

Caller on Fremont Street had a package stolen off of her porch and she just wanted to make a log for officers and people in the area to be advised.

Caller on Winthrop Street reports a tenant has been threatened by another tenant saying she is going to kill her. Report to follow. 91 will add additional information/comments. This is an ongoing incident.

Assist fire with possible odor of burning on Almont Street. Clear with fire, party left a burner on, no fire.

Thursday, Jan. 31

Todisco Towing removed a Hyundai from Governors Park for trespass tow.

Caller stated that her daughter called her stating she was on Route 145 and there was a Jetta driving erratically. No plate given, no description of vehicle, no direction of travel. Advised calling party to call daughter back and tell her to call 911 or gather more infuriation and for the caller to call us back.

Officer spoke to building maintenance at Governors Park requesting that they fix their numbering system for the units because they are not correct. This has the potentially to turn into a liability during an emergency. Maintenance stated they will fix the issue. Report of a parked motor vehicle at Somerset and

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Woodside Avenue. 92 spoke to owner of the vehicle who did show proof of his license being active, as well as receipt and text from court house confirming his child support payment. Therefore, the registration should not be suspended due to non-payment of child support. 92 advised party to take care of this issue tomorrow. Unit clear.

91 has suspect fleeing on foot. Started on Coral and jumped a fence possibly towards Shirley Street. Suspect saw unit's vehicle and fled on foot.Suspect has two in hand. All units are entering residence. All units clear, area search negative.

Friday, Feb. 1

Vehicle was reposted and towed from corner of Morton Street.

Caller on Cottage Park Road states a white male and white female are walking. Female looks intoxicated and male looks like he is guiding her to go with him. They are in front of Swetts Liquor store and are now moving towards the post office. No weapons, just walked into a convenience store. Unit spoke to the parties and both are fine.

Warrant service needed on Coral Avenue. Fire enroute because forced entry needed. One in custody.

Party on Underhill Street reported that he submitted an order on Amazon on Jan. 8 and Amazon reported to him that it was delivered on Jan. 9. To date, he has not received it. Two car motor vehicle ac-

cident at Edwards and Read Street. Need assistance in exchanging papers. Papers were exchanged.

Caller on Argyle Street states a man is running into his business with a 2-by-4. Party will be summoned for destruction of property over \$250.

Party on Overlook Drive states there is Basset Hound outside on a leash in the vicinity barking for a couple of hours. Caller states that she went to see her uncle at 11 a.m. and just went back out and the dog is still outside. Units tied up on another call. No response from ACO. Sier-

ARREST Report

Brian D. Lounsbury, 50, possession of a Class A Washington Avenue, Win- (opiates) drug, a Lynn arrest

Way Avenue. Units all tied up on a water break. Action Ambulance responded. Party was cleared by Action.

Female on Bartlett Road came in to report that when she went to work this morning at 8:45 a.m. she observed all seven salon windows were covered in coffee and a coffee cup was on the floor. She would like to report this in case something like this happens again.

Motor vehicle accident with no injuries at Pleasant and Sea View Avenue. Parties exchanged papers.

Saturday, Feb. 2

Caller on Court Road stated a black vehicle hit a pole. Male party is outside of the vehicle. Unknown injuries. Fire and EMS enroute. G&J also enroute. Unit stated the vehicle lost control while taking a turn and hit a pole. 91 will be waiting for the tow to arrive. G&J on the scene and has the vehicle.

Calling party on Sturgis Street states she says there is a man on her porch. Says he has been there for 20 minutes. Units clear, nothing showing. female party was stating she was in Winthrop. Units responded and had nothing showing. female party used to live at this address in Winthrop but party was pinging out of Lynnfield. Based on her statement units were dispatched. Had the caller on the line for a while, she kept stating that she was at stated address but he 911 ping was showing an address in Lynnfield. The caller was adamant that she lived at stated address so we sent units there to check it out. Nothing was showing. Slowly gathering more information, was able to get a physical address in Winthrop that looked like an assisted living facility and was able to find a phone number for

throp arrested Jan. 30 at 6 warrant and a Chelsea arrest a.m. at home charged with warrant and resisting arrest.

ject. Agency was contacted to verify the right DOB and they stated they would send another warrant over. But as of 11:25 a.m. no warrant has been received.

Caller on Walden and Main Street stated he found a small black dog. Animal was reunited with his owner.

Party on Charles Street states a small, white dog is running around with no collar. It was headed toward Moore Street. Officer checked up and down Charles Street along with all the side streets and no sign of any white dog, or anyone looking for the dog.

Party from Shirley Street came to the station for police escort to pick up some personal belongings from a shared residence. W92 and W91 responded to keep the peace. Officers kept the peace while party retrieved her items.

Report of a disabled motor vehicle on Revere and Shirley streets. Units were able to get the vehicle started and female is on her way.

Caller states a few moms at the Middle School that are disagreeing. It is minor in nature at this time, but is afraid it will escalate. Caller states this is an ongoing issue and is requesting police. This was taking place in the gym. Unit states he used his fob to get in and the alarm started going off. Caller just called back and updated new location on Pauline Street. Units off at Pauline Street. This was a school matter. Athletic director on scene and it is being taken care of. It was a verbal argument between two parents. D6 is aware of the ongoing issue and both parties were advised of their rights. One party left for the night.

Received updated copy of probation warrant for subject on Douglas Street. No service made at this time.

Sunday, Feb. 3 her daughter to confirm her Officer stated there is an outside odor of gas in the vicinity of Washington Avenu e. Fire en route to meet the officers. Fire indicated odor of gas. National Grid contacted and will be on the scene within the hour. On Pleasant Street between Sunnyside and Woodside there is a woman with a large dog. The dog has collapsed and can no longer walk. She needs assistance. Caller called back and the dog is fine and up and walking. No response needed. Party came to the station to report that some body had hacked his Apple iTunes account, charging \$1,505.95 to his TD Bank ATM card. Report of a small, white dog with no collar on Kennedy Road near Revere Street. Calling party found the dog's owner. Passerby states she sees two females walking on Lewis Lake. No further information. Unit noticed two objects on the lake. The objects turned out to be two swans. Further investigation of the area revealed that there was no people in the area. Action Ambulance requesting police for a problem with an MBTA bus that is refusing to move out of their way on Hermon Street. There was contact between the bus and the ambulance, unknown the extent of the damage as the ambulance had to leave. A bent mirror was noted. Ambulance will return after dropping off the patient. Motor vehicle accident on Main and Read Street. Units requesting medical. They also requested a tow. G&J on the scene. Officer states to notify DPW that the sign at Read Street is hanging down.



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ra 5 checked the area and no dog was seen or heard. Party came in to report

being the victim of a scam involving his social security number.

92 requesting medical to assist in an evaluation on Wave location and room number at this location in Lynnfield. The nurse was able to assist the caller from there.

Received warrant via fax for subject on Douglas Street. Incorrect DOB for the sub-

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Winthrop adopts Seal of Biliteracy

Creates opportunity For ELL students to show strengths, motivate others to learn

By Kate Anslinger

On Monday evening, the School Committee agreed to adopt the Seal of Biliteracy, which broadens opportunities for Winthrop High School students who are English Language Learners (ELL).

Going forward, students who take or speak a second language, will be offered a chance to take an ACT test to measure their proficiency in language. Depending on the grade they receive, they

will qualify for the state seal, which will be placed on the student's diploma and transcripts.

"The state is using it as a strong message for the public and employers for the future," said Curriculum Director, Lori Gallivan. "It will certainly be looked at as a kudos for graduates who receive it."

The SEAL of Biliteracy is an award given by a school, district, or state which distinguishes students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages room to meet the needs of

by the time they reach graduation.

This new opportunity is part of the LOOK Act, which was signed into law by Gov. Charlie Baker on Nov. 22, 2017, and opens up the doors for students who have mastered standard academic English and any other language, including American Sign Language.

Massachusetts is one of 35 states to have adopted the act. The intention is to provide school districts with more English learners based on the school's particular English learner population.

In addition to giving students a boost on their resume, the Seal of Biliteracy inspires students to pursue biliteracy, while also honoring the skills that they attain as a result of being proficient in more than one language. In today's job market, being bilingual is certainly a well-respected skill that employers and college admissions offices are seeking out.

THE ARBORS AT WINTHROP: NEW MARKETING DIRECTOR

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STUDENT HIGHLIGHT: Senior excels inside and outside the classroom

By Kate Anslinger

Over the past four years, Caroline Zuffante has maintained her award-winning status in both academics and athletics at Winthrop High School. Having received the President's Award every year, while being recognized as the most valuable player for high school swimming for two of those years, the 18-year-old is primed for a successful future. In addition to maintaining

her spot in the top 3 percent spare time. of her class, Zuffante has received awards in English, Math, and Art. While her grades are top notch, she manages to stay active in a variety of other school activities. The talented senior is the vice president of the National Honors Society and an active member of student council, the math club, STEM club, and outdoors club. She runs high

school cross country track and volunteers at the Winthrop Arbors Assisted Living in her

What is your favorite subject?

My favorite subject is environmental science, as I love looking at sustainability and conservation and how we as humans impact our planet.

Who is your role model? My role models would have to be both of my parents. They work very hard to give me a great life and encourage me

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to do what I love while also helping me succeed.

Do you have any college/ career goals?

I plan to continue my career as a swimmer in college at a liberal arts school. I love swimming and cannot picture myself not swimming in my future because I have been doing it for so long, since I was around 5 years old. As of now, I am unsure of what I want to major in, but I know that I want to continue something that involves some aspect of science.

The Arbors of Winthrop is pleased to announce the newest member of their team: Shane Stoffle, the new Director of Marketing, moved to the Boston area with his wife about five years ago where he began working in the wine industry as a buyer and social media marketer. Over the last few years he volunteered his marketing and videography skills to a local assisted living community. Over time he made a name for himself helping various assisted living centers, before being chosen by Arbors at Winthrop.

In the beginning of January Stoffle started with The Arbors and has been enjoying the job every day; "I am fortunate to be surrounded by a fantastic team at The Arbors inside an amazing community like Winthrop," he said.

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as the MA Department of Public Health and the US Census. A website had been created, www.northsuffolkassessment. org to provide information to

anyone who may be interested. People who live or work in Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop are encouraged to complete a survey. It is available

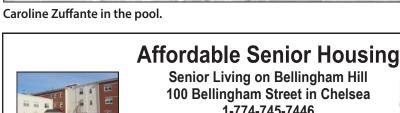
in English, Spanish, Portuguese and Arabic, reflecting the languages most frequently spoken in the communities.



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Average Selling Price \$340,398.61	\$363,814.37	+23,415.76	+6.88%	Increase
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It is an undeniable fact of history that all Americans other than Native Americans are descendants of immigrants.

It also is undeniably true that immigrants have not always been welcome with open arms, starting most conspicuously with the Know-Nothing Party of the 1840s-50s, which rose to some degree of political prominence solely based on its opposition to immigration, specifically Catholics and Irish.

On the other hand, Americans have at times been more than willing to accept immigrants. Here is a news item from one of our newspapers, the Winthrop Sun-Transcript, that appeared in January of 1949:

"Four Latvian refugees, including Capt. Rosenberg and his wife, who were among the 29 refugees who landed in Boston aboard a 65-foot ketch in July, will open the Home Pastry Shop in the Centre, formerly Eliot and Taylor's Bread and Pie Shop. The group has received the financial backing of kindhearted people in the area."

What also is true is that immigrants have contributed mightily to making America arguably the greatest and most powerful nation on earth, from the days of our founding to the present time.

From Alexander Hamilton, who was a native of the island of Nevis in the Caribbean; to Enrico Fermi (Italian-born), Edwin Teller (Hungarian-born), and Robert Oppenheimer (a son of immigrants), who developed the atomic bomb; to Steve Jobs (whose father was an immigrant from Syria); to the founders of Google (whose parents are Russian), it has been immigrants who have contributed greatly to both the reality and promise of American exceptionalism.

It also is undeniably true that declining birth rates in America today will mean that there will be fewer young people to pay for, and take care of, our rapidly-aging population.

