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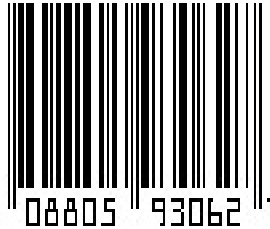
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CPR COURSE

A CPR course taught by Rose Mazzucelli will be held on Saturday, April 6, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Hermon Street. Cost is \$70, www.winthroprec.com.

This three-hour class has a class size limit of six. This Heartsaver Course teaches the basic skills of Adult, Child, and Infant CPR and how to use an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). Students also learn about using barrier devices in CPR and giving first aid for choking. The course teaches how to recognize the signs of four major emergencies: heart attack, stroke, cardiac arrest, and foreign body obstruction.

BOOK CLUB TO MEET MARCH 27

You, Me & Them Book Club will meet on Wednesday, March 27 and April 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Winthrop Public Library, Metcalf Square. The book for the next two months is "Not Quite Not White," by Sharmila Sen with a discussion of Losing and Finding Race in America. We look forward to your involvement in this timely discussion and our Book Club.

HOUSE PASSES LEGISLATION TO BAN CONVERSION THERAPY

House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo announced the House passed legislation to prevent healthcare professionals from engaging in "conversion ther-

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I LIKE MIKE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



PHOTO BY KATE ANSLINGER

Addie McDuffee drops the puck for Keith McNeff and Kevin McGee to kick off the I Like Mike hockey tournament last Saturday, March 16. The tournament was in memory of Precinct One Councilor Mike McDuffee, who died unexpectedly on Jan. 6. Addie is his granddaughter, and wore the scally cap in McDuffee's memory as well. See more photos on Page 16.

Work begins on outlining FY20 Town budget

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

Town Manager Austin Faison outlined the FY20 budget on Tuesday night at the annual spring forum at the high school.

While nothing is written in stone yet, it appears that officials are seeking to increase the FY20 budget by about 4.5 percent than the FY19 budget. All totaled the balanced budget request is beginning at \$64,641,265, up from \$61,817,334 or a \$2.8 million increase.

The Town Council will vote on the final FY20 budget in June.

"The 'asks' are significantly bigger than the budget," Faison said. "Winthrop has very little financial flexibility and we are handcuffed by Proposition 2 ½."

Faison outlined his priorities and highlights of the budget proposal.

Budget Priorities:

- Conservative and realistic revenue projections.
- Ensure current free cash levels, to maintain the Town's bond rating.
- Work in conjunction with the School Department and School Committee.
- Continue the town's aggressive pension funding schedule.

Budget Highlights:

- \$2.3 million in growth of FY20 v. FY19, which will go primarily to increased fixed costs, the Winthrop Public Schools, and town departments;
- No additional positions and minimal salary increases;
- Addition of several new software platforms across

various departments that will ensure greater accountability, transparency, and delivery of services;

- Focus on several policy and project initiatives including the Center Business District Infrastructure Project, the Pauline Street Middle School site, a town-wide master plan, and the Win/2030 Strategic Plan.
- Faison also outlined a capital improvement plan, which calls for a new roof on the library and the repair of the Cummings School playground.

Faison has been with the town for seven months and this is his first budget for the Town of Winthrop.

"The town revenue is reliant on state aid and property taxes," said Winthrop's CFO Anna Freedman.

Frustration comes out at two meetings

Point residents miffed at Massport

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

Residents of Point Shirley and other area residents went to the Logan Center at Logan Airport on Monday night with the hopes of getting some answers as to why airplanes seem louder, why these planes fly throughout the night and what's the status of the sound-proofing program.

"We are an urban airport," said Falvio Leo, director of

Aviation Planning and Strategy at MassPort several times.

On Monday night, the Environmental and Health Subcommittee of the MassPort Community Advisory Committee (CAC) met with residents of Winthrop and those in "line of sight" communities such as Somerville, Watertown and Chelsea.

Members of the Winthrop

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Residents question need for override

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

During the question and answer period for the FY20 budget on Tuesday evening at the high school, the true feelings of the 30 people who attended the forum came forward. And it was one of frustration.

People were still reeling over a meeting with MassPort the night before and about the sky-high water rates, which prompted a demonstration at Ingleside Park earlier in the month.

Kathleen Napoli, who started the water and sewer rate rally asked Town Manager Austin Faison what was going to be done about the rate, which is now \$22.90 per 100 cubic feet of water.

"The combined sewer rate will not be changed," Faison said, showing the history of the water/sewer enterprise fund. . "What was done instead of raising the rate was eating up the reserves. This is what the previous management and previous water commissioner chose to do. At one time this fund had over \$1 million in reserves. Now it's \$46,000," Faison said.

As for MWRA, there is no decrease in usage at the local level. The rate comes from a three-year average. The rate is calculated per a flat 1 million gallons multiplied by metered use in the community over a year, Faison said. "This is about three-year averages, not about what has happened in the last six months. I am more than apologetic about what the rate has to be but this is a bill

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WHS receives golf plaque in memory of former student

By Kate Anslinger

Winthrop High School graduate, Robert DeCarlo, has best been described as a happy, fun-loving person who was always the life of the party, both on and off the golf course. His love of the game was evident in both his skill and dedication, which earned him accolades on the high school golf team from 1998 until 2001. After graduating

high school, DeCarlo went on to become well known at the Winthrop Golf Club, where he won several tournaments over the years. A simple game of golf wasn't enough, as DeCarlo was always thriving for difficult and creative shots that would leave teammates and friends in awe.

As of last Friday, DeCarlo's legacy will live on in the halls

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FIRST CHURCH ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER



PHOTO BY MARIANNE SALZA

Mary Fitzgerald, Early Richards, Valerie Millar, and Ruth Hopkins during the First Church's annual St. Patrick's Day dinner on Saturday evening, March 16. See more photos on Page 8.

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Elliot Whittier Insurance renews Five Star Agency designation

The Massachusetts Association of Insurance Agents (MAIA), is proud to announce that Elliot Whittier Insurance of Danvers and Winthrop has renewed their Five Star Agency Designation. They have been a Five Star Agency since 2015 and continue to demonstrate excellence in the five imperatives associated with the designation: Customer Focus, Management/Leadership, Human Resources, Product & Process and Future Success Initiatives. It is a very select group that has attained this designation; only 26 out of more than 1,500 agencies in Massachusetts hold it.

“Elliot Whittier Insurance has made several additional improvements since earning its initial Five Star Agency Designation four years ago” said Heather Kramer, Five Star Consultant and COO and Vice President of MAIA. “Everyone in the agency works

toward moving the agency forward and improving on the strong foundation that is in place. And that foundation is based on the agency’s mission of helping clients protect their assets by providing professional advice and superior products with an outstanding staff. The staff is seen as a key strength with their work ethic, respect for each other and dedication to customer service being outstanding. The owners are greatly respected and there is the utmost confidence in their leadership abilities in taking the agency forward successfully.”

Steve Roy, CEO of Elliot Whittier Insurance commented, “Our staff understands that the agency is forward thinking and always open to new and innovative ideas, especially around technology and alternative work arrangements that will help everyone in the agency work more ef-

ficiently, thereby providing clients with high levels of customer service. The entire staff works very hard to be efficient and organized all while maintaining the attitude that they want to consistently be the best they can be.”

MAIA awards the Five Star Agency Designation to independent agencies that go through a vigorous review based on key criteria that affect an insurance agency and how it operates. Upon earning a qualifying score, an agency becomes a Five Star Agency Designee and must go through an intensive review process every three years to prove that they continue to provide superior service, knowledge and value.

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The team from Elliot Whittier Insurance.



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Another Hull Snow Row comes and goes

Special to the Transcript

Well, the 40th Annual Hull Snow Row is now history. It was a beautiful day with bright sunny skies, temps in the low 40s and light breezes that made for a great day on the water. My nephew Matthew and I, along with my brother Steve drove the thirty miles down to the Hull Lifesaving Museum where we unloaded our boat and slid it across 12 inches of snow down to the water’s edge. We were greeted by almost 50 other boats ranging in size from from 12-foot peapods up to 30-foot” gigs, with their six man crews. It was great to stand on the beach and look over the harbor and see old friends. We greeted each other, exchanged rowing stories of terrible weather conditions, boats sinking and where we first met.

This was our 10th time rowing in the Hull Snow Row, named for Winthrop’s own Edward Rowe Snow, a teacher and historian of Boston Harbor. The Snow Row consists of a three and a half mile rowing race around Hingham

Harbor. This was our first year that we didn’t transport our the William & Anthony on the back of a lobster boat from Winthrop, cruising four miles through Boston Harbor harbor to Hull. We would have been aboard our good friend Larry Bradley’s lobster boat, the Sandy B. After dropping my boat off, Larry would be one of the safety patrol boats for the race. Sadly, Larry suffered a heart attack while tending his traps and passed away three years ago. Cruising down through Boston Harbor from Winthrop to Hull aboard the Sandy B made the day extra special. Larry’s friendship and personality are surely missed.

Previous years gave us conditions with bitter cold temperatures, snow squalls, biting winds and large ice flows. This year year brought perfect conditions, calm seas and mild temperatures. The most noticeable thing missing was that stiff, cold northwest wind. Nothing worse than try to get across Hull Gut with an incoming tide and a stiff twenty five knot wind in your face.

My nephew Matthew and

I had a special mascot aboard the William & Anthony for today’s race. Nero, was a Belgian Malinois police dog and a canine partner of Yarmouth police officer, Sean Gannon. Sean Gannon was killed last April in the line of duty. Nero was also shot and has recovered. My friend Hilary Moll asked if Nero could ride in the William & Anthony for the race. We were honored to have him aboard our boat.

The race went off exactly at noon. Matthew and I got off to a messy start, but within a few minutes, we got our rowing rhythm and whizzed by most of the fleet (actually they whizzed by us). We headed out to our first turning point, Sheep Island, a small spit of land about 1 1/2 miles from the Point Allerton Coast Guard Base. From Sheep Island we headed north for approximately one mile to the day marker off of Peddocks Island. From there, we rowed the last mile past Fort Andrews on Peddocks Island to the finish line.

We pulled the William & Anthony up on the beach, then up to the snow and dragged the boat across the snow to the truck where we loaded her up and tied her down. From there it was over to the old Coast Guard building where we enjoyed the great hospitality of the Hull Lifesaving Museum. Every type of stew, chowder, soup, broth was available along with a variety of breads, rolls, bagels, sandwiches, fresh fruit and deserts. It was an incredible spread. Many thanks to the members of the Hull Lifesaving Museum for organizing another great event. See you all next year.