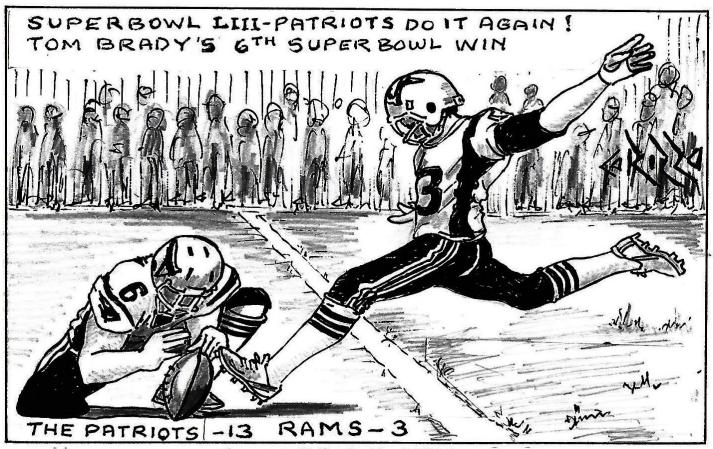
To those who seek to impose strict quotas on immigration, perhaps they should think of immigration this way: If you are building a successful sports team, you need to have the best and hardest-working players -- and in the case of global competition, that means we need to be open to receiving people from around the world. Immigrants always have led the way in taking America to the next level.

In our view, our nation will thrive in the 21st century only if we remain committed to attracting the world's most industrious minds.

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CONGRATULATIONS

LETTERS to the Editor

CALLING FOR A COLLECTIVE VISIONING PROCESS **Dear Editor**,

Last week's letter from Frank Constantino, "We Need a More Inclusive Process" offered many salient arguments for why Winthrop needs a town-wide collective vision achieved through an inclusive public planning process. He writes of the challenges we will continue to face as new development projects strive to adhere to zoning guidelines that require them to be "compatible with community character", while there is no official, cohesive definition of what that community character actually is. Winthrop means different things to different people, and often our perception of place can be shaped not only by our own experiences but by hearing and learning from the experiences of those with which share this community. Mr.Constantino asks us all, as Winthrop residents, to "take stock of what the town means to us, and in some collective manner- perhaps initiated by each precinct's Town Council member- identify the elements that would help us all determine the 'Character' of our Town, document how you see the town, and send your ideas to the Town Council and Town Manager". I propose that we take this effort a step further and fold it in to what our new Town Manager, Austin Faison, discussed in his interviews: a "Winthrop 2030 Plan". Most cities and towns today have adopted some form of a "Master Plan" or "Comprehensive Plan" as both a roadmap for progress over the next 20-30 years and a set of goals and benchmarks with which we can evaluate and steer that progress. Examples from nearby municipalities include Swampscott's "Swampscott 2025: The Master Plan", Somerville's "Somervision" and Boston's

"GoBoston 2030" (all varying sizes of population, capacity, etc). Master Plans are- or rather, should be- developed through extensive community outreach and public participation with the guidance of urban planning professionals, and contain sections on key issues such as housing, economic development, transportation and infrastructure, environmental sustainability, and more. Winthrop's CBD Master Plan, adopted in 2017, serves to provide some of this guidance but only for a limited geography of the town, and apparently through a public process that many do not feel was inclusive or transparent (I was not a resident here until the final phase of that plan). This is not to say that this document should be left to collect dust on the shelf, but rather that it is not sufficient to provide the level of comprehensive guidance and visioning that could be achieved

THANK YOU Dear Editor,

To the residents and employees of Winthrop:

We are beyond grateful for the outpouring of love we received during the days following Michael's passing. From the firefighters and police officers who stood so diligently in full gear during his services, to the many friends who brought us food and flowers, there are so many things that have provided us comfort through these days. But ultimately what it comes down to is the love that this town has shown us. Friends, family and local residents stood in line for hours in the cold to offer their condolences during visiting hours, and we are so grateful for that. It is moments like these when you realize how special our town is. The people in Winthrop have embraced us like family; nourished us with food, sat with us and cried and have

how to decorate it hahah! He ate pretty much all the candy and left the tree bare to the branch haha.

So, hopefully as you can tell, we are all enjoying these packages that you have been sending me. You are helping out many Marines out here.

Just to tell you a little about my deployment here in Afghanistan, we are in the northern Helmand Province of Afghanistan just south of Sangin. We are Marines from 3rd Platoon, 3/4 Lima Co. stationed out of Twentynine Palms, Calif.

The deployment is turning to the last few months out here and it's seemed to have gone by pretty fast, in my opinion. The mission that we've been conducting out of our small camp is to advise and assist the Afghan National Army in their combat operations against the Taliban. It's a different time for us in Afghanistan and our role here is doing the best we can to allow the ANA stand on their own two feet. The end goal is for us to be able to leave here feeling confident in their abilities to diminish theTaliban. The ANA is a very different military from that of our own so sometimes getting them to understand why we do things a certain way is difficult. This is my first deployment and it has been an eye-opening experience. I've learned so much and seen such a different side of our world. It is truly life changing. I apologize for not reaching out sooner, but our internet circumstances have not been ideal while we've been here. I look forward to keeping in touch and answering any questions that you or the people of Winthrop might have. Again, I cannot thank you enough for the immense support!

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through a town wide master plan.

A "Winthrop 2030 Plan' can capture our best thinking as a community while helping us to both identify our priorities and values and make a plan that captures them. Initiating an inclusive public visioning process- one that effectively engages residents of all ages, backgrounds and demographics- will no doubt illuminate our differences; but it will also allow us to see and hear one another in a neutral, facilitated environment guided by factual information about our town's history, trends and current state of affairs, and to find that, more often than not, we share much more common ground than we think.

Julia Wallerce The author is the Chair of the Winthrop Transportation Advisory Committee and holds a Master's Degree in Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning from Tufts University.

provided such support. We are eternally grateful.

McDuffee Family.

THANK YOU Dear Editor,

To: Mr. Honan and the Residents of Winthrop;

I cannot thank you enough for everything that you and the folks in Winthrop have done for me. I have just received another carepackage from you and not only do I appreciate the contents but I'm also extremely grateful for the fact that you guys are thinking about us out here and are taking the time to put together these packages.

The other guys have really enjoyed the mini care packages that are inside each box as, unfortunately, some of the other Marines do not have as much support back home.

When I received the Christmas Tree care packages, I gave one of the trees to my rack-mate and he thought it was awesome, although I don't think he knew

Take Care, **Tim Bradley** (of Swampscott, Ma) P.S. Way to go Pat's W0000!!!

GUEST OP-ED Ask Rusty - Confused about enrolling in Medicare and Social Security

Dear Rusty: I will be 64 years old in 2019 and thinking about Social Security. My full retirement age is 66 and two months, and I'm trying to figure out the best way to get the most out of my retirement. I have a lot of questions, but just need to know the right direction to go. I've been told by family members that I have to sign up for Medicare by the age of 65 even though I can't get full benefits from social security until I am 66 and two months. I don't understand exactly how that works. Do I

Medicare until my Social Security starts? Can my wife get benefits from me? Thanks in advance. Signed: Confused

Dear Confused: Medicare and Social Security are two independent benefit programs, even though you enroll in Medicare through Social Security. You do not need to enroll in both at the same time. You can wait until you reach your full retirement age, or up to age 70, to take your Social Security benefits, but age 65

have to pay out of pocket for is when you should enroll in Medicare for your healthcare coverage. You have a seven-month window to do that, starting three months before the month you turn 65 and ending three months after the month you turn 65.

If you have other "creditable" healthcare coverage from your or your spouse's employer, you can decline enrolling in Medicare Part B (coverage for doctors and other outpatient services) and thus avoid the Part B premium. Medicare Part A is free

because you are also eligible for Social Security (but you don't need to claim SS to get Medicare Part A).

If you do not have other creditable healthcare coverage, you should enroll in both Medicare Part A and B at age 65 and, at that time, make arrangements with Medicare to pay the premium directly (2019 base premium is \$135.50/month), which can be done three different ways: You can set up an automatic

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Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association By G. David Hubbard • Photos courtesy of Stephen F. Moran

ARTICLE 865 - REMEMBERING WINTHROP VETERANS



One of the most enjoyable things about writing these Then and Now articles is the questions we are asked from time to time. Today we are addressing four questions about Winthrop service men of the past and how they have been recognized and remembered. First, John Biggio noted that Herman Kuchmeister was given the highest military award, the Congressional Medal of Honor for his service in the Spanish American War. Picture 1 depicts the plaque mounted on a stone monument in the upper Winthrop Cemetery near the old cemetery office building. The text shown on this plaque is as follows: "Awarded - Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism and Gallantry – under fire of the enemy, to Herman W. Kuchmeister, Private U.S. Marine Corps-U.S.S. Marblehead – Cutting cables, Cienfuegos - Cuba May 11, 1898." This is the only such award known to have been presented to a Winthrop Veteran. The second question deals with who Miller's Field was named after. Based on research conducted by Roger Hathaway and myself in 2005, the area was first known as Playstead Ball Park from 1921 to 1931 and then was named Miller's Field on 10/22/32 after Pvt. William A. Miller, the last of three Winthrop service men who died in France just prior to the end of World War I. This stadium, see picture 2, was built as a WPA project in 1934-35. The third veteran to be addressed in this article is Private Simon J. Donovan who was a member of the Winthrop Machine Gun Company that fought in World War I. The beach along Pleasant Street, see picture 3, was named in his honor. The



fourth question deals with the first Winthrop Serviceman to be killed in WW II, Harold E. French Jr. He was one of 110 men who lost their lives when the U.S.S. Truxton crashed into the coast of Newfoundland during a blizzard on Feb. 18, 1942. On Sept. 9, 2011, Winthrop was honored by the visit of Wayde Rowsell, Mayor of the Town of St. Lawrence, Newfoundland, to French Square to view the Memorial Park set aside in honor of Harold E. French Jr. The Mayor was in the process of retracing the route of the U.S.S. Truxton on that fateful cruise. Picture 4 is of Mayor Rowsell, his wife Carmelita and son Dion at French Square where he told his local tour guide, Joseph Neville how impressed he was with the way Winthrop remembers her Veteran's that have died in

action by dedicating intersections and parks in their honor. There have been many other Winthrop Veterans who have fought and died in our country's wars. In 2007, the previously mentioned research by Roger Hathaway and I revealed the almost 60 Street Corners, Parks and Squares that have been named after Winthrop Veterans and have Memorial Plaques mounted at them. A future article will include a copy of this list which is currently being updated to include the past 10 years. Winthrop has always honored their military service personnel and continues to do so with the efforts of dedicated people such as Richard Honan and his group who untiringly mail care packages to those currently serving our country, the United States of America.



20 years ago Feb. 4, 1999

Town officials and residents, still in a state of shock over the announced closing of the Winthrop Community Health Center by Feb. 28, are seeking to fill the void that will be created when Winthrop will have no nearby emergency healthcare facility.

More than 300 persons attended the kick off dinner of the Chamber of Commerce. Award recipients included Bolster's Service Inc. as Business of the Year; former Parks and Rec. Director Karen Perrin for Town Service; Golda Zeltsar as Member of the Year; and Pat Sullivan for the Beautification Award.

The Mass. Bar Association has named Winthrop's State Representative Robert DeLeo as its Legislator of the Year.

Highland Real Estate owner Jim Polino announces that sales associate Mary Ann Cash, who is celebrating her 13th year with Highland, set an all-time record for sales with the company. Cash sold 40 homes in 1998 for a record dollar volume.

Eighth-grader Lydia Rainville has won the Middle School Geography Bee for the fourth year in a row.

"Saving Private Ryan," "In Dreams," and "Shakespeare in Love" are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago Feb. 7, 1979

The selectmen have scheduled a meeting on Feb. 12 to determine whether to take disciplinary action against Police Chief David Rice for allegedly taking unpaid details during his regular work hours, as well as for using his police vehicle for private matters and leaving his police vehicle unattended while parked in front of his house overnight.

department heads to establish

THE MORE Things Change ...

Items selected from past issues of the Winthrop Sun, The Winthrop Review, The Winthrop Visitor, The Transcript and The Sun-Transcript

housing would be most suitable and in the town's best interests for the area. The group also discussed the need for the redevelopment of Winthrop Centre, with some predicting that more storefronts will become vacant in the near future unless steps are taken to modernize the area.