Winthrop police to present recovery model at National Drug Court Conference over the summer

Police Chief Terence Delehanty is pleased to announce that the Winthrop Police Department has been invited to present its drug recovery model at the National Drug Court Conference this summer.

The National Association of Drug Court Professionals annually hosts the world's largest conference on addiction, mental health and the justice system. This year,

members of the Winthrop Police Department will have an opportunity to present at RISE19, which brings leaders from all corners of the drug recovery sector together.

Chief Delehanty and Sgt. Sarko Gergerian will co-lead a discussion about the success of Winthrop’s Community and Law Enforcement Assisted Recovery (C.L.E.A.R.) Program. The conference will

take place on July 14-17 in National Harbor, Maryland.

Created in 2014, C.L.E.A.R. is an innovative approach taken by the city of Winthrop, which relies on an intra-departmental and community team-based approach to connect people struggling with substance use disorders to recovery resources.

C.L.E.A.R. uses police data to identify people in the community, who members of the team then reach out to directly to offer help overcoming their addiction.

"We're all proud of what the C.L.E.A.R. program has accomplished so far, and there's no doubt it has made a tangible impact on our community," Chief Delehanty said. "I'm grateful that our team will have an opportunity to share this model on such a large platform, and I'm hopeful that the success we've had in Winthrop will translate elsewhere."

Winthrop’s C.L.E.A.R. team includes representatives from multiple career disciplines, including the law enforcement, public health and recovery communities.

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All our thanks and so much love,
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STUDENT HIGHLIGHT:

Maura Dorr selected as athlete of the month

By Kate Anslinger

It is no surprise that 15-year-old Maura Dorr was selected as athlete of the month for basketball in February. The sophomore's school year is packed with a full schedule of varsity sports, keeping her busy all year round, with soccer in the fall, basketball in the winter, and lacrosse in the spring. She also plays an active role in student council, leading her class as the Vice President and the treasurer of E-board. As her most recent accomplishment, Dorr was selected as NEC All Conference for basketball, EMGSA 1st team All-Star, and All-State All-Star at the end of the soccer season. When Dorr isn't busy with sports, academics, and student council, she spends her free time babysitting.

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Maura Dorr.

DeCarlo

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of Winthrop High School, as his family and friends dedicated a framed golf club in memory of the athlete who passed away in January. Below the club, a gold plaque reads "Watch This," a tribute to the two words that DeCarlo was known to say prior to any major shots. "Rob started golfing at a young age under the tutelage of our father," said Christopher DeCarlo, Robert's brother. "He had fun on the course and always stood out, wearing loud outfits. He was always at his best when faced with a tough shot. Outside of his talent and love for the game, he was also loved by the people he played with. He always

wanted to do what was best for his team and hated the idea of letting his teammates down. This "team player" mentality is why he set an example for what it means to be an MVP recipient." Perfectly placed in the trophy case that lines the main hallway of the school, the framed golf club stands out much in the same way that DeCarlo did as a student, athlete, and member of the community. "We are touched that we are able to help out in honoring the life of Robert DeCarlo," said golf coach and fellow player, John Cross. "The golf team, led by senior Jack Sicurella, hopes to put forth another strong season and be in the running once again for

the conference as we were last year. We are a young team with dedicated players who truly enjoy the game of golf." DeCarlo will forever be remembered by the many future students and athletes that pass through the halls of WHS. "Rob had the kind of infectious laugh you heard from across the room, and you knew he was there," said Joe DePamphilis, a friend and fellow golfer of DeCarlo's. "He carried a larger-than-life presence, had a good-natured demeanor and undeniable loyalty to his friends and family. I will forever remember his competitive and team-oriented spirit that will live on each year through this MVP award."



Christopher DeCarlo, Janet DeCarlo-Staples (Robert's mom) and Joe DePamphilis.

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the community has to pay." On another matter, Faison noted that MassPort has had an increase in its PILOT payment, from \$900,000 to \$2,000,000. The money has to be spent through the newly set up Winthrop Foundation, which is charged with dispersing the fund through sports related activities. Faison also heard from residents Kathleen Capuccio and Dawn Manning. Capuccio who said she heard Faison talk about a Prop 2 ½ override

on cable television's WCAT. "Can you provide the town with a reason for that? Aside from mismanagement and lawsuits the town has succumbed to. I elected town councilors who have elected Town Managers. So enough with putting it on the town residents," she said. "Do not have the arrogance to put it on this town that somehow we're not doing our job or paying our taxes." "Are you looking for Proposition 2 ½ override because I

can assure you you're not going to get it from this town," she concluded to rousing applause. "In the event that there are not Prop 2 ½ overrides we will be making some difficult fiscal decisions concerning our staffing levels of our school department and public services," Faison said, who added that he did say that in the fall of 2020 is when an override probably should happen.

News Briefs

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attempt to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity. This bill outlines and excludes from the ban counseling and healthcare practices designed to support an individual and facilitate coping. "The House is proud to stand with the Massachusetts LGBTQ community and vote to ban the use of conversion therapy amongst our young and vulnerable residents," said Speaker DeLeo (D-Winthrop). "This practice is rooted in bigotry, has absolutely no scientific basis, and can impose long-term detrimental health effects. Massachusetts is against this cruel activity. I would like to thank Chair Khan for her dedication to this issue, and acknowledge the hard work of Leader Peake and Chair Michlewitz."

ineffective and very harmful practices. I thank Speaker DeLeo for his support and swiftly bringing this bill to the House floor to protect the LGBTQ youth in the Commonwealth." According to the American Psychological Association, conversion therapy "may pose serious risk of harm," such as "confusion, depression, guilt, helplessness, hopelessness, shame, social withdrawal, and suicidality." Violation of this law would result in a healthcare provider being subject to discipline from their appropriate licensing board, including suspension or revocation of their license.

Mystic Valley Elder Services Theater Event to Be Held May 18

Mystic Valley Elder Services annual theater event, a presentation of Million Dollar Quartet, the smash hit and rocking true story of Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins coming together for one of the greatest jam sessions ever, will be held Saturday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the Greater Boston Stage Company in Stoneham. Sponsorships and tickets are now available. Tickets cost \$75 each and sponsorships levels range from \$100 to \$20,000. Please contact Robert Guthrie at 781-388-4822 or rguthrie@mves.org, or visit mves.org/join-us/ theatre for more information. Proceeds benefit Mystic Valley Elder Services' programs that keep elders independent and in their homes. Located in Malden, Mystic Valley Elder Services is a non-profit agency that provides essential home- and communi-

ty-based care and resources to elders, adults living with disabilities, and caregivers who reside in Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop. For more information, please call (781) 324-7705 or visit www.mves.org.

Scholarships Offered by MCU

Metro Credit Union announces the opening of online applications for 2019-2020 academic year scholarships, raising educational possibilities for its members. Thirteen scholarships, for \$1,000 each, will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who have been accepted to an accredited undergraduate program. "Metro is committed to education, and we are very excited to launch the second Scholarship Program at Metro," said Robert Cashman, Metro President and CEO. "Right now, college is the most expensive it has ever been. We are proud to reward hardworking students in our community achieve their goal of higher education." The application deadline is April 15, 2019, at 4 p.m. EST. To be considered for the scholarship awards, all applicants must fill-out and submit an application form online. The application and complete details can be found at www.scholar-sapply.org/metrocu/. Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, unusual personal or family circumstances, and an outside appraisal.

Let us guide you home

WINTHROP'S REAL ESTATE CORNER

(Look here weekly for real estate updates)

Welcome aboard Andres. From left to right are Highland Real Estate owner, Jim Polino, Sharon Tallent, Andres Ramirez, Chrissy D'Ambrosio and Virginia Brown.

Highland Real Estate is very proud to welcome Andres Ramirez to the sales team. Andres, who speaks fluent Spanish, has in debt knowledge of the Winthrop, Revere, East Boston and Chelsea market.

Andres is a young and passionate agent who is always here for his clients. He is a very good listener and strives to provide a stress-free experience in the home buying or selling process. Andres comments, "With an incredible team at Highland Real Estate, expect a great partnership that will show you why Highland has had great success for a very long time. Fluent in both English and Spanish- being a mediator or translator could come in handy. I am also very tech savvy, meaning I would reply to any of your texts, calls, even emails pretty quickly. Feel free to contact me with any further questions and I will happily assist you."

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TRAGEDY, SADNESS IN
NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand is a beautiful country that seems far removed, both literally and figuratively, from the problems facing the rest of our troubled planet.

However, the tragic shootings at two mosques in New Zealand this past Friday have demonstrated that there is no place on earth that is immune from the forces of evil and hatred that are tearing apart the fabric of our societies.

As we are writing this, 50 persons have been confirmed dead, with another 31 injured, of whom nine are in critical condition, including a 4-year-old child.

The shootings are typical of the cowardly perpetrators of these deeds: They choose churches, mosques, and synagogues where their victims are unarmed and worshipping their God pursuant to their individual faith in a place where the victims feel most safe.

Are we getting to the point where every house of worship must hire armed guards in order to protect their congregants?

New Zealand's prime minister, Jacinda Ardern, was unequivocal in her resolve to take action in the wake of the tragedy. "Within 10 days of this horrific act of terrorism, we will have announced reforms that I believe will have made our community safer," Ms. Ardern said.

To be sure, there is no one action that any government can take to prevent this sort of tragedy from happening. Hatred and mental-illness always will exist.

However, common-sense measures can be undertaken regarding the sales and licensing of the sort of military arms that are responsible for these mass shootings.

While none of us can predict the future, we do not have to be Nostradamus to know that until we restrict the sale of these weapons of mass murder, they will occur again -- and again -- and again.

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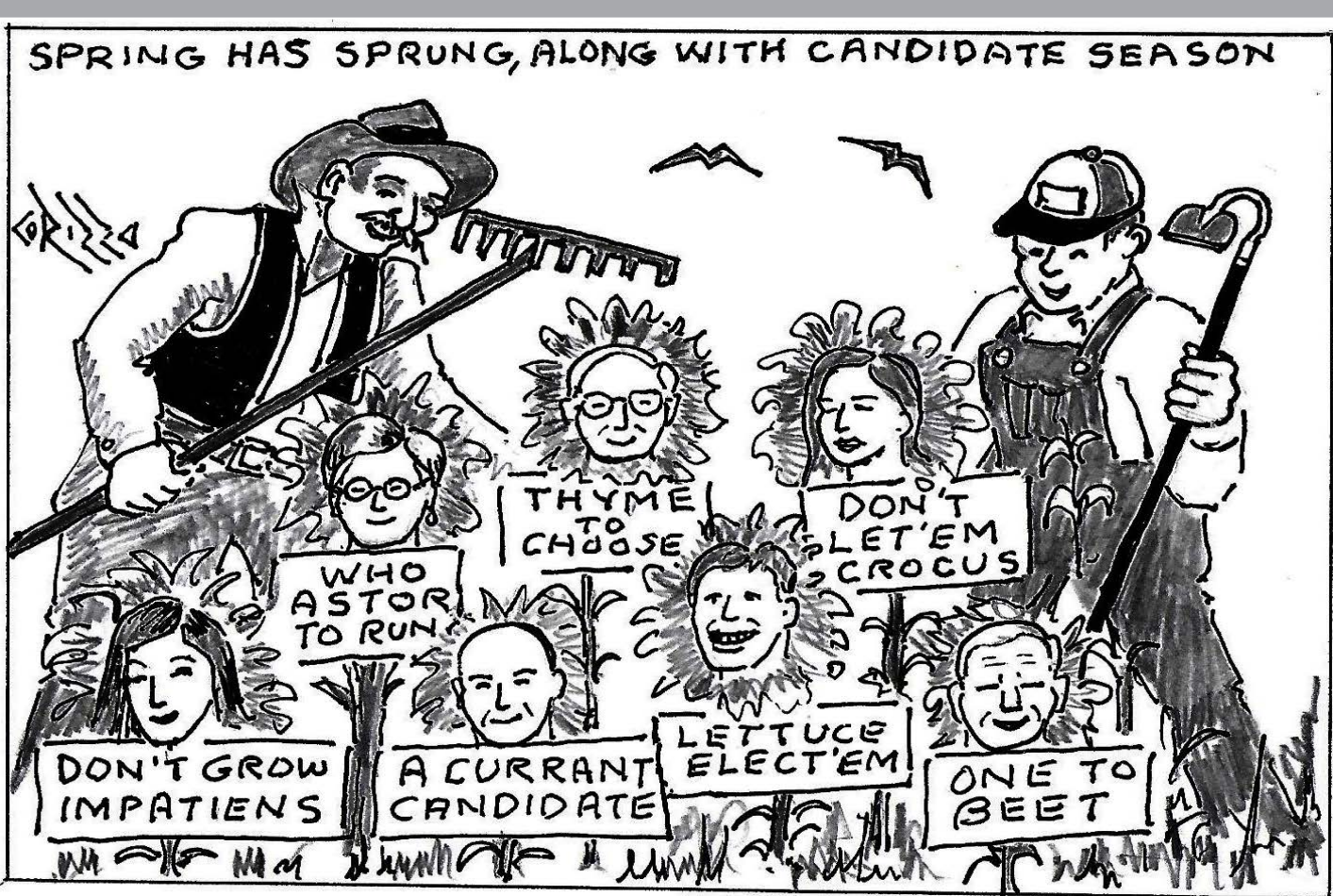
"Historically catastrophic" flooding is the description of what has been happening across our nation's Midwestern Plains states this past week, thanks to a combination of heavy snows and unseasonably cold weather followed by unusually heavy rains.

When most of us think of climate change, images of rising sea levels and fearsome hurricanes that threaten our densely populated coastal cities are what come to our minds.

But this past week's unprecedented events in the heart of our nation's bread basket should make all of us realize that no place on earth is safe from the devastating effects of climate change, which are accelerating at a rate faster than even the most-dire models had predicted.

It should be clear to all of us by now that whatever the costs may be of implementing green energy measures, they will be far outweighed by the costs of the devastation caused by the forces of nature that await us if we do not change our ways immediately.

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LETTERS to the Editor

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Dear Editor,
My name is Stephen and I am a residential sales agent and residential development consultant based out of Winthrop. My home is located in Precinct 6, so issues related to zoning and development along Winthrop Shore Drive and Shirley Street are at the forefront of my thoughts. This week, I had the distinct pleasure of joining development, zoning, and financial experts from across the country at the BisNow Summit on the feder-

al Opportunity Zone Program that took place at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. In short, this program designates certain tracts of land within communities and offers intense tax benefits for any commercial investment made within those tracts. Qualifying uses include residential rental apartments.

The purpose of the program is to incentivize investors to help communities reach their development goals. In an ideal world, the Opportunity Zone designated for Winthrop would have been the Center Business District and the Middle School site. This, however, is not the case. A tract of land

that includes Shore Drive, Cottage Hill, Point Shirley, and Deer Island was chosen. When I came home, I took a closer look at the zoning designations for this area. Most of the tract is strictly zoned "R1" which only allows single and multi-family homes. There is a small commercial district along Shirley. This makes any outside investment very unlikely, as there is only a very small space in which any qualifying uses would be permitted.

I write today to encourage the Town of Winthrop to explore efficient and immediate zoning redesignations

within this tract of land. It is my understanding that any qualifying investments need to be made by 2026. As we all know, the rate at which zoning changes is extremely slow. If we have any hope of capturing any benefits from this program, we've got to act now. Opportunity Zone Funds are being formed from coast to coast, and savvy investors are looking for tracts of land that are pre-zoned to meet the program requirements. Let us not miss another opportunity to see real progress for Winthrop.

Stephen C. Hines

GUEST OP-ED

Looking at women as heroes

the sky's the limit.

Charlotte Hawkins
Brown

Bet this is a name you haven't heard before, but let me tell you, it's one you should know. Born in North Carolina, but raised in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Charlotte (Lottie) Hawkins Brown's parents made sure she had every educational opportunity available -- a tough thing to achieve for a woman of color in the 1800s. She caught the attention of renowned educator Alice Freeman Palmer, and the rest, as they say, is history. Lottie later founded the Palmer Memorial Institute in North Carolina, providing top-notch educational opportunities to African-American children.

Consider building into your long-term financial plans, a savings portfolio for your dependent's educational opportunities -- they might be the next Charlotte Hawkins Brown! A 529 college savings plan is a step you can take to give your children the gift of higher learning.

Louisa May Alcott,
Author

Born to a poor family in Pennsylvania, Louisa moved to Boston, when she was two. There, her father, an idealist, an abolitionist and an early supporter of women's rights, founded a school where he planned to use his own teaching methods. The school failed, however, and the family's financial difficulties continued. Eventually settling in Concord, Louisa and her three

sisters realized early on that they must find ways to support the family. Louisa took jobs teaching, sewing and housework, but soon she embraced her gift for writing, and at age 16 wrote her first book, "Flower Fables" -- eventually published when she was 22 years old. By 1860, her stories and poems were being published in the Atlantic Monthly, and by the time she served as a nurse during the Civil War, her descriptive works entitled Hospital Sketches brought her considerable attention nationwide. Finally, in 1866, she wrote "Little Women" and from that point forward her family never suffered financially.

This Women's History Month, let's remember Louisa and all women who are the primary earners in their family; make a long-term investment in your retirement and lessen the load. Regularly evaluate the risk level in your portfolio versus potential reward to keep on track to reach your goals.

Lucy Stone, Abolitionist

Women have been making less than men for years -- really.

Lucy Stone noticed this disparity all the way back in 1844. Working at Oberlin College while attending school there, she was paid less than her male counterparts for teaching and menial jobs, and forced to work twice as hard as a male student to pay the same costs. When she asked for a raise, the school declined, and caused a strike they came to regret. After the ordeal, Lucy

was hired back, and all of the women were paid the same as their male colleagues. Lucy went on to organize women's rights activists and was a firm abolitionist. Honor Lucy's memory by investing smartly in a portfolio -- you can start small! The important thing is to protect your future.

Clara Barton

Oxford, Mass., was home to Clara Barton, a volunteer nurse during the Civil War. During a time of deep turmoil for our country, Clara stood up and cared for hundreds of soldiers suffering from wounds and serious illness. After the war, she established the American Red Cross, and was the organization's first president.

Health care costs have been on the rise for years; it's important to plan your finances so if something happens, you and your family are secure. Life is unpredictable; start a rainy-day fund to make sure you aren't blindsided by unexpected expenses. Putting away a small amount each paycheck will help offset any future cost.

Christine Armstrong is an executive director with Morgan Stanley Boston, and a frequent contributor to Bloomberg Radio, WBZ's "Before the Bell" and Herald Radio's "Morning Meeting". As a financial advisor, Christine's wealth management practice is centered on helping clients pursue their most meaningful long-term goals by identifying and addressing key financial challenges. She also has specific expertise in Family Wealth Advising.

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What do you love about playing soccer?

I have grown up playing soccer, it is very big in my family. I have played since kindergarten and I love the sport. I currently have the second highest amount of

goals in Winthrop high school girls' soccer and I am seven away from breaking the record. This past season I had 29 goals and I hope to break the record next season!! I love my coaches and teammates.

What is your favorite subject?

I love any type of science. Who is your role model? My role models are my mom and dad. They always put me in situations to make me succeed.

Do you see sports in your future?

I definitely want to continue sports in college, but I still have to decide which sport I want to play. The options are between soccer and basketball.

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WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association

By G. David Hubbard • Photos courtesy of Stephen F. Moran

ARTICLE 871 - CORNER OF JOHNSON AVE. & SARGENT ST.



Many people have expressed an element of surprise about the number of houses in town that have been moved from their original site to a new location. This occurred frequently from the mid 1800s up to the time of the great depression in 1929. In fact one such relocation of an existing building occurred as late as 1950 and will be the subject of a future article. In the early days, the most expensive part of building a house was the lumber used. The effort just to cut boards from logs was far greater than that required to assemble the building. Therefore, when someone had the desire to construct a new home on the site of an existing house, the original building was often sold and moved to a new location. Picture #1 shows three homes built about 1880 on Johnson Avenue at the corner of Sargent Street which can be seen extending North on the far left of the photograph. On the 1886 map of the area shown in picture

#2, these same three houses are depicted on a 22, 597 square foot lot owned by Vinal and Jellison. Note that even the different angles that these cottages subtended to the street can be observed in both the map and the photograph. About 1890, the house on the far right was moved to 76/78 Sargent Street where it stands to day. Picture #3 provides a view of this home as it currently appears at its new location. The middle cottage in the first picture is still standing on its original location and can be seen as it appears today in picture #4. The house4 on the left was replaced about 1890 with a newer home that faced onto Sargent Street rather than Johnson Avenue. About 1910, a new home was built at 105 Johnson Avenue for M. F. Kingsley, between the corner house and the remaining original middle home. According to the old maps, a new home was then constructed about 1916 at 97/99 Johnson Avenue on the site where the original

right hand cottage, seen in the first picture, stood before being moved to Sargent Street. In summary, today there are four homes on the site where the three homes she own in picture #1 originally stood. To fully comprehend the complexity of all these changes, it is suggested that the reader go and stand in front of 101 Johnson Avenue and read this article again. Our thanks and appreciation to Dick Dimes for his assistance in looking for the current location of the original corner cottage which, if not moved, may have been razed or perhaps burned down. IF any of our readers have pictures of other homes that might have been moved in the past and would be willing to share them with us, please call the writer at 846-2901. The collection of old maps that we have can help to verify when such moves occurred.