Gov. Foster Furcolo has signed a measure that will place on the ballot in the upcoming town election the question of whether Winthrop's firefighters should be paid a minimum of \$5,000, the figure set by a new state law that leaves it up to each community whether to accept

Alert work by police officers Charlie Diminico and Robert Oliver is being credited with saving the block of businesses on Shirley St. from destruction when the duo noticed smoke coming from a storefront on Shirley Street in the early morning hours.

The Sun-Transcript has announced that the new rate for a year's subscription will be \$3.00.

Errol Flynn stars in The Roots of "Heaven" at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago Feb. 3, 1949

A group of 12 candidates will vie for the three seats on the Board of Selectmen in the upcoming town election set for Monday, March 7.

Winfield S. Kendrick Jr. has been elected to a third term as President of the Winthrop Community Hospital at the hospital's recent annual meeting. In addition, eight long-time employees were presented with leather-bound citations in honor of their years of service.

Local church officials have set a meeting to discuss the possible banning in the town The selectmen met with the of "undesirable" comic books from local newsstands.

adventures of Dr. Livingstone at the public library this week.

The new Town Hall now is fully-occupied by all of the town's departments. The official closing of the old town hall has been set for this Saturday by Frank E. Whitman, the chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Frank Tucker, the Pres. of the Winthrop Improvement and Historical Assoc., will be in charge of the program.

100 year ago Feb. 8, 1919

Members of the Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association heard a talk about reminiscences of the stage coach experience in the days before the railroad came to Winthrop.

A quiet town election is looming, with only one challenger to the three incumbent members of the Board of Selectmen.

The Metropolitan Park Commission has filed legislation for the completion of the Winthrop Parkway.

110 years ago Feb. 6, 1909

A group of 25 residents of the East Side of Winthrop formed a new organization at a recent meeting at Constitution Hall. The name of the new group has yet to be determined. Its principal goal is to secure better government for the East Side of the town.

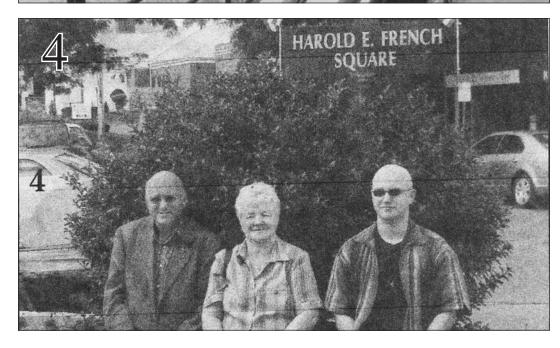
A large and enthusiastic meeting of the Civic League endorsed its candidates for the upcoming town election.

Winthrop needs to begin thinking about adequate playgrounds for our youngsters. A new state law mandates the creation of playgrounds in communities with more than 10.000 population. Winthrop almost is at that mark.

120 years ago



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a town disaster relief unit for use during declared emergencies.

Police were kept busy this week responding to reports of three armed robberies at local businesses Crest Market, Bandy's Pharmacy, and in the Michael's Mall parking lot. Gregory Peck and Lau-

rence Olivier star in "The Boys from Brazil" at the Kincade Theatre.

50 years ago Feb. 6, 1969

An estimated \$5,000 in jewelry, furs, and silver items were stolen from a home on Amelia Ave. last week. Police believe the home was ransacked between 2 p.m. -9:45 p.m.

The town's firefighters have filed for arbitration in order to resolve their ongoing contract dispute with the town.

A panel discussion, to which elected officials are invited, will be held in Winthrop to discuss the proposed expansion of Logan Airport and what action can be taken by the town to protect Winthrop's residents and children from the noise and air pollution generated by Logan.

Tony Curtis and Henry Fonda star in "The Boston Strangler" at the Winthrop Theatre.

60 years ago Feb. 5, 1959

The area between Veterans Road and Shirley Street was cited as being in need of immediate redevelopment at a meeting of the Winthrop Citizens Advisory Planning and Redevelopment Council. Most in attendance agreed that garden-style apartment

The MDC has announced that it will be constructing a new sewer pump that it says will alleviate the contamination of the beaches on Pt. Shirley.

Winthrop is among the first school systems in the country to introduce sex education at the high school with a full-credit course on "personal relations."

Glenn Ford stars in "The Man from Colorado" at the Winthrop and State theatres.

80 years ago Feb. 6, 1939

Winthrop was fortunate to have escaped with little damage from the three-day storm that brought high seas and gale-force winds. Only one section of Pt. Shirley was flooded and the waves came over Shore Drive only once at one of the high tides, causing minor flooding and stalling some motor vehicles.

The town has filed a protest with the State DPW over that agency's decision to allow billboards throughout the town.

The Lucia Beauty Shop at 249 Pleasant St. is observing its 20th anniversary this week. Lew Ayres stars in "Young Dr. Kildare" at the Winthrop and State theatres.

90 years ago Feb. 9, 1929

This year's town election promises to have a lot of pep and fight with 10 candidates squaring off for the three seats on the Board of Selectmen.

Mrs. Margaret MacQueen MacWillie, the first American woman to have reached Victoria Falls in Africa in 1903, will present a film about the

Feb. 10, 1899

The selectmen voted 2-1 in favor of granting a franchise for the construction of a new electric railroad throughout the town, a move that is not popular wth many residents.

The annual report of the State Harbor and Land Commission makes note of the great storm of November 27, 1898, in which 200 boats were lost. It was the worst storm to strike New England since the gale of April, 1851, which swept away Minot's Light and its lightkeepers. The high tide for this storm was at least 6 inches higher than the 1851 storm. The near-hurricane force winds combined to breach ocean barriers and beaches all along the coast, inundating many areas with sea water. Revere Beach was breached, flooding a large tract of inside territory, causing distress to the many poor people living in the tenements near the beach. At Deer Island, most of the seawall on the northeasterly side and about 800 feet of the bulkhead at Shirley Gut were destroyed and the low grasslands were flooded.

130 years ago Feb. 8, 1889

The captain of a coal barge that was wrecked in the recent severe gale was saved from a watery fate when he clung to pieces of the wreckage and was rescued against all odds.

About 200 persons attended the annual Winthrop Firemen's Ball. Dearing's Orchestra of Boston provided excellent music. It was an affair of which Mr. Floyd, the Chief the Board of Fire Engineers, can be most proud.

GUARANTEED TO MAKE YOU SMILE Drs. Mobed and Parsi Find Great Success

By Cary Shuman

Dr. Fardad Mobed and Dr. Lily Parsi certainly have a lot in common.

Both are scholars, which goes without saying. They hold degrees in engineering: Dr. Mobed, a Bachelor's in Electrical Engineering, Dr. Parsi, three advanced degrees in Civil, Water Resources, and Computer System Engineering.

Both attended dental school in the Boston area. Dr. Mobed completed his dental training at Boston University while Dr. Parsi studied at the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine.

But perhaps, most significantly, they share the same home address. Dr. Mobed and Dr. Parsi are husband and wife, the parents of two children.

And they have been practicing dentistry together at their state-of-the-art offices, Northgate Dental, located at 603 Broadway that has been in existence for 27 years. Dr. Mobed is an endodontist specializing in root canal surgery. Dr. Parsi is a pedodontist specializing in children's dentistry.

Dr. Mobed began his practice in 1992 at the Northgate Shopping Center before moving to Broadway. Dr. Parsi joined the practice in 2008. They also have a dental practice in Brookline.

Yes, they do work side by side in the Revere office, though as Dr. Parsi states, "I treat the children. He treats mostly adults."

Of course, everyone asks the question, "What's it like for a couple to work together?'

"It's great - we really support each other quite a bit," said Dr. Parsi. "I feel it's good to know that you can trust the other person 100 percent."

Dr. Samantha Bogle is the orthodontist at Northgate. Dr. Joey Chang is the oral surgeon and the director of the pre-doctoral program at Tufts School of Dental Medicine.

Do Dr. Mobed and Dr. Parsi talk about dentistry at home during dinner?

"Unfortunately, a lot," Dr. Parsi said, smiling.

"We go to dental conferences together but we attend different lectures," added Dr. Mobed.

The dentists have stayed on top of the major technological advances in their profession and their offices feature the latest state-of-the-art equipment.

"I think one of the biggest changes have been in CT scans and microscopes, and everybody gets white fillings instead of silver fillings," said Dr. Mobed.

Dr. Parsi said preventive



Dr. Fardad Mobed (left) and Dr. Lily Parsi, pictured outside their Northgate Dental practice located at 603 Broadway, Revere.

primary goal in pediatric dentistry is to prevent cavities, so we want to see children as ear-

care should begin early. "The ly as 6 months old, but no later than the first year of age,"

said Dr. Parsi. "Because the objective is to teach the parents how to take care of their children, ideally so the children will never have cavities, rather than seeing them at the time when there are already cavities in the mouth."

Dr. Parsi said Northgate wants to be "a dental home for families, so patients know where to go when there are issues, but hopefully we can prevent these issues from happening."

27 years in Revere

Dr. Mobed has been a practicing dentist in Revere for 27 years. He has treated two generations of families who have been coming to Northgate Dental.

"I like the people," said Dr. Mobed. "It's a good community and they're appreciative of what you do for them."

"I've had patients who I saw when they were very little, and now they now see him," said Dr. Parsi. "Depending on the patient's personality, anywhere between the ages 15-18, they're ready to see the adult dentist."

She is proud to see her patients dedicating themselves to dental care and prevention.

"I'm especially happy to see the children whom I've seen six months old, because they end up being very healthy, and it makes me sad when somebody whom I've never seen, comes in to the office and they have major

needs. I'm glad we've made such a strong connection to families that we've known for a long time. It's very satisfying.'

Dr. Parsi recommends that her patients have regular dental check-ups every six months.

Interestingly Dr. Mobed came to the United States from Iran 40 years ago with the goal of becoming a professional soccer player.

He accomplished that goal, earning a spot on the Boston Teamen professional team that was based in Framingham.

One of his fondest soccer memories was playing for an Iranian team that had an exhibition game in that country against Brazil and Pele, arguably the greatest soccer player in history.

"In 1978, Brazil came to Iran for some exhibition games when Pele was at the top of his game and was most famous at that time," recalled Dr. Mobed. "I was fast, but too skinny, otherwise I wouldn't be a dentist now."

But fortunately for their many patients, Dr. Fardad Mobed and Dr. Lily Parsi are dentists now and they look forward to continuing their successful partnership at Northgate Dental for many years to come.

FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Reports show that American students miss over 51 million hours of school every year because of oral health problems, and students who have experienced recent oral health pain are 4 times more likely to have lower grades and GPAs.



Did you know that February is National Pet Dental Health month? According to experts, oral disease is the #1 health problems diagnosed in dogs and cats.

Mass. Dental Society shares five ways to show kids' teeth some love

February is not just a time to show love to your sweetheart on Valentine's Day, it also marks National Children's Dental Health Month. This month-long national health observance, sponsored by the American Dental Association, is designed to raise public awareness about the importance of children's oral health.

To help promote the benefits of establishing good oral health habits at an early age, typically no harm is done to the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS) offers parents, caregivers and teachers these five tips: • Oral health care should start from day one. It's essential to begin oral health care as soon as your baby is born. Clean his or her gums gently with a clean gauze pad or washcloth after each feeding. Parents should brush their baby's teeth gently with a soft-bristled toothbrush and a small amount of water as soon as the first tooth appears, typically between six months and one year. • Children's teeth should be brushed for at least two minutes, at least twice a day. While it is okay to let children "take a turn," parents should do the actual brushing until manual dexterity is good enough to do an effective job in removing all plaque on the teeth. Use a fluoridated toothpaste and a soft-bristled toothbrush. And brushing alone does not remove the food particles and plaque that builds up between the teeth, so flossing is critical. Flossing should occur as soon as the teeth are close together and any two are touching, usually by the age of four. Using a smooth-coated, mint-flavored floss will appeal more to young mouths. • Certain foods and drinks can affect children's teeth more than others. Sticky candy and snacks like gummy worms, licorice, fruit snacks and even raisins have

a high sugar content and are

the worst offenders when it

comes to causing tooth decay,

otherwise known as cavities.

Excessive consumption of

soda and sweetened sports

drinks can also cause decay.

Children should drink water,

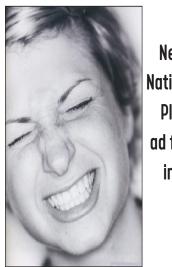
low-fat milk, and all-natural

fruit juices. Also be mindful

of sugary chewing gum. If

you let your child chew gum, it should always be sugar-free. The best gum to chew has xylitol, which has been shown to help prevent cavities.

• There's no need to be overly nervous about the oral implications of thumb sucking and pacifier use. These are common habits and a normal, soothing reflex for babies and toddlers. Most children will stop sucking their thumb between the ages of 2 and 4, and their teeth or jaws. However. some children who repeatedly suck on a finger or a pacifier for long periods of time may push their upper front teeth toward their lip, or their front teeth may not come in properly. Positive measures, such as praise or small, nonfood rewards such as stickers, should be given to encourage children to stop. Negative reinforcement or constant nagging by parents can have the opposite effect. • Regular dental visits will help avoid potential problems. Dental visits are very important to ensure that children's teeth are coming in properly and do not show signs of decay. Children should receive an examination and cleaning by their dentist every six months to avoid potential problems. The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the American Academy of Pediatrics both recommend that a child's first visit to the dentist should be six months after the eruption of the first tooth, or by the age of 1. However, if parents have a specific concern, they should not hesitate to contact their dentist prior to this guideline. "Attitudes and habits established at an early age are critical to maintaining good oral health throughout life," says MDS President Dr. Howard Zolot. "Dental decay is the single most common chronic childhood disease in the United States. With good nutrition, proper care, and regular dental visits, children can maintain healthy mouths-and healthy smiles." Visit massdental.org/babyoral-health to download The Mouths of Babes brochure, and follow #NCDHM on social media for more children's oral health tips.



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TAYJUAN MCKENZIE RECOGNIZED FOR HIS 1000 POINT+ ACCOMPLISHMENT ON THE COURT 2016-2018

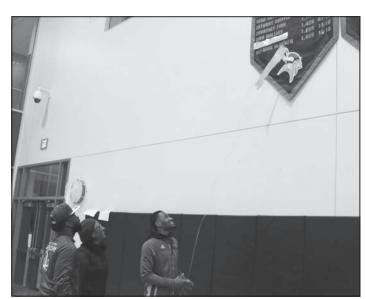
WHS Viking and Class of 2018 Tayjuan McKenzie had an outstanding career, scoring 1026 career points on the basketball court. Last Tuesday evening prior to the start of the weekly game, Tayjuan and his parents were center court to be recognized for his accomplishment.



Above, proud parents, Sabrena and William Crosby with WHS Viking standout Tayjuan McKenzie. To the right, Tayjuan McKenzie with his parents, as they unveil the section of the banner with his name and points scored at the WHS Chris Tsiotos Gymnasium.



The latest addition to the banner hanging in the WHS gymnasium.





Head Coach of the WHS Viking Basketball Team, Dave Sacco with his former player, Tayiuan Mckenzie

Real Estate // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

hikes."

According the figures from the Massachusetts Association of Realtors, the median single-family home sale price rose 10.1 percent from \$475,000 in 2017 to \$523,000 by the end of 2018.

The number of homes sold dropped from 101 in 2017 to 90 by the end of 2017.

Condo sales are up 11.8 percent from \$330,000 in 2017 to \$369,000 in 2018. The number of sales increased over 2017 from 101 to 107 condos sold.

But Stephen Hines, of Robert Paul Properties, thought that political turmoil, extreme price increases, and a fluctuating stock market spooked consumers, which led to a lackluster fall market in Town.

"I don't think that this will

He added that he expects property values to continue to increase.

"The story of Winthrop's housing trends is rooted in the overall jobs market in Boston and Cambridge. As new companies relocate to Boston, and as start-ups begin to grow into new brackets, the housing demand in all corners of Greater Boston will continue to rise until we can streamline our building processes in all of Greater Boston. This demand will outpace many short-term market fluctuations, leading to ever increasing property values," Hines said.

Elizabeth Ferrara, a realtor with Cottage Hill Real Estate said she thinks more inventory will be coming on the market in March and April.

be a trend moving into the nervous that these big prices as a more affordable way to we have experienced in 2018 may not be here to stay. But I rara. think that they are here to stay, Fererra said. "We are still experiencing more people discovering our wonderful town and less moving out."

homes will keep some folks in place who would otherwise consider selling. He believes that the condominium market will continue to bear new inventory, as there are many small conversion projects brewing around town.

"Our median sale price will continue to creep upwards, but possibly at a slower rate than we've seen. Still good news for home owners and potential sellers for sure," Hines said.

"I believe that sellers will still have the advantage this spring. But sellers beware these buyers are savvy and over pricing your home will not work even in a seller's-market. The condo market will be strong especially if it's a three bedroom because you're going to get to dip into "Sellers may be getting the single-family buyer pool get into a three-bed," said Fer "Predicting the spring market is always a challenge. We are seeing the same type of activity this winter as we saw last year (i.e. seller inquiries and number of listing analysis' being done), " said Philip Chaves of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage - New England - Regional Vice President - Metro Boston Region. "The agents in our Winthrop office will be able to interior properties do," Hines provide good feedback about the spring market once we are in it. Depending on how this winter goes weather wise, the spring market can start as early as the last week of February."

When it comes to waterfront property, Winthrop has all kinds, "some notable listings have come on the market, and fetched prices higher than anyone could have imagined just a few years ago. It is our experience that waterfront property sales follow a different market trend than more

said.

"Prices will increase in the spring as will the demand. I think we'll see multiple offers especially in the mid-level \$400,000-\$600,000 range, there's just not a lot of supply," said Tom Mario of Century 21 Seaport Real Estate.

"This is because there is a certain demographic of consumer who will only consider waterfront property, and therefore may be willing to pay a bit more to be there. It works in the reverse as well." Hines said. "Due to changing flood maps, increasing flood insurance premiums, and the uncertainty surrounding the NFIP, many consumers find waterfront property to be a poor investment, and stay clear of it all together."

"Everything near the water, even if it needs work has gone up in price," Mario said. "We've found that flood insurance premiums have not impacted the market as much. There is also a ton of demand for multi-family homes and very little supply."



spring. While Winthrop home values did not increase as much as home owners have enjoyed over the past three years, the 10-percent jump we did see is still impressive when we look at the past 20 years here in town," Hines said. "Additionally, days on market for condos still decreased for condos almost 12 percent, indicating that the number of condo buyers in Winthrop are increasing."

As for the spring market, Hines believes fewer single family homes will come on the market this spring than last year. The fear of increasing interest rates, and the astronomically high prices for new

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Massachusetts State Sen. Joe Boncore held his annual Winter Reception at the Battery Wharf Hotel in Boston's North End. Constituents of the state senator gathered to show support, mingle with one other, and get a chance to say hello to the Senator.



State Sen. Joe Boncore with Lisa Hewitt and Anthony Benedetti from CPCS (Committee for Public Counsel Services).



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State Sen. Joe Boncore (2nd from left) with constituents from Revere, Police Chief James Guido, City Councilor At-Large Anthony Zambuto, and Mayor Brian Arrigo.



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Sports

WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

WHS BOYS HOCKEY TIES MARBLEHEAD, FALLS TO DANVERS

One of the oldest and bestknown sports axioms is, "A tie is like kissing your sister."

But for the Winthrop High hockey team, last Wednesday's 1-1 deadlock with Marblehead was almost as good as a victory.

contest at Salem State University sitting in first place in the Northeastern Conference North Division standings with a 7-1 record, with the Magicians holding down second place with a 6-2-1 mark. Winthrop had won the teams' first encounter by a narrow 3-2 score in the first week of January, and Marblehead clearly needed a victory in order to close the gap with Winthrop in the race for first place in the NEC North.

After a scoreless first period, the Magicians drew first blood in the middle stanza to take a 1-0 lead. However, Winthrop senior captain and leading goal-scorer Sam Yarrow brought the Vikings back to level when he lit the lamp before the end of the period for the 15th time this season, assisted by fellow senior captain Brian Chalmers.

That set the stage for a wild and frenetic final 15 minutes in which both teams had their chances, but were unable to reach the back of the opponent's net. Marblehead had a great opportunity to pull ahead in the waning minutes, but WHS senior netminder and assistant captain Ryan Skoczylas made a superb save to preserve the tie.

Three days later, the Vikings hosted Danvers, the lone team NEC team to knock off Winthrop this season. The Vikings were intent on achieving not only a measure of revenge for the earlier loss this season, but also were seeking to all-but-clinch the NEC North with a win.

Luke Evangelista earned assists on the other.

However neither a victory nor a tie were in the cards for the Vikings. Danvers scored a goal late in the game and then added another in the waning minutes for the 5-3 finale.

Despite the loss, the Vikings still control their own destiny in the chase for the NEC North crown. Winthrop sports The Vikings entered the a 7-2-1 division record (11-4-1 overall), while Marblehead is in second place with a 6-2-3 mark. The Vikings can clinch an undisputed title with a win and a tie in their final two NEC North games regardless of whether Marblehead wins its final league tilt.

Coach Dale Dunbar's crew was set to play one of those NEC North foes, Beverly, last night (Wednesday) at Endicott College's Ray Bourque Arena. The Vikings then will host Revere in a non-divisional contest on Saturday at Larsen at 1:30 p.m.

They will entertain nonleague opponent Mansfield next Saturday (February 16) and will wrap up their regular season on Feb. 20 at divisional rival Saugus.

CHRIS CASTRO'S **BUZZER BEATER GIVES VIKINGS WIN**

The Winthrop High boys basketball team pulled out an exciting win on a basket by Chris Castro at the buzzer last Tuesday, defeating Marblehead, 56-54, before an appreciative home fandom at Winthrop High's Chris Tsiotis court.

The contest was a duel from the opening tap, with both teams ebbing and flowing and neither able to make a decisive break.

The Vikings held a onepoint advantage at the half and expanded their lead to 10 points after the intermission.

However, the visiting Magicians came storming back to start the fourth period, However, a victory was bringing the contest back to stretch, with Winthrop taking to play. However, with 0:16 to go, Marblehead scored the deadter the first period and made it locking basket, setting the stage for Castro's game-winning heroics.The Vikings quickly inbounded the ball and senior Chrono Washington got a great look with two seconds left, but his shot wouldn't fall.

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not to be in the cards against level. The rivals then began a Falcon sextet that is in third to exchange buckets down the place in the division with a 4-4-1 mark, but for some a 54-52 edge with 35 seconds reason seems to have the Vikings' number.

Danvers took a 1-0 lead af-2-0 in the second before Yarrow notched his 16th goal of the year, assisted by Chalmers, prior to the end of the period.

Danvers made it a twogoal game once again early in the final period, but Yarrow restored momentum to the Vikings' side with two more lamplighters for a hat trick and adding to his teamhigh total of 18 goals. Captain Chris Finn assisted on one of the goals and Chalmers and

That left matters up to Castro, who grabbed the offensive rebound and put it in at the buzzer for the dramatic win.

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WHS VIKINGS HOCKEY DROP GAME TO DANVERS FALCONS AT LARSEN RINK

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Sam Yarrow scored three goals, but it wasn't enough as Winthrop lost to Danvers for the second time this season, 5-3, Saturday, Feb. 2, at Larsen Rink. The Vikings only other blemish on their Northeastern North Conference record came last month, also at Danvers. The loss dropped Winthrop into a virtual tie with Marblehead in the conference standings as the season heads into its final weeks.

Winthrop entered the game 7-1-1 in the Conference (11-3-1 overall), while Danvers had struggled to a 4-4-1 conference record. But the pesky Falcons showed from the start that their January win was no fluke. Facing tenacious Danvers defense, Winthrop's potent offense could not get untracked. Danvers took a 1-0 lead with 3:14 remaining in the first period when James Carmilia beat Winthrop goalie Ryan Skocyzlas from a scramble out front to take a 1-0 lead. Danvers extended the

lead to 2-0 on a Tyler Puska goal, but Winthrop responded on Yarrow's first goal of the night when he took the rebound off a Brian Chalmers shot and put it past Danvers goalie Adam Bridgeo with 2:21 left in the second period.

The Vikings found themselves in a 3-1 hole early when Danvers's Cooper Adreau scored a minute into the third period. Yarrow kept it close and picked up his second goal when he deked Bridgeo on a breakaway while teammate Corey Cherico sat in the penalty box. Yarrow's shorthanded goal made it 3-2 with 12:10 left and it seemed that the Vikings had come alive. Yarrow tied the game a little over a minute later, assisted by Chalmers and Luke Evangalista. But Danvers persisted, and took the lead on a Cal Mansfield goal with 4:46 left and sealed the 5-3 win when Jack Thibideau scored with 11 second left.