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

20 years ago
March 18, 1999
The Board of Selectmen unanimously voted against renewing the contract of Police Chief Thomas Shamshak at their meeting this week. Newly elected Selectman Matt Lanza said that the department needs "stronger leadership." Shamshak, who had no inkling of the upcoming vote, was in the Communications Room at the police station when he heard of the news and said he was "thoroughly shocked" by the decision. However, he said he accepted the board's decision and will serve through the end of his contract.

The Winthrop Art Association and Classic Landscaping proprietor Jeff Esche teamed up to present an exhibit at the recent New England Flower Show that earned a silver medal.
Police Union president Michael Delehanty has filed nomination papers for the seat on the Board of Selectmen in the upcoming town election. Delehanty will be challenging incumbent Gerald Ogus, who has been the target of the police union's wrath in recent weeks.
Police are investigating a break into the Senior Center in the early morning of March 10. The thieves smashed a safe and made off with \$1,400 in cash.

40 years ago
March 21, 1979
At the fifth hearing before Hearing Officer Albert Shaw, who is investigating allegations of misconduct against Police Chief David Rice that have been brought by the selectmen, Selectman Thomas Reilly conceded that most of the charges brought by the selectmen do not involve any legal wrongdoing by Rice. In addition, Reilly refused to reveal the name of the "confidential informant" who reportedly provided the selectmen with the information that led to the charges.
The Home Savings Bank, which recently opened its offices at 35 Putnam St., was welcomed as a new member of the Chamber of Commerce this week.
The Jaycees will conduct their annual candidates night at Winthrop High, it was announced this week by Robert Millerick, chairman of the event,

50 years ago
March 20, 1969
Town Meeting members engaged in heated debate over the issue of town-funding for veterans organizations. Town Meeting member Milton Band said that the town no longer should provide an annual \$500 stipend to each of the town's eight veterans organization's in view of the passage of the ballot question that will allow these organizations to have liquor licenses. Town Meeting member Conal Foley supported Band's position, stating that since all of the vets' organizations support the war in Vietnam, the town's stipends to the vets groups shows that the town also supports the war. Foley, who himself is a veteran, has been an outspoken critic of the war.

Ed Hazlett, the town's representative on the Logan Air Traffic Cooperation Committee, said that Winthrop residents should expect less noise this summer thanks to new policies at Logan Airport that will require aircraft to point over the water as soon as possible. In addition, Runway 15 will be used exclusively between the hours of 10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

60 years ago
March 19, 1959
Town Meeting member employed a controversial secret ballot to reject by a vote of 171-96 a pay raise for the town's police officers. The lone raise granted by Town Meeting for any town employee was a \$300 raise for Town Clerk John Clark, though even with the raise, Clark's salary still is \$35 below that of his predecessor, Joseph O'Hern.

Mrs. Catherine Giromini, who is in her second term as a member of the School Committee, unanimously was chosen at the chairman of the committee for the coming year.
The University of Massachusetts Co-ed Concert Band will perform at the Memorial Auditorium Saturday night to benefit the Winthrop Little League. The night before, the U.S. Naval Academy Glee Club will perform at the auditorium, also to benefit Little League.

70 years ago
March 17, 1949
The Advisory Committee notes in its annual report to Town Meeting that the cost of town government services, most notably the police, fire and school departments, has doubled in the past 10 years.
The Advisory Committee has recommended permanent payraises of \$200 for all town employees, as well as a \$200 bonus immediately. The raises and bonus will increase the tax rate by \$2.50 to a new rate of \$41.50. Total appropriations for 1949 are \$1,589,600.
The state has approved the construction of 73 veterans housing units in the town.

80 years ago
March 18, 1939
The annual Town Meeting will get underway on Monday. Major issues facing the members are mosquito control, entertainment permits for Ingle-side Park, and appropriations to provide clubhouse quarters for veterans' organizations.

The weekend storm, the worst of the winter season, washed away part of the roadway across Shirley Gut at the high tide, stranding some of the workers at the Metropolitan sewage plant.
90 years ago
March 23, 1929
Town Meeting systematically conducted all of its business in a three-hour session on Monday evening, addressing all 58 articles and approving a budget of about \$800,000 in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee. Members allowed the Spanish-American War veterans to use the old town hall as their temporary headquarters until the town

decides how to dispose of the site. Members approved an appropriation of \$2,000 to install new bleachers at Ingle-side Park and one for \$63,000 to construct an addition onto the Highland School.
The Winthrop Board of Trade, with President William C. Ham presiding, held a productive roundtable discussion at its meeting Tuesday evening.

100 years ago
March 22, 1919
Although a note in the Advisory Committee's annual report to Town Meeting stated, "It has been said that the Town Meeting form of government is a failure," it was evident from the outcome of Monday night's Town Meeting session that the town's citizens, all of whom are eligible to vote at Town Meeting, still wish to keep a finger in the town budget pie. Members voted to change the name of Columbia Square to Metcalfe Square, in honor of Dick Metcalfe, the first Winthrop boy to give his life in the war. They also voted in favor of pay increases for policemen, firemen, and teachers.

The Cottage Park Yacht Club held a very enjoyable "Palm Beach Dancing Party." The summery suits and dresses worn by the men and ladies transformed a stormy night outdoors into a summer's night indoors.

110 years ago
March 20, 1909
The Appropriations Committee's report shows a total town budget appropriation for 1909 of \$184,488, compared to \$190,599 for 1908. Some town budget items have increased however, notably for the School Department, which rose from \$41,000 to \$45,000 owing to the new school.

An illustrated lecture on "The Beauty of Ireland" and an elaborate program of music from leading Irish composers were held at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church on St. Patrick's Day.

120 years ago
March 24, 1899
The Appropriations Committee has recommended to Town Meeting members that the sum of \$106,082 be raised for the 1899 town budget, with \$95,000 to be assessed as taxes and the balance to be borrowed, payable in four years.
A legislative committee that is taking up the matter of a \$100,000 appropriation for the rebuilding of Crest Avenue visited Winthrop last week.


130 years ago
March 22, 1889
The opposition of the Boston newspapers to a Constitutional Amendment that would ban liquor throughout the country is deplorable. It is clear that the liquor interests in our state are influencing the newspapers.

The Rev. C.M. Hall preached on the subject of "Home Missions" at services this past Sabbath. Rev. Hall noted that 800,000 immigrants come to our shores every year and it is estimated that by 1900, the United states will contain 43 million foreigners, the greater part of whom are unsound in morality and religion. For that reason, Rev. Hall said, the attention of the religious world should be directed toward our own land, rather than abroad.

OBITUARIES

Robert Bowditch

Past Commander of Winthrop American Legion and former president of IBEW

 Robert C. “Jake” Bowditch of St. Augustine, Fla., passed away March 13 at the Bailey Center for Caring. He was 74 years old.

Born in Winthrop, he has resided in St. Augustine since 2001, moving from the Boston area.

Jake was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, having served three tours in Vietnam, and was honorably discharged after 10 years of service. He then began a career as a fire systems inspector until his retirement.

He was past commander of the American Legion Post 146 in Winthrop, former president of the IBEW, a member of the Marine Cryptologic Association, the Marine Corps League and St. Anastasia Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Bowditch of St. Augustine; son, Paul Flegle (Erin)




of Longmont, Colo.; sisters in law: Kathleen Cowperthwaite (Ken), Shirley Whittier, all of St. Augustine, Elinor Whittier of Naples; brothers-in-law, Stephen Whittier (Claire) of Palm Coast, Paul Whittier (Susanne) of St. Augustine; two grandchildren, Kinlyn and Nylee Flegle; and his cousin, Billy O’Neill of Hull.

A memorial service was held at St. Johns Family Funeral Home, St. Augustine. Interment with military honors was at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

John Sweeney

American Airlines retiree

 John R. Sweeney Jr. of Myrtle Beach, S.C., passed away peacefully with his loving wife by his side at South Strand Emergency Medical Center on March 4. He was 75 years old.

The son of the late Lillian and John R. Sweeney Sr., he was a graduate of Vesper George College of Arts in Boston, School of St. Philip Neri in Boston and St. Francis University in Loretto, PA. He served in the U.S. Air Force and saw service in

Alaska, Vietnam and The Pentagon in Washington, D.C. He recently was given a commendation medal for his duty in Vietnam.

He worked as the Vice President of Sweeney News

Service and of multiple companies, later retiring from American Airlines in 2014. He was a communicant at St. Michael’s Church in Garden City, S.C., Ste. Marie Church of Manchester, N.H. and St. John the Evangelist Church in Winthrop, where he was born.

John leaves behind his devoted wife of 48 years, Linda Sweeney of Myrtle Beach, SC; children: Bradley Fair and his wife, Patricia of Butler, Penn., Heather Sweeney Shattuck of Winthrop,

Heidi Sweeney Tatelman and her husband, Stephen of Georgetown, John Sweeney III and his wife, Katherine of Windham, N.H., James Russel Sweeney and his wife, Athena of Londonderry, N.H., Joseph Robert Sweeney and his wife, Madelyn of Windham, N.H. and Hope Sweeney Caldwell and her husband, Kenneth of Charleston, S.C.; grandchildren: Stephen Putney,

Jonathan Fair, Katrine Fair, Emmalyn Fair, Cameron Sweeney, Lila Tatelman, Liam Caldwell, Aaron Sweeney, Andrew Sweeney, Dylan Driggers; his siblings: Mark G. Sweeney and Jane Sweeney Carideo, both of Winthrop, and Maura Sweeney Doyle of Dorchester as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral arrangements were by the Phaneuf Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 243 Hanover St., Manchester, N.H. Interment was at Mt. Calvary Mausoleum.