Winthrop looks to improve its 7-2-1 conference record (11-4-1 overall) against Beverly Wednesday night (Feb 6) at Endicott College at 8:20 p.m. and plays at home Saturday at 1:30 p.m. against Revere in Larsen Rink.



TIED UP: Joey Holgersen tries to untangle from a Danvers defender with the puck at his feet.



THAT'S THREE: Sam Yarrow celebrates his third goal of the game with Chris Finn (#22). The goal tied the game at 3 in the third period but Danvers went on to a 5-3 win over the Vikings at Larsen Rink on Saturday Feb. 2.



ESCAPE ROUTE: Luke Evangalista finds some running room along the boards.



ON TARGET: Corey Cherico (#21) is pestered by a Danvers defender as he tried to move in on Danvers goaltender Adam Bridgeo.



LEADING THE RACE: Joe Deeb chases down a loose puck with a pair of Danvers defenders in pursuit.



LONG REACH: Winthrop's Joe Deeb (#8) is foiled on a rush by Danvers Brett Baldasare.

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Chrono, late in the game, Viking offense proved unstop- 43.

and Galuris with three. The JV also dropped its 10 points a piece, followed by Night festivities starting at

he knows how to make things happen and get to the rim," said WHS head coach Dave Sacco. "We did a good job of spreading the floor and getting a high-quality shot, and fortunately Chris cleaned up the miss for the win.,Äù

Washington had a superb game, leading the Vikings with 20 points. Sophomore Cam Conway also reached double figures with 16 points.

Three night later the Vikings made the short trek up the coast to Swampcott to take on a Big Blue quintet that was coming off a big win over Everett.

Swampscott came out on fire, hitting for 23 points in the opening period, and going on for a 58-50 win.

"We gave up 23 points in the first quarter and just didn't bring the defensive Intensity early," noted Sacco. "We settled in and gave ourselves a chance late, cutting it to four, but just couldn't capitalize."

Washington once again paced the Vikings in the scoring department with 17 points. Conway ripped the twine for 15 and Engjell Ramadani reached double figures with 10 points.

Sacco and his crew will make the long trek to Gloucester tonight (Thursday) and will have a busy stretch of three games in four nights next week. They will host Medford on Tuesday and Saugus on Thursday before heading to non-league rival Malden Catholic on Friday.

WHS GIRLS TOP **MALDEN**, 60-24

The Winthrop High girls basketball team put together its most-solid game of the past two weeks to cruise to a 60-24 victory over Malden.

Coach Rick Pulsifer's Lady

pable in the first half, as the Winthrop girls poured in 39 points en route to accumulating a 25-point lead at the intermission.

The big lead allowed the entire Lady Viking squad to see meaningful playing time with nine of the 10 team members entering the scoring column.

Maura Dorr led the way with 17 points. Teammates Caroline Earl with 13 points and Lily Pulsifer with 10 points also reached double figures.

Carolyn Kinsella contributed six points, followed by Holly Vaccaro with five, Emma Turner and Fatma Tufa with four points each, and Cat Grimes with a free throw.

The junior varsity quintet also enjoyed success, defeating Malden 42-26 behind the scoring of MacKenzie Acevedo with 12 points, Sam Galuris and Alexis Tallent with seven points each, and Julia Marcoccio with six.

Earlier that week, the Lady Vikings dropped a 36-27 decision to Revere. The Lady Patriots held a one-point edge at the half, 15-14, but poor free throw shooting by Winthrop proved the difference after the intermission. Revere hit on 85 percent of its chances from the line, but the Lady Vikings managed to sink just 36 percent of their attempts from the charity stripe.

Earl paced Winthrop wth eight points, followed by Kinsella with seven, Pulsifer with six, and Dorr with four.

The JV team enjoyed better success, defeating Revere, 42-28, as the Lady Vikings' trap was too much for Revere to handle.

In a non-league contest with Lynnfield, the Lady Vikings came up just short, 48-

The contest was a back contest to Marblehead, 35-27. and-forth affair from the out-Last Friday the Lady Viset. Winthrop held a slim 25-24 advantage at the half, but

after the intermission.

in striking range as the con-

test wound down to the final

minutes, with back-to-back

three-pointers by Pulsifer and

Galuris drawing the Lady Vi-

down the stretch, but Lynn-

field converted its free throws

to seal the victory. Dorr led the

way with 14 points, followed

by Pulsifer with 10, Earl with

eight, Galuris with five, and

The junior Lady Vikings

also came up short, 23-15, as

both teams struggled to find

Last Tuesday the Lady Vi-

kings absorbed their worst

loss of the season, 60-41 to

headed for an easy victory af-

ter the first quarter, holding a

14-2 lead at the buzzer.

Winthrop appeared to be

However, the Lady Magi-

cians turned the tables in the

second period to assume a 24-

23 advantage at the half. The

contest remained a tight battle

after three periods, with Mar-

blehead holding a 38-34 edge,

but the fourth quarter was not

kind to the Lady Vikings, who

yielded 22 points in the final

bad stretches of defense that

led to poor decisions on of-

fense," noted Pulsifer. "We

knew going into the game that

Marblehead is a tough gym to

shoot in and it really showed."

kings in the scoring depart-

ment with 16 points. Earl and

Kinsella both struck for eight,

followed by Pulsider with six

Dorr paced the Lady Vi-

"We played some really

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Marblehead.

Winthrop was forced to foul

kings within two points.

kings played well against a Lynnfield took the initiative strong Swampscott squad, but fell short by a final tally of 48-Still, Winthrop remained 42

Winthrop once again moved out to an early lead, 12-8, after the first quarter, but Swampscott fought back in the second period to take a 23-18 advantage at the half. Foul trouble plagued the Lady Vikings in the first two quarters and proved costly, as Swampscott netted seven points from the line compared to none for Winthrop.

However, the Winthrop girls showed their resiliency and fought back after the intermission, drawing even at 33-33. But once again Swampscott's success from the charity stripe proved decisive, as the Lady Big Blue scored nine of their last 15 points from the line. Notably, Big Blue shooters took 17 attempts from the foul line in the second half compared to just five for Winthrop. In addition, two Lady Vikings fouled out.

"We played good, tough defense, but we had a lot of calls not go our way," said Pulsifer, noting that his team was awarded only nine attempts from the free throw line, compared 31 for Swampscott. "But that's something you can't control and have to play through it.

"I'm proud of the girls for the fight and heart they showed, as it was a one-point game with under a minute left,", the coach continued. "I'm also proud that we held Swampscott's leading scorer, Rosa, to only seven points, all of which came from the free throw line."

Dorr and Turner struck for

Kinsella with eight, Pulsifer with five, Earl with four, Galuris with three, and Grimes with two.

The Winthrop JV squad defeated their Swampscott counterparts, 34-20, led by Alexis Tallent with eight points, Tessa Ferrandi and MacKenzie Acevado each with seven points, and Sam Galuris with four.

This past Tuesday the Lady Vikings traveled to Peabody to play the top team in the Northeastern Conference.

Winthrop had its hands full from the opening tip because of the Lady Tanners' size and speed and trailed at the half, 39-14.

Despite their best efforts, the Lady Vikings never got back into it, eventually falling by a final score of 64-35 to the Lady Tanners, who are undefeated in the NEC.

"Even though it was a tough loss, there were still positives to take away," said Pulsifer. "We stuck with the game plan and attacked the lanes and we were scoring and getting to the line, Peabody's gym is very similar to Marblehead's and it is not shooter-friendly, but the girls played hard right to the final whistle.

freshman "Peabody's standout Okanawa scored 16 points off the bench, and her length on defense was tough to overcome," added the coach. "I think she deflected more than 20 passes."

Pulsifer hit for 13 points, followed by Dorr with eight, Kinsella with six, Earl with five, and Turner with three.

The JV also fell to Peabody 44-6, as the offense could not get a friendly roll.

The Lady Viking will host Gloucester this evening (Thursday) in a contest that will be highlighted by Senior

6:30 p.m. In addition, the sixth grade travel team will play an exhibition game at halftime.

Pulsifer and his crew will hit the road next week, traveling to Medford on Tuesday and to Saugus on Thursday.

LADY VIKING **HOCKEY DROPS 5-2** CONTEST

The Winthrop High girls hockey team came up on the short end of a 5-2 decision with Marblehead in a contest played at Salem State University this past Saturday.

The loss eliminates the Lady Vikings from any shot at a possible Northeastern Hockey League title.

"I've been coaching here for 11 years now, and this is one of the most disappointing losses I have ever had," said WHS head coach Anthony Martucci, whose squad now stands at 9-6 and has dropped its past three games. "We beat them earlier in the year handily (6-4), but we just did not show up this time.'

The main highlight for the Lady Vikings was the performance of Olivia Driscoll, who scored both of the Winthrop goals.

The Lady Vikings, who already have qualified for the post-season state tourney, have three games left to play in which they will be seeking to improve their record to attain a high seeding in the tourney.

They were set to meet first-place Peabody last night (Wednesday) at Larsen and will play at second-place Masconomet next Wednesday.

They will wrap up their 2019 regular season with a tilt against non-league rival Winchester on Feb. 20 at Larsen at 6:10 p.m.

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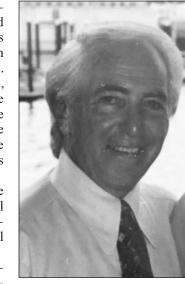
Retired business owner

Pasquale J. Marano of Upland Road, Winthrop passed away at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on Feb. 4. He was 85 years old. Born in Boston's North End, the beloved son of the late Alecia (Nigro) and Pasquale Marano, he was a long time North End resident before moving to Winthrop 40 years ago.

Before his retirement he was the proprietor of several businesses including restaurants, a car wash and a social club.

He was the devoted husband of Charlotte Santagate-Marano and the loving father of Tammy Deeb of Winthrop; dear brother of the late Nunzio Marano, Jenny Meiton and Raphael Marano; cherished grandfather of Bianca, Christina, Robert and Zachary and great grandfather of Milo.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Friday,



Feb. 8, from 4 to 8 p.m. The funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Saturday, Feb. 9, at 8 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 9 a.m., Committal will be private.

Memorial donations may be made to the Bridge Over Troubled Waters 47 West St., Boston MA 02111.

For directions or to sign the online guestbook go to www. caggianofuneralhome.com.

Ethel Reba Braverman

January 28, 1928 — January 29, 2019

Ethel (Cohen) Braverman 91, born Jan. 28,1928, passed away peacefully Jan. 29, 2019 on her 70th wedding anniversary with loving family by her side.

Ethel was born in East Boston and graduated from Revere High School in 1945. She met the love of her life, Nathan Braverman, and was married on Jan/ 29,1949.

Ethel was a cosmetician, talented singer, great cook, and above all, a devoted wife and loving mother.

She lived in Winthrop where she raised her three children. In 1980, she and Nate moved to Reseda, Calif. to be close to their beloved children and grandchildren. They would move one more time to Las Vegas, Nev., after the 1994 Northridge earthquake. They enjoyed an active retirement, and a full life to-



cherished grandmother of 10, great-grandmother of two and a loving aunt. She was adored by countless friends and family and known for her incredible positive attitude, great sense of humor and zest for life.

Services were held at Groman Eden Mortuary, 11500 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills, CA, 91345, on Tuesday Feb. 5 in the Groman Eden Chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Nevada Talking Books Services, 100 North Stewart St., Carson City, NV 89701-4825.

Patricia Noonan

Member of the Robert A. DeLeo Winthrop Senior Center

Patricia A. (Brazil) Noonan of Winthrop passed away on Jan. 20. She was 75 years old. Patricia was a member of the Robert A. DeLeo Winthrop Senior Center. Prior to her retirement, Pat worked as a customer service representative in the retail industry.

The beloved wife of the late Thomas B. Noonan, she was born in Cambridge, the cherished daughter of the late Charles and Hilda (Andrews) Brazil. She was the devoted mother of Sheila Bullock and her husband, David of Roanoke Rapids, NC, Joseph West and her daughter-in-law, Melanie West of Winthrop, Jody McNelly and her longtime companion, Al Gharapetian of Saugus, Denise Turner and her son-in-law, Bill Turner of Winthrop, Charles McNelly and her daughter-in-law, Erin Epstein McNelly of Winthrop, Trevor Tayler of Lynn and the late Tina West-Neal; adored grandmother of West and Tina Bullock, Olivia and Alyssa West, Kristopher McNelly, Robert and Patrick Raia, Kiera and Dylan Turner and Charli and Jayce McNelly; dear sister of Robert Mellone and his wife, Simone of East Boston and the late Elaine Tayler of Lynn, Thomas Bra-

zil of Charlestown, Joseph Mellone and Michael Mellone, both of East Boston; loving stepmother of Kerry Brothers and her husband, David of Myrtle Beach, S.C. and step-grandmother of Gypsy, China, Dustin and Destiny.

Visiting hours were held in the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, Winthrop on Tuesday, Jan. 29 and a Funeral Service followed in the funeral home. Donations in her memory can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude PL. Memphis, TN. 38105. For guestbook, please www.mauricekirbyfh. visit: com.

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Winthrop Senior Center News February 7 – February 13, 2019

Hours: Mon-Thurs:8:30-4pm/Fri:8:30-2:30pm

Thursday, February 7 10:30am - Red Hatters Meeting 10:30am - Zumba with Barbara 12:00pm-Lunch 1:00pm - Bingo

Friday, February 8

9:30am - Exercise Class 10:00am - Ceramics with Gerry 10:30am - Line Dancing with Cindy 12:00pm-Lunch

Saturday, February 9

10:30am - Zumba with Cindy

Monday, February 11

9:30am - Exercise 10:00am - Art Class with Dawn 12:00pm-Lunch 1:00pm - Bingo 6:15pm - Zumba Toning with Barbara

Tuesday, February 12

10:00am - Arts & Crafts 10:00am - Bowling (at Winthrop Elks) 12:00pm-Lunch 1:00pm - Chorus Rehearsal 2:00pm - Technology Class with Betsy

Wednesday, February 13

9:30am - Exercise Class 9:30-11:30am - Kelly's Nails on Wheels (Manicures cost \$10; Ap ointment Required) 10:00am - Caregiver Support Group Meeting 10:30am – Yoga with Kathleen (\$5) 10:30am – Tap Dancing with Tracy (at the Methodist Church) 12:00pm - Lunch 1:15pm - Italian Class with Michael 3:00-3:45pm - Play Chess with the WMS Chess Club

For additional information on our services, activities, programs, or to view our newsletters, lunch menus and more, visit our website: town.winthrop.ma.us/council-aging

Valentine's Day Ice Cream Social CANCELED - The Valentine's Day Ice Cream social has been canceled. If you have already purchased tickets, you can stop by the Senior Center to get a refund.

Hearing and Vision Support: The Low Vision and Hearing Impaired support groups will not meet in January or February The next meetings for these two groups will be in March 2019.

Tai Chi and Zumba with Cindy: Tuesday's Tai Chi and Zumba classes will not meet in January or February. Classes will resume on Tuesday, March 19th.

Senior Lunch: If you would like to come for lunch, please call the day before by 12:00pm so that your order is counted for the next day. Thank you!

Play Chess with the Winthrop Middle School Chess Club: Members of the WMS Chess Club will be at the Senior Center on Wednesdays, from 3-4pm. No previous knowledge of chess is necessary. Beginner and experienced players are welcome to come and play. If you would like to sign up, or would like more information, please call the Senior Center at 617-846-8538. All equipment will be provided.

Indoor Walking Club: The Indoor Walking Club will be starting Monday, November 26th; walkers can use the Middle/ High School Monday-Friday from 4:15-5:15pm (when school is in session). If you would like walk, please sign up at the Senior Center. You will also need to fill out a CORI form (forms are available at the front desk of the Senior Center).

Technology & Learning with Betsy: The next learning sessions with Betsy Duplin will be on Tuesday, February 12th and

gether.

Ethel is survived by her loving daughter, Eileen Denberg of Chatsworth, Calif., and dedicated sons Eric (Laura) Braverman , Porter Ranch, Calif., and Barry (Karen) Braverman, Scotts Valley, Calif. She was the

WHS SPORTS Through the Years

20 years ago Feb. 4, 1999

Elizabeth Lewis, Jaclyn Costonis, and Tammy Riley have been the top three scorers for the WHS girls track team this season which has compiled a 6-2 record. In a recent meet with Lynn English, Christine Porter remained undefeated for the season in the shot put with a season's-best throw of 33'-1/2".

The 8-6 WHS hockey team dropped an 8-3 decision to a 10-2-2 Beverly squad this past week. Bobby Kneeland scored two goals and Rob McFarland scored one goal for the Vikings.

The WHS girls basketball team fell to 7-7 on the season with a 51-28 loss to Lynn English. The Lady Vikings were missing top rebounder and shot-blocker Anita Datta, who was out with the flu. Erin Shields led Winthrop with seven points.

The 6-10 WHS boys basketball team gave it their best shot against third-ranked Lynn English (12-1), but came out on the short end of trailed by just two points at

the half, 36-34, before being overwhelmed by the Bulldogs in the second half, who were led by Brandon Bing (26 points) and Anthony Anderson (25 points). J.R. Graham led Winthrop with 18 points, three rebounds, and three blocked shots.

Former WHS star football player Anthony Palmer has signed a contract with the Kronberg Knights of the Danish football league. Palmer was a first-team all-star for Stonehill College in the Eastern Collegiate Football Conference.

40 years ago Jan. 31, 1979

The WHS hockey team knocked off first-place Saugus, 3-2, to take over the top spot in the Northeastern Conference. Dan Moragn, Myles Boulter, and Ron Giaquinto scored the goals for the Vikings. The Vikings now have won six in a row, led by Giaquinto, who has scored eight goals during the winning streak. Winthrop now is 10-1-2 and has defeated Saugus an 86-64 decision. Winthrop in both of their matches this season.

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26th from 2:00-3:00pm. Bring your laptops, smart phones, or tablets, along with your questions. Learning this new technology can open up a whole new world for you.

SHINE Counseling: Volunteer SHINE Counselors are here to help you with any health insurance questions you may have If you would like to visit with one of our SHINE Counselors please call the Senior Center (617-846-8538) to schedule an appointment.

We are looking for a Spanish teacher to teach a weekly, one hour class. A small stipend is available. Please contact the Senior Center at 617-846-8538 if you are interested.

Do you have any unused jewelry hanging around the house? If so, would you consider donating it to the Senior Center? We put jewelry on sale, with all proceeds benefiting the Senior Center. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMs

Tuesday, February 19 (12:30-1:30pm): Winthrop Police-Senior Community Open Discussion. Meet some of the middle and high school students who are part of the Winthrop Police Explorer Program.

Tuesday, February 26 (1:00-3:30pm): Paint Night in the Afternoon with Dawn Mahoney. Please sign up at the front desk Cost: \$20 (checks only; please make payable to: Dawn Mahoney). Sign up by February 19th. All materials will be provided

Tuesday, March 19 (1:00-2:30pm): First Annual Baking Contest. Sample a variety of homemade cakes, pastries, pies and cookies baked by our Seniors. Coffee and Tea will be served There will be a lively auction of baked goods. Tickets cost: \$5 and must be purchased by March 12th. There is no cost for bakers. If you are interested in participating in the contest as a baker please contact Programs Coordinator, Pamela Aranov at the Senior Center, or email her at: paranov@town.winthrop.ma.us.

Wednesday, March 20 (12:00pm): Eats & Treats Café. Join us for our new, monthly cooking demonstration, and sample the finished product: Irish Tea Cakes! Cost: \$2.00 (space is limited to 10 people).

UPCOMING TRIPS

Tuesday, March 12, 2019: Celtic Angels of Ireland St. Patrick's Day Show at the Venus DeMilo. Cost: \$95 (includes lunch) Meal choice: Corned Beef and Cabbage or Baked Haddock.

Sunday, May 5 - Wednesday, May 8: 3 Night Trip to Cape May and Atlantic City, New Jersey. Cost: \$875/double or \$1125/ single. \$300 deposit due at sign up. Balance due March 22nd There will be no cancellations after March 22nd. For more information on the trip, please pick up a flyer at the Senior Center.

UPCOMING CASINO TRIPS

Casino Trips Cost: \$29; sign up at the Senior Center. Please make checks payable to "Friends of the WCOA". You must sign up by the Friday before the trip.

February 26th - Foxwoods Casino (departs Senior Center at 7am)

March 26th - Mohegan Sun Casino (departs Senior Center at 8am)

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CITY MANAGER GETS NEW CONTRACT

CHELSEA - City Manager Thomas Ambrosino got a new five-year contract and a healthy serving of praise from the City Council Monday night.

The council approved the contract with a 10-0 vote. Councilor-at-Large Roy Avellaneda was not present at Monday night's meeting.

Ambrosino gets a 3-percent raise with the new deal, from \$184,913 annually to \$189,945.

Council President Damali Vidot said a sub-committee made up of Councilors Luis Tejada, Giovanni Recupero and Yamir Rodriguez had been evaluating Ambrosino for several months, and agreed that he has done a good job and should be invited back.

"He's done a great job and he wanted to go five years instead of four years so he would be closer to retirement age at the end of this contract," she said. "I think he deserved it. I felt he earned five years. He got a really good evaluation and people are very pleased with his performance."

Vidot said the evaluation showed councilors and the public felt he was a little too hands-off on his management of departments, and wanted to see him be a little more handson with them. For Vidot, she said one of his strengths has been treating the City Council with great respect.

"He has really given the City Council the respect it deserves," she said. "I didn't see that in the previous administration. Chelsea seems to really be coming together. There seems to be so much more interest in social and civic issues and more unity overall."

On Monday night, the praises continued at the Council meeting before they voted to extend the contract five more years.

"The city manager has done a great job," said District 8 Councilor Calvin T. Brown. "He's committed, a creative thinker, and a very approachable city manager.'

Several councilors commented on Ambrosino's responsiveness to residents'

contract.

"I'm very pleased and very grateful to the City Council for giving me a vote of confidence," Ambrosino said following Monday night's meeting. "I will do everything I can to continue to make them proud of my work."

Ambrosino has said since last fall he would like to be asked to return to Chelsea for another contract term. He said he feels like he has more work to do in the city, particularly with his downtown initiatives.

•In other Council news:

A resolution passed by the City Council Monday night recognized February as Black History Month and thanked the Lewis H. Latimer Society, Bunker Hill Community College, and the Chelsea Black Community "Remembering Black Migration, WWI, and the Chelsea Fire" for the contributions to the city.

The Council also recognized Feb. 21 as Dr. Maya Angelou Day in Chelsea.

•The council requested a meeting with Emergency Management Director Keith Vetreno to discuss 911 services

•Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson requested that City Manager Tom Ambrosino update the council on all planned development in the city.

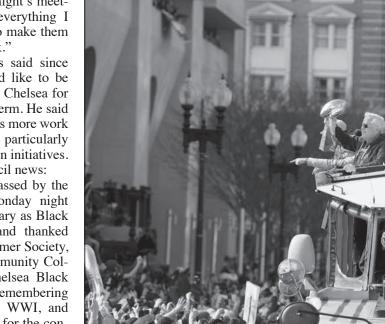
•District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero requested a brighter streetlight on Charles Street, as well as a study for traffic on the Meridian Street Bridge. The brightness of the new LED streetlights has been a problem point for several years, as most of them are on the lowest setting to save money on power. Recupero has routinely asked the City to increase the brightness on the new LED lights.

COUNCIL TO LOOK AT RUBBISH COLLECTION

CHELSEA - Rather than Russell Disposal, the trash and recycling trucks rumbling down city streets could one day say City of Chelsea.

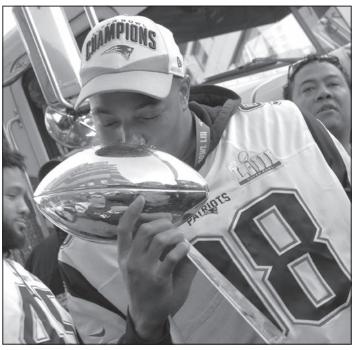
While that possibility is a slight one at the moment, the City Council is asking City Manager Thomas Ambrosi-

CELEBRATING SIX WITH A PATRIOTS PARADE IN BEANTOWN





The Duck Boat with owner Bob Kraft hoisting the Super Bowl trophy crawls down Boylston Street in Boston's Back Bay on Tuesday.