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Doan Le

Owner of Allure Salon in Everett
Loving wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 19 at the Wing Fook Funeral Home, 13 Gerard St., Boston for Doan M. Le, who passed away surrounded by her loving family on Tuesday, March 12 after a most courageous battle with cancer at the Care Dimension Hospice House in Lincoln. She was 43 years old. Born in Vietnam, Doan came to the United States in 1989. She furthered her education by studying business and real estate and earned her cosmetology license. She worked diligently in an elite salon until she reached her goal of opening her own business, Allure Salon in Everett.

She was very successful and all her clients and employees loved her for the beautiful person she was.

In 2004, on her birthday, she married the love of her life, George Rozantes (owner of George’s Autobody in East Boston). The couple had a Las Vegas wedding and began their life together residing in Winthrop.

An avid world traveler, Doan Le will be most remembered for always being fashionable, creative and for hav-



ing an extremely kind spirit. She would always make time to help anyone in need. Her determination and countless acts of kindness is her legacy.

She was the beloved wife of George Rozantes of Winthrop; loving mother of Raymond Phan, Brian Phan, and Ruth Rozantes; the cherished daughter of Anna Le of Boston and the dear sister of Thuy Le, Michael Le, Tu Le, Kieu Le of and the late Doa Le. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Doan will be always be remembered, loved, and missed. Interment was in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Boston.

Patricia Connors

Retired Delta Airlines flight attendant

Patricia M. Connors of Governors Drive, Winthrop passed away at the Don Ori-one Nursing Home in East Boston on March 15. She was 73 years old.

Born in Manchester, New Hampshire, she was the beloved daughter of the late Virginia M. (Carey) and Henry F. Connors. She was a graduate of Bishop Fenwick High School and went on to work as a flight attendant for Delta Airlines for over 30 years.

She was the devoted wife of Alfred F. Bell and the dear



sister of Judy Sanborn of Billerica, Dennis Connors of Peabody and the late David Connors and is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and cousins.

A funeral service was held in the Caggiano-O’Malley-Frazier Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 19. Commit-tal was private.

The family would like to thank the Don Ori-one Nursing Home and Staff, especially the nurses and aides, for their compassionate care during Patricia’s time there.

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Winthrop Senior Center News

March 21 – March 27, 2019

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

Thursday, March 21

8:30am – Yoga with Kathleen (\$5)
10:30am – Zumba with Barbara
12:00pm – Lunch
1:00pm – Bingo

Friday, March 22

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

Saturday, March 23

10:30am – Zumba with Cindy

Monday, March 25

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

Tuesday, March 26

9:30am – Tai Chi with Cindy
10:00am – Arts & Crafts
10:00am – Bowling (at Winthrop Elks)
10:30am – Zumba with Cindy
12:00pm – Lunch
12:30pm – Winthrop Police/Senior Community Open Discussion
1:00pm – Chorus Rehearsal
1:00pm – Free Hearing Screenings (Appointment Required)
2:00pm – Technology Class with Betsy

Wednesday, March 27

9:30am – Exercise Class
9:30-11:30am – Kelly’s Nails on Wheels (Manicures cost \$10; Appointment Required)
10:00am-2:00pm – Legal Aid Appointments (Appointment Required)
10:30am – Yoga with Kathleen (\$5)
10:30am – Tap Dancing with Tracy (at the Methodist Church)
12:00pm – Lunch
1:00pm – GOLF Card Game
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.

Part-Time Senior-Van Driver Wanted: The Senior Center is looking for part-time driver (16 hours/week) for its Senior Van. The van provides round-trip transportation for medical appointments, shopping, trips to and from the Senior Center, etc. for senior citizens in Winthrop. Salary: \$12/hour. To apply, please forward a letter of interest, employment application (available on town website) and resume to Council on Aging Director, Kathryn L. Dixon at 35 Harvard Street, Winthrop, MA 02152, or kdixon@town.winthrop.ma.us.

2019 Senior Citizens Tax Work-Off Program: Applications for the 2019 Senior Citizens Tax Work-Off Program are now available at the Senior Center, and online at www.town.winthrop.ma.us/council-aging. Applications are due back to the Senior Center by 2pm on Wednesday, April 17th. For more information on the program, please visit our website, or contact the Senior Center at 617-846-8538.

Get the Senior Center’s monthly newsletter emailed to you. You can now subscribe to have the Senior Center Newsletter emailed to you each month. To sign up, go to www.town.winthrop.ma.us/subscribe.

Yoga with Kathleen: Beginning Thursday, March 7th we will be offering a second yoga class with Kathleen. The new class will meet on Thursday mornings at 8:30am. Yoga with Kathleen also meets on Wednesdays at 10:30am.

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!

Computer Lab: The Senior Center computer lab is open Monday-Thursday: 9am-3pm and Friday: 9am-2pm.

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: 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 the Senior Center).

Technology & Learning with Betsy: The next learning session with Betsy Duplin will be on Tuesday, March 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 stipend of \$50/class 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, March 26 (12:30-1:30pm): Winthrop Police/Senior Community Open Discussion. Meet WPD Canine Officer, David Brown and his partner, Clint.

Wednesday, March 27 (10:00am-12:00pm): Legal Aid Appointments. Attorney Amy Gelineau will be offering free 15-minute appointments to provide legal advice and guidance to Seniors. Please call the Senior Center to make an appointment.

Wednesday, April 10 (12:00pm): Eats & Treats Café. Join us for this monthly cooking demonstration, and sample the finished product: Chicken, ziti and broccoli with an olive oil and garlic sauce. Cost: \$2.00 (space is limited to 10 people).

UPCOMING TRIPS

Thursday, April 25, 2019: Mama Mia! The Ultimate ABBA Tribute. Cost: \$95 (includes lunch): Meal choice: Stuffed Breast of Chicken or Baked Schrod.

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.

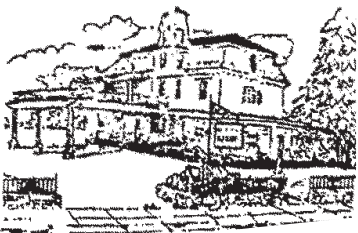
UPCOMING CASINO TRIPS

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.

March 26 – Mohegan Sun Casino (departs Senior Center at 8am)
April 30 – Twin Rivers Casino (departs Senior Center at 9am).

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Winthrop resident Vanessa Irzyk earns 2019 Summer Travel Fellowship

Winthrop resident Vanessa Irzyk will receive one of two faculty Summer Travel Fellowships announced today by Newton Montessori School (NMS), where she teaches art. Irzyk will travel to Barcelona, Spain to study the work and lives of architect Antoni Gaudi and surrealist painter, Salvador Dali. Irzyk, originally from New Bedford, lives in Winthrop.

“I am beyond excited to receive this grant,” Irzyk says. I can’t wait to explore Barcelona and see the architecture of Gaudi and the home and museum of Dali.”

The NMS Summer Travel Fellowship provides grants to faculty and staff members at the school in order to fund “experiences that will reinvigorate them as adult learners, deepening their ability

to teach from what Montessori called the ‘spirit’ within them,” according to the fellowship’s guidelines for application.

The Fellowship was established in 2018 with a gift from an NMS alumni family. Inspired by their three children’s experiences at the school, the family wanted to help inspire continued learning and development among NMS staff.

“We wanted to do whatever we could to help the school attract and retain the best caliber teachers by providing a unique experience that is meaningful to them and also enriches the classroom environment,” the family stated. The gift was also inspired by the broad diversity the donors experienced as part of the NMS community.

“This fellowship offers a unique opportunity for per-

sonal and professional development among staff,” says NMS Head of School Beth Black, “which definitely helps us achieve the school’s strategic goal to attract and retain top educators. It also helps enliven the entire school community by promoting global awareness and cross-cultural exchanges,” Black continues. “We’re very grateful to the donating family for making [the fellowship program] possible.”

Irzyk is part of the second class of NMS Fellowship grantees, following the inaugural awards, given in 2018, which funded travel to Peru and Iceland. She will travel in the summer of 2019 and share her experiences with colleagues and students at the start of next school year. Irzyk is in the second cohort of NMS Fellowship grantees; the inaugural round, in 2018, funded travel to Peru and Iceland. Irzyk will travel this summer and share her experiences with colleagues and students in September.

Newton Montessori School is a welcoming, diverse school community in which learners are inspired to strive for excellence and contribute positively to their communities, challenged to explore big ideas independently and collaboratively, and empowered to pursue their goals with confidence, persistence, and integrity.



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Newton Montessori School Art Specialist, Vanessa Irzyk, and Music Specialist, Katie Quann-Ng.

Winthrop Resident Jaime Montesano makes Marblehead Little Theatre debut in production of ‘Jesus Christ Superstar’

Winthrop resident Jaime Montesano is making her debut with Marblehead Little Theatre in its production of “Jesus Christ Superstar” April 5-7 and April 11-14.

With music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice, “Jesus Christ Superstar” is the iconic rock opera based on the last week of Jesus’ life set against the backdrop of an extraordinary and universally known series of events but seen, unusually, through the eyes of Judas Iscariot. Loosely based on the Gospels, the story is told entirely through song, exploring the personal relationships and struggles between Jesus, Judas, Mary Magdalene, his disciples, his followers, the Judeans and the Roman Empire.

Montesano will be performing in the ensemble and as a Soul Sister. She is in her 23rd year of teaching dance at the Winthrop School of Performing Arts in Winthrop. She has choreographed musicals with Arlington Children’s Theatre, Winthrop Play-



makers, Suffolk University, and she is the founder of the Drama department at Boston Collegiate Charter School. She has also been the resident choreographer for Winthrop High School Drama Society for the last 16 years. She holds a bachelor’s degree in theatre and biology from Suffolk University and is certified by the Dance Teacher’s Club of Boston. Her favorite roles include Rose in “Gypsy,” Sonia in “Godspell,” Queenie in “HONK!,” Miss Hannigan in

“Annie,” Rizzo in “Grease” and Columbia in “Rocky Horror Picture Show.”

“Jesus Christ Superstar” performance dates are April 5 to 7 and April 11 to 14 at the MLT Firehouse Theatre, 12 School St. in Marblehead. Tickets are available at mltlive.org and at Arnould Gallery and Framery, 111 Washington St., in Marblehead. Tickets are \$25 each. Student tickets are available for the Sunday matinees for \$15 each.

Marblehead Little Theatre’s community theatre production of “Jesus Christ Superstar” is presented by arrangement with The Music Company, LP.