Defensive Lineman Trey Flowers gives a parting kiss to the Super Bowl LIII trophy as players descend on City Hall Plaza in Boston.





Patriots Owner Bob Kraft, along with his sons Josh Kraft and Dan Kraft are exuberant in the victory.



concerns.

"Whenever I have had a problem in my district and brought it to his attention, the city manager has been very responsive," said District 1 Councilor Robert Bishop.

District 5 Councilor Judith Garcia said Ambrosino has been an incredible asset and resource for the community.

"He has invested a lot in the community, and I hear it from my constituents a lot," said Garcia.

In addition to the three percent pay raise, Ambrosino will get an additional \$500 per year for travel, and the former Revere mayor's new contract will be for five years, compared to his current four-year no to look into the costs of the City owning its own trash trucks and picking up its own trash. Currently, the City has a contract with Russell Disposal, Inc. of Somerville.

More than half the sitting councilors had their name attached to the order that was introduced at Monday night's meeting: President Damali Vidot, District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero, District 1 Councilor Robert Bishop, District 4 Councilor Enio Lopez, District 3 Councilor Joe Perlatonda, and District 2 Councilor Luis Tejada.

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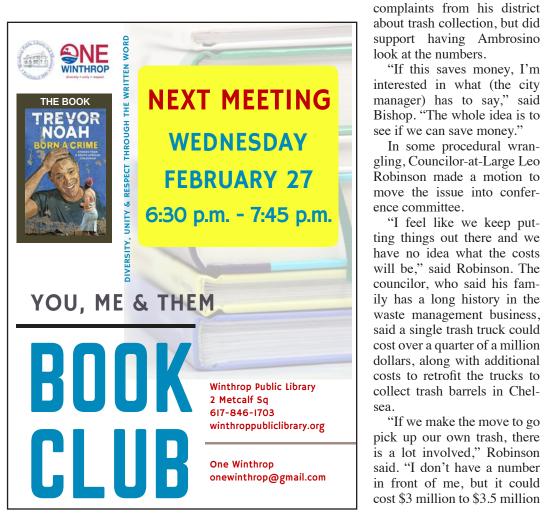
"If this saves money, I'm

In some procedural wran-

"I feel like we keep put-

"If we make the move to go

Lopez said he does not believe Russell is doing a good enough job with trash removal, sometimes leaving trash



Jason and Devin McCourty have a twin moment as they give high-fives to the fans along the rolling rally. While Devin has a Super Bowl under his belt, it was the first time the twin brothers won a Super Bowl together.

behind and picking up recyper year."

cling on a haphazard sched-Recupero said there was no need to put the issue into "They are being paid big council committee at this bucks and they are not dotime, since the request was ing it," Lopez said. "For the to have Ambrosino get more amount of money we are payinformation and numbers on municipal waste collection. ing, we can get a few trucks

"If he tells us it's not feasiand hire people from the city ble, then it can't be done," he Bishop said he has heard no said. "If it is feasible, then we can send it to committee."

Perlatonda estimated that the costs could be even higher than those estimated by Robinson.

While Cambridge has more than double the population of Chelsea, he said annual costs of municipal collection there are about \$12 million.

"I don't think it is going to be feasible to find (an option) cheaper than Russell," he said.

The vote to move the issue to committee failed, with Robinson, Perlatonda, and District 7 Councilor Yamir Rodriguez on the short end of the vote. The request will now go to Ambrosino for his review.

WASTE WATER FLOODS APARTMENT

EVERETT - It was a flow of raw sewage that couldn't be stopped, and when it had all settled, more than 2,000 gallons of it was in Rosemarie Payle's basement.

The Duncan Road resident this week said she has grap-

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Patriots Quarterback Tom Brady points out fans in the crowd giving everyone reason to celebrate.

pled with a messy and horrible situation all throughout the past week, starting last Thursday when a sewage pipe backed up into her home.

"This was a haz-mat situation that demanded attention," she said. "There was not any protocol to handle this kind of situation. My issue is there was no person to give me a hand. It was a bio-hazard. It was a series of unfortunate events. No one made this happen, but no one was trained or prepared to handle it either. My main point in all this is someone should have been ready to call a professional or a haz-mat team right when it happened. That isn't what they did."

Around 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24, Payle - who lives with her infirm, 75-year old mother - noticed a backup in her home. She called the Housing Authority, which is the landlord there, to come and unclog the pipe as they often do.

However, this time was no normal circumstance.

At this point, it appears there was a broken sewage pipe further up the road that had built up pressure. When the Housing Authority contractor Wayne's Drains unscrewed the cap to unclog the pipe, the pressure overwhelmed him and raw sewage poured into Payle's basement.

"He unscrewed it and the

pressure just pushed it up," said Payle. "He said, 'Oh no, oh no.' I said, 'Oh my God,' and went and tried to grab some things. Then we both ran out of there. In seven minutes I had 2,000 gallons of sewage in my basement. It was 10 inches deep, with feces and toilet paper, too."

Housing Authority Director Steve Kergo said the situation has resolved itself now, and he said the tenant was pleased as things stand now. They were able to call ServiceMaster later after problems continued through the weekend, he said. Initially, crews from the Housing Authority attempted to clean up the backup, which he said is a normal first protocol.

"We manager 670 units and we're prepared and trained," he said. "We're not going to immediately move to bring in a company because we have limited funding. We do what we have to do.'

Kergo said he believed the original response was adequate because he hadn't heard any complaints. However, later, he said it was on television and it came to his attention that the issue had not been resolved.

He also said they have handled these kinds of incidents many times, but maybe not on this scale. He said there is a

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On Jan. 17th members of the Zonta Club of Chelsea gathered at Anthony's in Malden to celebrate the 2018 District 1 Amelia Earhart's Fellowship Awards dinner. Together with sister clubs of Malden and Medford they honored six recipients, four of whom were present. Three of the fellows attend MIT and one attends UMass Amherst. All of the recipients are pursuing PH.D/doctoral degrees in aerospace applied sciences or aerospace applied engineering. Amelia Earhart was a member of the Zonta Club of Medford and every year thousands of dollars are given in her name to deserving women. It was a wonderful night and gave us all hope that the

future is in very capable hands with these young women.

Upcoming Zonta Club Meeting : Thursday, Feb. 21, at 6 p.m. at The Doubletree Hotel in Chelsea. At this meeting the club will be recognizing the recipient of the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship award. The recipient is a Chelsea sponsored applicant who is pursuing a degree at MIT. Her field of study is Enterprise Management.

Contact chelseazonta@ zontadistrict1.org for more information about our club and future events. Zontal Club services the communities of Chelsea, Revere, Everett, Winthrop and Lynn.



Left to right, seated-Zonta members Sheila Arsenault, Joan Lanzillo-Hahesy, Elizabeth Fama, Standing, Patricia O'Flaherty, Christine DePrizio, Mary Jane O'Neill, Theresa DiPiertro and Barbara Lawlor.



Left to right, Zonta member Bonnie Fishman, Zonta Guests, Ellie Lynch, Abby Lynch, Luna Hernandez, and Zonta member Georgia Green.



Amelia Earhart awards winner Left to right-Nisha Chandramoorthy, Srishti Kashyap, Akshata Krishnamurthy, Clara Maurel.

Celtics, TD Bank Community Crew joins 'A Bed For Every Child' in building 40 twin-beds for Boston-area youth in need

The Boston Celtics and TD Bank CommUNITY Crew joined 'A Bed for Every Child' in Lynn, MA last week as they helped build 40 new twin-beds for Boston area youth in need. Celtics players Brad Wanamaker and Guerschon Yabusele were on site to help build the beds, which all feature Celtics and basketball-themed bedding and accessories.

"The community came together today for something bigger than basketball," said Wanamaker. "What an opportunity to be here and help these volunteers in making an impact throughout the greater Boston area."



WINTHROP STUDENTS EARN

ACADEMIC HONORS

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEAN'S LIST FOR THE FALL **2018 SEMESTER**

The following students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the fall 2018 semester.

Jillian Kfoury of Winthrop, with Highest Honors

Sarah Kfoury of Winthrop, with Honors

Heidy Benson of Winthrop, with Honors

Alexandra Scarfo of Winthrop, with High Honors

RYAN D'AGOSTINO NAMED TO UA **DEAN'S LIST**

Ryan Eavan D'Agostino of Winthrop, was named to The University of Alabama Dean's List for fall 2018.

A total of 12,332 students enrolled during the 2018 fall term at UA were named to the Dean's List with an academic record of 3.5 or above or the President's List with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's).

The UA Dean's and President's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or to undergraduate students who take less than a full course load. The University of Alabama, the state's oldest and largest public institution of higher education, is a student-centered research university that draws the best and brightest to an academic community committed to providing a premier undergraduate and graduate education. UA is dedicated to achieving excellence in scholarship, collaboration and intellectual engagement; providing public outreach and service to the state of Alabama and the nation; and nurturing a campus environment that fosters collegiality, respect and inclusivity.

"Our employees are excited to be a part of assembling beds for local children in need," said John Ratoff, U.S. Regional Head of Field Marketing Strategy, TD Bank. "Supporting the communities where we live and work is a vital part of how we operate our business every day."

In addition to helping assemble the new beds, Wanamaker and Yabusele interacted with and posed for photos with members of the CommUNITY Crew.

elyn Saber, Green Team member Erika Simon and TD Bank volunteer Nicholas Wolf of Winthrop. Five years ago, advocates from the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless were offering homeless prevention resources for families at a public school when a teacher approached them. The teacher shared that many of her stu-

dents were coming to school extremely tired because they did not have a bed. Knowing that many of the students' parents simply could not afford to purchase one, she wondered if the Coalition could help get beds for some of her students.

Hummel's short (under

20 minutes) but spirited con-

From Left to Right: TD Bank volunteer Miriam Regan-Fiore of Winthrop, Green Team member Joc-

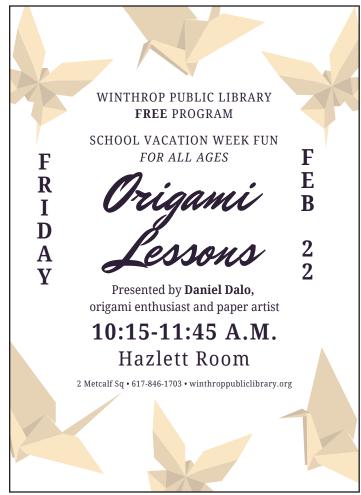
That one inquiry launched A Bed for Every Child, a program that works with public schools, as well as other community organizations, to provide access to free new twin beds for children in need throughout Massachusetts.

CHRISTINA LEONE NAMED TO **DEAN'S LIST**

Christina Leone, a Fashion and Retail Merchandising major at Lasell College, was named to the fall 2018 Dean's List.

Leone, a Winthrop native, is a member of the Lasell College class of 2020. To be named to the Dean's List, they needed to complete at least 12 credits as a full-time student and achieve a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

For more information contact: Samantha Mocle, assistant director of communications at smocle@lasell.edu or at 617-243-2386.



NSPO to perform Winter Concert Feb. 17 in Swampscott

Staff Report

Music Director Robert Lehmann will conduct the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra in its Winter Concert with a program highlighted by trumpeter Joseph Foley playing the Trumpet Concert by Johann Nepomuc Hummel on Sunday, February 17, at 3 p.m. at Swampscott High School.

Antonin Dvorak's "Slavonic Dances" and Robert Schumann's Symphony No. 4 complete the program.

Tickets are \$30, \$25 for seniors and students, and children 12 and under are admitted free. Tickets will be available at the door on the day of the concert and are available for advance purchase through the Orchestra's website www. nspo.org.



Music Director Robert Lehmann will conduct the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra in its Winter Concert on Sunday, February 17 at 3 p.m. at Swampscott High School.

certo was composed in 1803 and is well-known for its pert rhythms and pleasant melodies. First written for trumpets in the "pre-valve" age, it wide range and inflection and dancing quality has made it a popular staple of the classical repertoire. Soloist Joseph Foley is well-known throughout New England as principal trumpet of both the Rhode Island

Philharmonic and Portland (Maine) Symphony Orchestra. He has performed with the Boston Pops, Boston Classical Orchestra and Boston Landmarks Orchestra and his recording "Nightsongs" earned critical praise.