Started in 1955, the award-winning Marblehead Little Theatre is one of the oldest community theatre groups in New England, having consistently presented live-theater productions for over six decades.

For more information about MLT and “Jesus Christ Superstar,” visit mltlive.org or contact info@mltlive.org.

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Airport Hazards Committee attended the meeting, including Winthrop’s CAC representative Jerry Falbo who teleconferenced in from Florida. Also, there was Pre.3 Councilor Nick LoConte and Councilor Phil Boncore.

“A flight pattern is not a noise pattern,” said Wig Zamore, chair of Massport CAC Environment and Health Committee.

The agenda for the meeting included an overview of the noise abatement, soundproofing and the regulatory context for soundproofing process including the application of the noise model and noise measurements.

Leo explained that they have had a soundproofing program since 1985, where windows, doors and air conditioning units have been installed. To date more than \$170 million dollars have been spent of the program. He said the money for the program comes from the FAA and not MassPort.

He also explained thoroughly how noise is measured by a Federal Aviation Administration model called AEDT. This model is the same no matter what airport you are near in the United States.

“It doesn’t matter if you’re here or in San Francisco the model is the same,” Leo said.

The model, he said, creates a noise contour which shows the decibel levels around the airport. The cut-off for the soundproofing program is 65 DBL if you are outdoors the level is 45 DBL indoors. An

image of contour boundaries from the 1970s to 2016 shows the contour area shrinking meaning that there is less noise impact on certain communities near the airport.

There are 30 noise monitors at Logan, six sites in Winthrop.

“The FAA will only look at modeled information” Leo said. “They have to draw the line somewhere.”

A new contour map will be published this spring. Depending on how the contours flow, some homes in Winthrop may be eligible for soundproofing. The property owner will get a letter from Massport informing them of the soundproof program and how to go about getting into the program.

The fear is that the contour would have shrunk more and fewer homes would be eligible.

This added to the overall feeling of frustration of the 30-40 people who attended the meeting. Most every resident of Point Shirley got up and left the meeting.

There were endless stories of sleepless nights, homes that airplanes shake, windows that shake and even one tale of a straight A high school student who drives to the Target parking lot in Revere so he can sleep.

One option floated by Matthew Romero, the first executive director for the Massport Community Advisory Committee, was that town come up with its own funding for soundproofing.

Town Council President Ron Vecchia shook his head and questioned what he just heard.

“I will be requesting Congresswoman Kathryn Clarke to join Congressman Steven Lynch in supporting his bill to increase funding of the FAA for a soundproof program for communities impacted by Logan Airport,” Vecchia said.

Prior to working for Massport, Romero was employed for 12 years by the MWRA.

“Are you going to soundproof the homes you did 30 years ago,” said Boncore. The answer was they would study it.

Logan Airport is one of the oldest airports in the United States. Also being considered in the noise is flight patterns (an FAA choice), the control tower and the weather. The airport operates on six runways and four configurations. It gets complaints from the South Shore and communities all around the airport.

As for pointing the finger at Terminal E expansion, Leo said it has not started yet.

“It is an intolerable condition on Point Shirley, over 65 DBL is considered uninhabitable,” Falbo said.

“The FAA is looking at implications countrywide,” Leo said.

“The problem is the FAA isn’t here right now,” said resident Gail Miller.

Vecchia said the absence of the night curfew has been devastating in the last year.

BREAKDOWN OF SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BY SERIES

1000 SERIES - Administration			
	Salaries	\$404,291.00	
	Expenses		\$89,250.00
	Sub-total		\$493,541.00
2000 SERIES - Instruction			
General Education	Salaries	\$11,196,997	
	Expenses		\$747,172.00
Special Education	Salaries	\$4,781,123.00	
	Expenses		--
	Sub-total:		\$16,725,292.00
3000 SERIES - School Services			
	Salaries	\$219,842.00	
	Expenses		\$3,734.00
	Sub-total:		\$233,576.00
4000 SERIES - Operations & Maintenance			
	Salaries:	\$647,175.00	
	Expenses:		\$1,237,771.00
	Sub-total:		\$1,882,947.00
5000 SERIES - Fixed Charges			
	Expenses:		\$99,230.00
	Sub-total:		\$99,230.00
9000 SERIES - Programs with other Systems			
General Education	Salaries	\$607,972	
	Expenses		\$109,563.00
Special Education	Salaries	\$539,795.00	
	Expenses		\$1,506,106.00
Athletes	Salaries	\$90,000.00	
	Expenses		\$266,515.00
Technology	Salaries	\$136,044.00	
	Epensies		\$329,425.00
Maintenance	Salaries	\$4,000.00	
	Expenses		\$42,000.00
	Sub-total:	\$18,625,240.00	\$4,434,768.00
BUDGET TOTAL			\$23,060,008.00

The Public Hearing presentation to the community will occur at 6:00 p.m. at the April 8, 2019 School Committee meeting in the Neil Shapiro Center for Performing Arts in the High School, Main Street, Winthrop MA 02152.

Complete copies of the proposed budget shall be available at the meeting.
The proposed budget will also be posted on the School Department website.

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ST. PATRICK’S DAY DINNER AT FIRST CHURCH UNITED METHODIST

Photos by Marianne Salza

Parishioners gathered in green for the First Church, United Methodist, St. Patrick’s Day Dinner on March 16. Pastor Sunjae Lee blessed the corn beef and cabbage meal in gracious thanks for the fellowship of the community. Former parishioners visited especially for this special occasion, reconnecting with friends and reading St. Patrick’s Day trivia and jokes that were placed on each table.



Parishioners enjoying a homemade corn beef and cabbage dinner at First Church on March 16.



Frank DeStefano, Greg Kapamagian, and Mark Brown.



Louise Corkhum, and Anne and Waldo Cargill.



Jean and Steve Stoddard with Marsha Jackson and Marge McIntire.



Pictured above,Emilieanne Koehnlein and Vincent Lawrence Dixon. Pictured to the left, Florence Catizone, Jo-ann Troisi, and Lois Digirolamo.



Vinny D., and Peter and Rosemarie Ottaviano.



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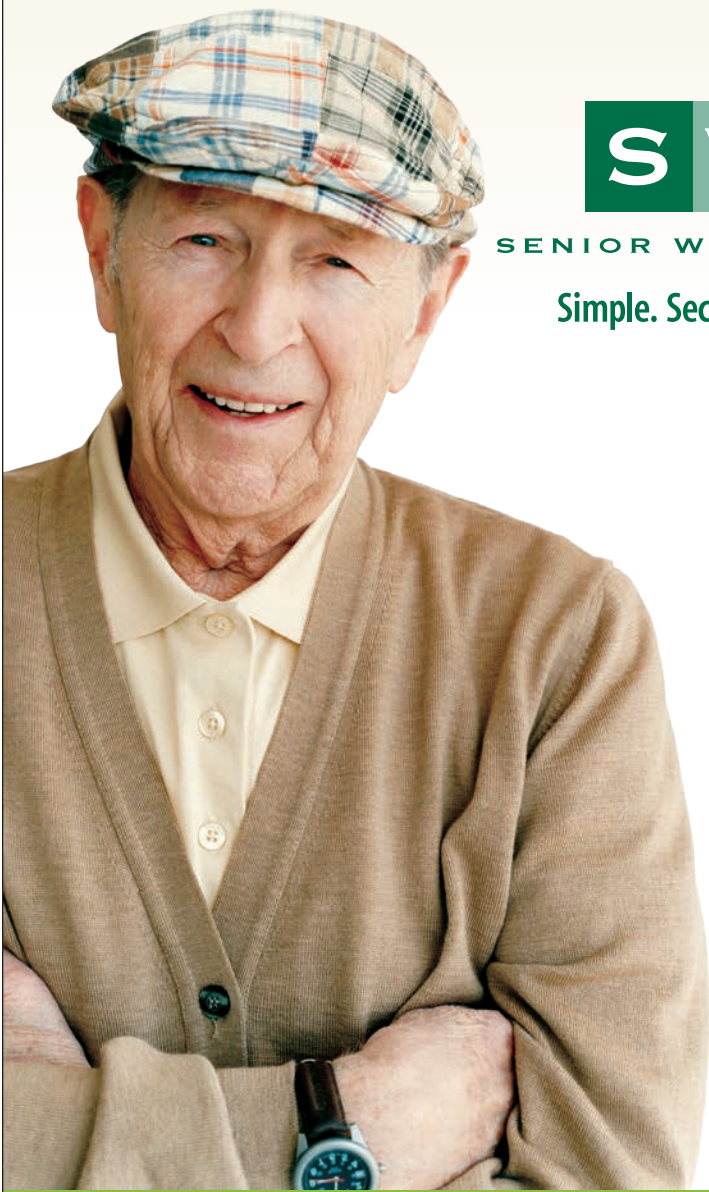


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Sports

Winthrop student receives Malden Catholic's highest athletic honor

Winthrop native Jarrod Wardwell recently received Malden Catholic High School's Lancer Award at their Winter Sports Awards Night. Wardwell is a three-sport athlete who competed as a distance and relay runner on Malden Catholic's Varsity Indoor Track team.

Each season, the Malden Catholic Athletic Department and the school administration together recognizes one senior student-athlete for his contributions to academics, Christian service, and athletics. The award is presented before an audience comprised of faculty, students, and families. Wardwell was honored for athletic leadership reflecting his school citizenship. In presenting the award, Malden Catholic Cross Country Coach Justin Fitzgerald said the Lancer Award highlighted Jarrod's "willingness to encourage his younger and less experienced teammates. He wants to improve every day, but he also wants to help his teammates succeed. He sets an excellent example for them to follow and has a work ethic that is contagious." Faculty member Robert Gregory called Wardwell "One of the most respectful, diligent, and upstanding young men in the class of 2019...and one of the finest representations of a scholar-athlete in the entire student body."



Pictured above Wardwell winning his heat at the MSTCA Distance Classic held at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center and (below) Wardwell receiving his Lancer Award from Acting Headmaster and Principal Brother Thomas Puccio and Interim Athletic Director Jeffrey Smith.



WINTHROP YOUTH HOCKEY AT TD GARDEN

The Winthrop Squirt and Pee wee-aged teams were invited to play a game against a visiting team from China in February. The Chinese teams were in the United States for the Boston Bruins ORG Packaging Chinese Exchange program.

Following games in Lynn and due to the close match up the Winthrop teams were invited to play at the Garden on Feb 12.

Winthrop Squirts AA and Pee wee AA went to the Boston Garden, were individually introduced, anthems were played and each team skated for 20-minute games.

The Winthrop players had

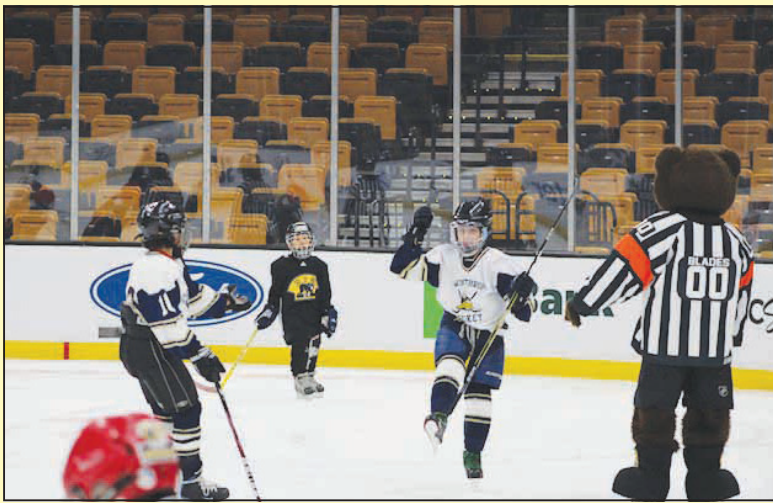
a blast and will cherish this special day for a long time.

We even got a shout out on TV from the Bruins announc-

er at that evening's Bruins game.



The Winthrop Squirts and Chinese hockey team visiting take center-ice for a big photo.



Squirt Nate Trafton celebrating after goal against China



Winthrop Squirt 1 Michael D'Ambrosio takes face-off against China with Desmond Cassidy looking on.

The Squirt Team

Adam Mouhib, Antonio Bordonaro, Charlie Ferrara, Dylan Fife, Gianluca Talluto, Madden Luongo Obrien, Michael Dambrosio, Nathaniel Trafton, Paul Ferrara, Steven Calla, Desmond Cassidy, Jacob Buchman, Dax Sabin, Stella Pelletier, Keegan Curry-Powers, and Evan Demayo. Coaches: Charlie Bordonaro, Tim Fife and Brian Demayo.

The Pee wee Team

Mike Donahue (goalie), Tomas Babine, Michael Bertino, Glen Calla, Naomi Evangelista, Luke Githinji, William Hayes, Michael Holgersen, Chris Kovacev, Bertram Kline, Caitlyn Odonnell, Hanna Parker, Amelia Spencer, Nolan Upton, and Chase Whiteknact. Coaches: Steve Holgersen, Bertram Kline and Mike Upton.



Luciano Talluto with mascot Blades the Bruin.

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

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Maura Dorr
sport: basketball grade: 10 favorite food: Ice Cream
favorite TV Show: The Bachelor
favorite teacher: Asst. Athletic Director Frankie Fabiano
future plans: play college sports

Chrono Washington
sport: basketball grade: 12 favorite food: Candy
favorite TV Show: Family Guy
favorite teacher: Assistant Athletic Director Frankie Fabiano
future plans: play college basketball

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Participants braved the cold and snow for the annual Shamrock Splash into the harbor.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay splashes in the snow to support public beaches

On March 10, over 200 beach lovers braved not only the chilly winter waters but also snowy weather and plunged into Boston Harbor at the BCYF Curley Community Center in South Boston as part of the ninth annual Harpoon Shamrock Splash to benefit Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Better Beaches Program.

This year, the "pledge and plunge" fundraiser raised more than \$50,000 for the Better Beaches Program, which provides grants to community organizations that host free events and programs on the region's public beaches. Jamaica Plain resident Trevor Etheridge won a roundtrip JetBlue ticket for being a top fundraiser for the event, with \$1,655. Each year the program supports free concerts and beach festivals, sand-sculpting competitions,

and youth programs on public beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull.

"Thirty years ago nobody wanted to go swimming at the region's beaches and today, they are some of the cleanest urban beaches in the country," said Save the Harbor President Tani Marinovich. "It's amazing to see the community that supports this event and supports our beaches from Nahant to Nantasket."

Before the sprint into the ocean, Boston 25 Meteorologist Vicki Graf was on hand to deliver a real-time weather report -- although the air temperature was 34 degrees, the water itself was a balmy 40 degrees!

Even though everyone was already wet from the snow and rain before splashing into the Harbor, 2019's Harpoon Shamrock Splash was the

best one yet, with splashes enjoying delicious brunch burritos from Baja Taco Truck and fresh, hot chowder from Daily Catch while Mix 104.1 played music on the beach. Harpoon beers invigorated participants after their plunge.

"I love when it snows on Splash day," said Bruce Berman, Director of Strategy and Communications for Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, who has splashed every year since the event began. "We're hearty here in New England and the only thing we love more than snow is the beach."

"All of us at Harpoon look forward to taking a quick dip



Mary Cole and Trevor Etheridge.

into the icy water after our Harpoon St. Patrick's festival to support a great cause and warm up with a refreshing Harpoon, brunch burrito, and clam chowder on the beach with our friends from Save the Harbor/Save the Bay," said Harpoon Brewery President Charlie Storey. "Sure it was cold in the water, but the warm feeling you get from giving back to your community stays with you for a long time."

Participants won JetBlue flights and great Harpoon swag for reaching fundraising goals. In addition to Etheridge, Mary Cole from East Boston, who raised \$1,530 and received the most do-

nations to her splash, won a JetBlue ticket for being a top fundraiser. The two costume contest winners, Elaine Howley of Waltham, as the Banana Minion, and Joe Skahan from Lynn as Beaker from the Muppets, won JetBlue flights as well for their creativity and enthusiasm. Second place costumed splashes were Jane Kepros of East Boston, who

dressed as a goldfish, and Nick Russo of South Boston, who dressed as Aladdin. They won swag from The Harvey Traveler Collection. The costume contest was once again judged by Kennedy Elsey of Mix 104.1. Every splasher and contributor also had the opportunity to win prizes in two post-splash JetBlue flight raffles.



Two friends and a Harpoon during the Shamrock Splash.

Winthrop Youth hockey takes ninth state championship title on St. Paddy's day

The winthrop youth hockey organization boasts one of the best girls programs in the state of Mass. On Sunday, March 17, (St. Patrick's day) they once again proved this claim with their 5 state championship title. The winthrop U-14 girls hockey team beat Arlington 2-1 in a battle for the state crown. A year ago the two teams battled to the same score for the state championship only the roles were reversed, and it was Arlington who took home the trophy.

This year it was a different story as a very small winthrop team (10 skaters, and a goalie) played five games

in three days. The forwards who helped pace the scoring (23 goals in five games) were led by Julia Holmes, Emma Holmes, Mia Norris, Maddy Deeran, Sam Dimento, and Lily Tallent.

The defense which played shutdown D all tourney long, holding the opposition to only nine goals. The incredible foursome of Liv McManus, Abby Holmes, Fallon Hurley, and Casey Petersen battled all weekend long. Our goaltender Angie Catino was as good as you could ask for especially in the semi finals and final. She made some huge saves to ensure victory. Winthrop went

4-1 on the weekend beating Duxbury, and Barnstable in the prelims, and then knocking off shrewsbury in the semi's, before beating Arlington (who beat Winthrop in the prelim round) to secure their 5 state championship.

The win gives the winthrop youth hockey organization it's ninth state championship in the programs storied history. The U-14 girls are coached by Anthony Martucci, David Tallent, and Mike Norris. The girls would like to thank Adriana Rizzotto, Summer Tallent, and Annika Holgersen for their help with the team this year. Their parents for all of



Winthrop Youth Hockey Girls U-10 team.

their love and support. They would also like to thank Steve Indrisano, and the winthrop youth hockey board of directors for all of their hard work and dedication, as well as the Winthrop Police Department for the rolling rally through town, which has become an awesome tradition for teams that win a state championship.

The Winthrop Youth Hock-

ey girls program has built a winning culture through teamwork, and a family atmosphere. "They play together, they are a unit, all of them wanting the same thing. They want to win, and they will do whatever it takes to make sure they do," said Coach Dave Tallent. "I'd like to tell you it is all coaching, but that would be a lie. These girls are the

reason, they earn everything they get. They are very impressive athletes," said coach Anthony Martucci.

"This team much like the town of winthrop was small in size, but enormous in heart and togetherness. That is a winning combination," said coach Mike Norris.

House passes legislation that will expand benefits for families in need

House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo announced the House passed legislation that lifts a decades-old family welfare cap.

The family cap limited access to Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC) benefits to children born prior to the date a family first began receiving benefits. Lifting the cap will extend cash benefits to the 8,700 Massachusetts children and their families who have previously been excluded due to this policy. Children will no longer be denied \$100 a month in welfare benefits based on when they were conceived.

This change will be retroactive to Jan. 1, 2019.

"This legislation provides vital assistance to our most vulnerable families in Massachusetts," said Speaker DeLeo (D-Winthrop). "I am grateful to Chair Decker for

her tireless work on this issue as well as the work of Chair Khan that will help support so many children and families across the Commonwealth."

"I thank Speaker DeLeo and Chairwoman Decker for their work on this issue," said Rep. RoseLee Vincent (D-Revere). "After over twenty years, it was time to revisit the cap in order to give a modest increase to the Commonwealth's most vulnerable families."

"I am so pleased to see that H.104, Lift the Cap on Kids, one of the Speaker's priorities, passed today in the House of Representatives," said Representative Kay Khan (D-Newton), Chair of the House Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities. "When the bill was in my committee, I heard time and time again about the cap's detrimental impact on families. Thank you to Rep. Marjorie

Decker and Sen. Sal DiDomenico for their perseverance, all of the bill co-sponsors and of course thank you to Speaker DeLeo for his leadership."

"I'm proud today that once again the House is voting to repeal the family welfare cap, a policy which denies assistance to our neediest families," said Rep. Marjorie Decker (D-Cambridge), Chair of the Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse. "The family cap has been a failed policy since it was enacted, and it has only served to deny families living in poverty the resources that they desperately need. I want to thank Speaker DeLeo and my colleagues in the House who, for a third time, are affirming their support for vulnerable families and children and who also recognize the importance of these resources by voting to retroactively provide these benefits."