Robert Schumann's Fourth symphony is a brilliant, if controversial, example of the composer's work. While some considered it to contain errors in orchestration, others regarded it as daring and innovative. Regardless of historical commentary, the work has grown to be regarded as one of the great symphonies of all time. Leonard Bernstein recorded the work with

the New York Philharmonic and praised its "image of Romantic Man, the Artist-God, escaping from the treacherous earth on the aerieal currents of a masterpiece."

Schumann's Fourth is today regarded as rising above the blinders and conventions of its time.

Antonin Dvorak wrote the Slavonic Dances as a series of 16 orchestral pieces in 1878 and 1866. The NSPO will play Nos. 6, 7, and 8 of Opus 46. Dvorak was inspired to write the dances by the work of Johannes Brahms, whose Hungarian Dances were highly regarded.

The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra plays three subscription concerts at Swampscott High School. The 2018-2019 season marks the Orchestra's 71st Anniversary. The Orchestra is supported in part by a grant from the Swampscott Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. For more information about the NSPO, visit the Orchestra's website at www. nspo.org. or on Facebook.



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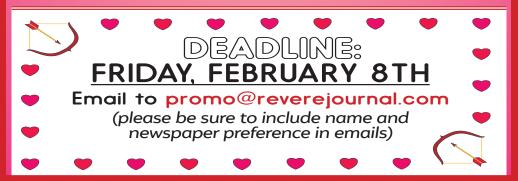
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definite protocol to the situation that was followed.

"Had we known there was still an issue, we would have been right out there again," he said. "I heard it was on television and a councilor reached out to me as well."

Councilor Michael Mc-Laughlin said he reached out to Payle as he knows her, and was able to help get attention to the matter as well.

"I reached out to the family to see how I could be helpful or offer a helping hand," he said. "I am very pleased with the response of the Everett Housing Authority once again stepping up to help fix this issue and help this family. I strongly believe the city needs to step forward and help put this family's mind at peace by taking responsibility for this back up. It is a unfortunate situation that occurred, but we need to make it right for the Payle family.'

Payle said much of the things she lost in the basement – things covered in raw sewage – were not salvageable. On top of that, their value was mostly sentimental and things that couldn't be replaced.

"My mother had a cedar hope chest down there that's been in the family for generations," she said. "It's ruined. That cannot be replaced."

She said she thanked Mc-Laughlin, who was the only City official to reach out she said.

"He represents Ward 6 and I live in Ward 3," she said. "Do the math. I didn't get a call from the mayor or anyone."

For Payle, the bottom line is she doesn't feel the City is prepared for large problems on off hours.

"I love the City of Everett, but when it's a Friday and a municipal building is closed, there is no place to turn," she said. "We had an emergency here and what do you do in that case? There should be a hotline, and they should know who to reach out to. It seemed to me like people were unprepared or not trained to deal with this kind of messy situation."

CHINESE DELEGATION VISITS EVERETT

EVERETT - Educators from the city of Maoming, in the Guangdong Province of China, visited the Everett Public Schools (EPS) last week as part of a mutually beneficial exchange showcasing the multiple facets of the district's students, curriculum, and programs.

The delegation toured the Webster School and the Webster School Extension on Tuesday, and Everett High School (EHS) on Wednesday as part of a productive twoday visit to the city. This mark the second consecutive year that educators from Maoming visited Everett during an extensive professional development journey to the United States.

"It's an honor to meet leaders from other parts of the globe," said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. "These kinds of interactions are always valuable for the hosts as well as the guests, and I commend the School Department for organizing this successful exchange."

The mayor was especially proud to showcase the new, state-certified Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs that are now being offered to EHS students, including building construction and machine technology. "Creating the space, and securing the funding, for the CTE curriculum at the high school required tremendous effort from a lot of people," the mayor said. "The programs and technology now available to our students are something we should all be proud of.'

At the Webster Extension, the delegation learned about Everett's free pre-school program and other early education and special education initiatives. Head Teacher Michelle Bosco led a tour of classrooms for 3- and 4-yearolds, as well as space dedicated to occupational therapy, speech therapy, and guidance counseling.

Principal Denise Hanlon

led the visit to the Webster School. She talked about how "kindness" is the school's guiding principle, and she answered a wide range of questions from the enthusiastic visitors. During the tour of classrooms, the teachers from China expressed special interest in Project Read, a language arts program that accommodates a diverse array of learning profiles, and Classdojo, a comprehensive web application that allows teachers to easily communi-

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cate with parents and families. On Wednesday, Everett High Principal Erick Naumann hosted the educators for a full morning of activities. First, they gathered in the Crimson Café, where they were treated to a breakfast prepared by the Culinary Arts Department. Mr. Naumann talked about the demographics of EHS, CTE programming, and the school's new Academy and Pathway model. Afterwards, the educators received a tour of the high school, and had the chance to interact with students and teachers during a typical day at EHS.

Everyone had ample opportunity to ask questions and exchange thoughts, as the flow of information was expertly translated and interpreted by Jany Murphy.

The visitors showed their gratitude by presenting EPS administrators with a variety of beautiful and original gifts from China.

"I was very impressed with their energy, their interest in our schools and students, and their insights," said Interim Superintendent Janice Gauthier.

The delegation was also in New York and Connecticut, where they visited secondary schools, as well as Columbia and Yale universities. In Greater Boston, they visited Harvard and MIT. "Obviously, Greater Boston has no shortage of great educational institutions, so it's quite an honor that our colleagues from Maoming once again included Everett on their itinerary," said Mr. Naumann. The EPS would like to extend special thanks to retired Everett teacher Bob Constantine, who helped coordinate the visit to Everett in 2018 and again last week.

LOOKING FOR CONSULTANT FOR MASTER PLAN

EAST BOSTON - After a series of successful community workshops that kicked off the Boston Planning and Development Agency's (BPDA) initiative PLAN: EAST BOS-TON, the BPDA announced they are seeking a consultant to help with the effort.

Over the summer Mayor Walsh announced Eastie was chosen as one of five neighborhoods that will be part of the BPDA's planning initiative as part of an Imagine Boston 2030 effort to 'preserve, enhance and grow' the neighborhood.

The city plans to work closely with Eastie community groups, community leaders and other stakeholders to ensure decisions made by the city are following the guiding principles of "preserves wisely, enhances equitably, and grows inclusively."

At its January board meeting the BPDA approved \$250,000 to hire a consultant experienced in land use, urban design and market analysis to assist in the preparation of the PLAN: East Boston Land Use, Urban Design, and Market Analysis Study.

The BPDA expects that the land use and urban design professional will operate as the primary consultant for the Plan: East Boston study and the market analysis component will operate as a sub-consultant under the resulting contract for the study.

According to the BPDA, the selected consultant will help create massing options and development scenarios for four to six sub-areas within the neighborhood. The study calls for the selected consultant to work closely with BPDA staff to generate massing and land use scenarios, the impacts of which will

be evaluated quantitatively and qualitatively.

These options will then be used for discussion in community workshops and, ultimately, to create recommendations, urban design guidelines, and to inform new zoning for future developments in Eastie.

The Plan: East Boston study will be a collaborative effort between the BPDA and several City of Boston Departments and other public agencies. Work on the study is expected to begin in April of 2019 and is anticipated to be completed within 24 months.

As part of the initiative in Eastie, comprehensive planning will include a focus on balancing contextually-sensitive development alongside preservation. There will also be a focus on supporting existing residents and businesses through increased access to opportunity, affordability strategies, and anti-displacement policies.

One of the highlights in Eastie will be improving the public realm and access to open space and neighborhood-serving amenities, addressing mobility challenges, and supporting neighborhood resiliency and preparing for climate change.

The city will work with the community in Eastie's half dozen enclaves with a focus on the the neighborhoods here that are facing increased development pressures. Working with the community the city will determine a shared vision for the future of the neighborhood. Community discussion will focus on preservation of the existing residential fabric, enhancement of the vitality of existing residential communities and businesses, anti-displacement strategies for residents and businesses, connectivity along the waterfront, mobility, and flood protection and climate resiliency.

Last year the BPDA approved an Interim Planning Overlay District (IPOD) for Eastie's existing residential neighborhoods. An IPOD is an interim zoning tool that is used to maintain increased public review and community voice in the evaluation of proposed new development during a planning process.

WEED BILLBOARD POPS UP IN EASTIE PARK

EAST BOSTON - -A new billboard on Route 1A South from Weedmaps, the tech company that allows users to review and discuss cannabis strains and local dispensaries for adult-use and or medical-use marijuana, is sure to divide the community.

The billboard reads, "Smile Boston, Weed Is Legal" with the Weedmaps logo and info.

While East Bostonians began posting pictures of the new billboard last week on social media, with many pictures receiving enthusiastic 'likes' or smiley faces, some question the appropriateness of the billboard's location.

While many have fought to remove the stigma associated with medical and recreational marijuana, there are some that still feel a little decorum is needed on the subject--even if those same people agree with the drug's current status in society and culture.

The billboard, which towers over Route 1A South heading into the Sumner Tunnel, is anchored in the Bremen Street Park less than 100 yards of the East Boston YMCA's youth facility that houses a daycare, teen programs, family programs as well as a gym.

While most could care less about the billboard's content, some have said it's a little tasteless to place a billboard celebrating the legalization of marijuana within eyeshot of impressionable youths.

Eastie is just beginning to wrap its collective head around the fact that both medicinal and recreational marijuana shops will be opening here in the near future. To that end residents are flexing control over where those shops should be, angirly shooting down proposals near North Suffolk Mental Health, the Social Centers, and other areas people in recovery as well as youth, children and families may frequent.



At 79 her blades are sharp, her school is even sharper

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

Chances are that if you were a kid taking skating lessons in the Greater Boston area during the past 50 years, you most likely took your lessons through the Bay State Skating School. It's likely too that owner Rosemary Hanley Cloran can still out-skate you, even at the age of 79.

Cloran and her friend Butterworth Carol McKinnon started Bay State Skating School in 1968. Both had been competitive figure skaters. They were the first two instructors and business started to grow. They started advertising and renting rink time. They hired professional instructors. Today the school is growing as fast as ever, offering lessons for children from ages 4-18. At one time they offered lessons to adults, but they no longer do.

"We were two women with a shoestring and an idea," Cloran said. She also has the support of her family. Today her daughter is involved in the business and her granddaughters are instructors. McKinnon retired in 2001. "We were approached

by some school

Baystate Skating Club founder Rosemary Hanley Cloran, 79, strikes a pose on the ice. She has been an avid skater for over 50 years.

sons," Cloran said before she took to the ice at the Cronin last week. "To-Rink day we've

have had

groups, the PTAs, about les- have had three generations who have learned to skate with our instructors. We worked out of our kitchens over coffee."

> Cloran learned to skate when she had a bout of more Whooping Cough as a child. than 75,000 Back then that illness would get you out of school for two students. months. She and a neigh-Many families bor child with the same illness were bored, very bored. Someone suggested taking them to the ice rink and she is still skating today!

After joining the Skating Club of Boston her enthusiasm for the sport grew.

"I've skated for more than 50 years," she said with a smile.

Prior to entering the skating business, Cloran was a firstgrade teacher in Waltham.

While Cloran's base is in Newton, the Bay State Skating School has instructors in just about every rink around

the area offering lessons. Today the skating school is at rinks in Brookline-Cleveland Circle, Brookline-Larz Anderson, Cambridge, Medford, Newton-Brighton, Quincy, Somerville, Waltham, West Roxbury and Weymouth.

"We have instructors for all abilities, which is nice if you have more than one child. This way they get the instructor for their skill set," Cloran said, adding that figure skating, recreational skating and hockey skills are areas people can choose from."

So what's the trick to skating when you're older?

"I think it's just doing exercises and being energetic," Cloran said, adding that confidence helps. "Age is just a figment of the imagination. I love seeing the little skaters come. At first, they're afraid to go on the ice. But we show them how and then you see the smiles. It's a lifetime skill."

Contact Bay State Skating School at 781-890-8480 www.BayStateSkatingor School.org.



PHOTOS BY SUE ELLEN WOODCOCK Rosemary Hanley Cloran laces up her skates at the Cronin Rink in Revere.

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