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The library had a sweet way of celebrating Pi Day on March 14, and hosted a pie contest in honor of the mathematical holiday. Town Manager Austin Faison, High School Math Department Lead Jeff Beck, and Arthur T. Cummings School Principal Norah Grimes had the pleasure of sampling the variety of different pies. As the three judges privately conversed about the competition, Library Assistant Director Mary Lou Osborne and Children/Young Adult Librarian Mary Kate Schulte, led a group of students in a Pi Day song. Best looking, most creative, best crust, best fruit pie, best dessert pie, and Best “pie pie,” were some of the competition categories.



Stella Osburn gets ready to dive into a piece of lemon pie.



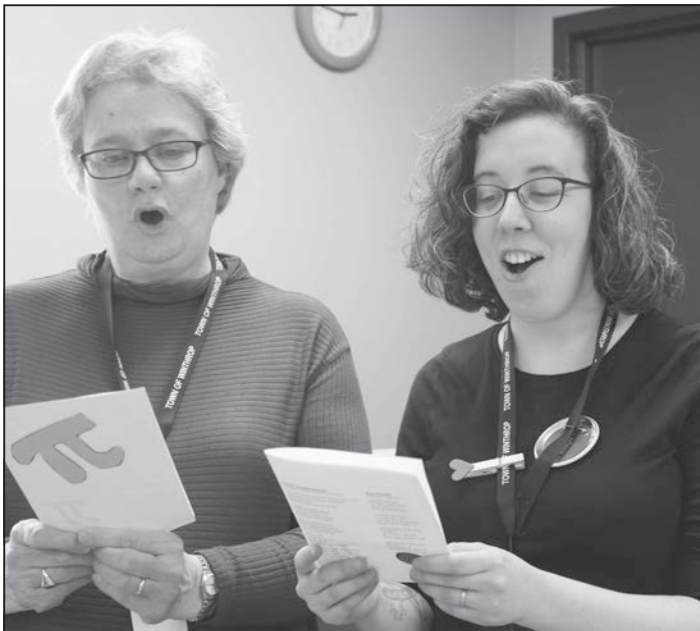
Town Manager Austin Faison scores an Oreo pie made by Gillian and Wyatt Teixeira.



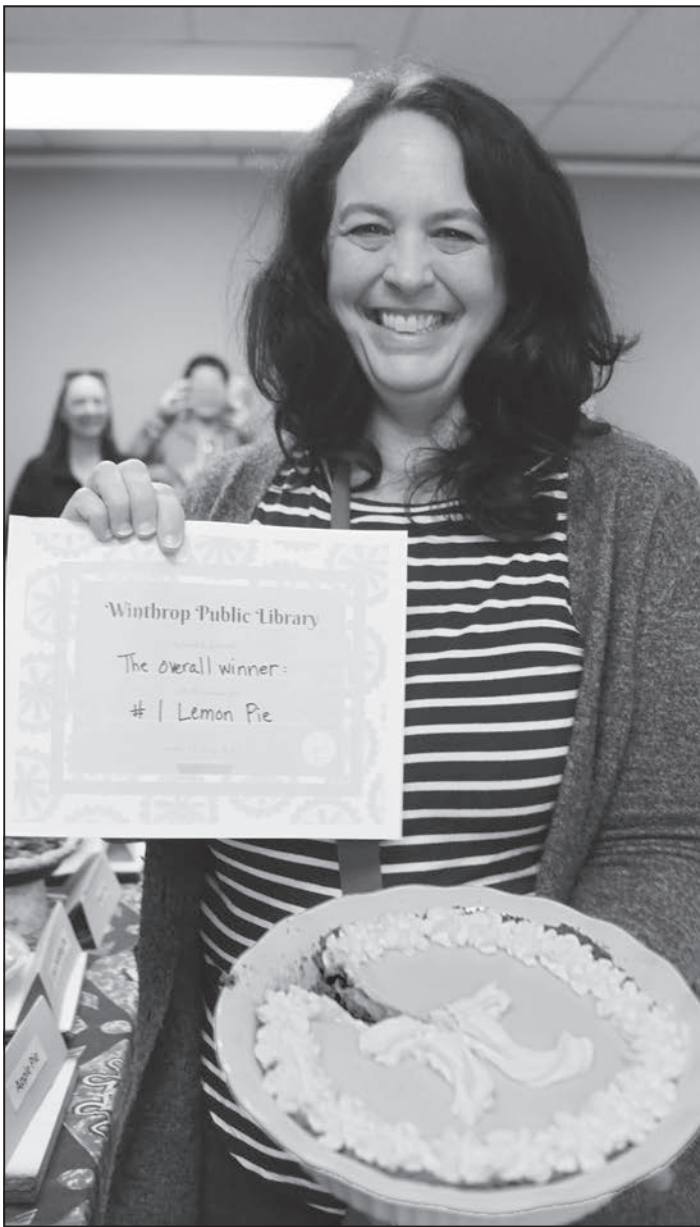
ATC Principal Norah Grimes samples the lemon pie made by Amy Carroll.



Math Department Lead Jeff Beck assesses the competition.



Mary Lou Osborne and Mary Kate Schulte lead a version of the Pi song.



Amy Carroll shows off her first-place pie.



A group of students play their kazoos along with the Pi song.

The Robert Dutton, MD Adult Day Health Center in Wakefield transfers ownership to The Community Family

The Community Family, Inc. and Melrose Wakefield Healthcare are pleased to announce that ownership of the Robert Dutton, MD Adult Day Health Center in Wakefield is being transferred to The Community Family. For more than two decades the Dutton Center has operated as part of MelroseWakefield Healthcare, formerly Hallmark Health System. The official date of transfer of ownership was March 18.

The Community Family (TCF) is an Everett-based non-profit organization that has provided quality adult day health services for over four decades. Both The Community Family and the Dutton Center are mission-driven organizations providing the highest level care to frail elders, disabled adults and those with memory loss. The Dutton Center will join The Community Family's other three adult day health centers located in Everett, Medford and Lowell.

The Community Family recognizes that adult day health is a critical component of community-based health care, and the Dutton Center serves a contiguous geographic region north of Boston. Furthermore, the histories of the Dutton center and TCF are

alike in that both were founded in 1978 as a viable alternative to nursing home care.

The Community Family has not expanded its number of centers since their Lowell center opened 30 years ago. While not actively seeking further growth, the opportunity with the Dutton Center became appealing to TCF after speaking with leadership of MelroseWakefield Healthcare. Details were worked out over several months of cordial, productive negotiations.

Anne Marchetta, Executive Director of The Community Family, said, "This is a momentous occasion for The Community Family. The decision to acquire the Dutton Center was not made lightly, but we are excited about this opportunity and look forward to bringing their clients and families into our 'family'. We will ensure our newest center exhibits the same quality care, dignity and respect for clients that has been a hallmark of our other centers for decades."

Diane Farraher-Smith, RN, System Vice President of Home Care and Community Programs at MelroseWakefield Healthcare and a member of the Board of Directors at The Community Family, helped bring the two organizations together. "The Community Family is a natural fit to operate the Dutton Center," she commented. "They have a deep-rooted history in providing excellent adult day health services, as the Dutton staff have done over many years, and the community will benefit from their services. I am profoundly familiar with both adult day health programs and have complete confidence in Ms. Marchetta and her leadership team to successfully transition the Dutton Center into the fabric of TCF."

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

ZBA APPROVES FORBES PARK PLAN

CHELSEA - The Forbes Park development proposal, with more than 500 residential units slated for the former industrial campus, has been approved by the City's Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) after four years and two major re-designs.

The final iteration of the project includes 590 units of housing, with 60 percent of those units being condos for sale and 59 units being affordable to a range of incomes. There are also 1.6 parking spaces per unit, or 963 spaces. The project also boasts a major public access area to the waterfront of the Chelsea Creek and Mill Creek. The current project also has a very small amount of retail and office uses, with both totaling below 20,000 square-feet.

The project, though still very large, was scaled back from the developer's (YIHE Forbes of China) original proposal in 2015. That proposal featured skyscrapers about 21 stories tall and more than 1,000 units of housing accompanied by large office spaces and large hotels. It was rejected informally and the company eventually withdrew during a ZBA meeting that went past midnight.

The news of Tuesday's approval of the new plan was viewed with mixed emotions by most, including those who had come to support the project, including City Manager Tom Ambrosino.

"I'm happy with the project even though it's far from perfect," he said. "Given all the concessions made since they first showed up here, I think it's a workable project. There is lots of homeownership, with 60 percent being condos. This is the largest condo project in Chelsea for more than a decade if not longer. They also have really exciting plans for accessing the waterfront along the Chelsea Creek."

Ambrosino said they also agreed to several affordable housing concessions. Of the required 59 units of affordable housing, the mix will include many different income ranges, including 60 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI), 50 percent of the AMI and 30 percent of the AMI.

"That's really deeply affordable and it assures that actual families that live in

Chelsea now will be able to afford to live in the complex. That was very important to the City," he said.

The developer also agreed to contribute \$300,000 to the four schools at the Mary C. Burke Complex, which is about two blocks from the Forbes entrance.

That said, not everyone was happy with the news – and in particular was Councillor Joe Perlatonda, who represents the Mill Hill and Forbes area. He said the problem with the Forbes project is the same as it has always been, and that problem is the fact that there is one access point.

In the first iteration, City officials – including Ambrosino – had called for a bridge over the Chelsea Creek to Revere as a second access point to alleviate traffic in the neighborhood. However, this time around that was not made a requirement, and Perlatonda said he was not happy there was a concession made on that point.

"It's a shame that no one has thought about the concessions of the residents that live in our neighborhood," he said. "Right now, with cars parked on both sides of the street that go into the Forbes site, and what we have to go through every day. Try getting out of your driveway every day; try driving down the street when you have to dodge cars, and then add 963 parking spaces which is 1.6 cars per unit. But someone seems to forget about the cars they will have for each unit like the mother, father and kids that all have cars, not to mention the visitors or guests that will come with cars. Has anyone thought where to put the overflow of these cars? Our streets are already congested, and getting in and out will be so bad. This is just part of the nightmare."

GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni said they didn't believe the project was perfect, but felt there had been reasonable concessions made about their concerns.

"We had a number of concerns relating to the impacts on the neighborhood, and we feel that we have achieved some reasonable concessions from the developers," she said. "The number of affordable units, deeper levels of affordability and preference for Chelsea residents for those units – together with the miti-

CAMBRIDGE HEALTH ALLIANCE RAISES NEARLY 50K TO SUPPORT CHILDHOOD LITERACY



On Saturday, March 9, Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) raised close to \$50,000 at its annual Bike4Books spin-a-thon to benefit Project READ, its childhood literary initiative, at Tufts University in Medford. More than 70 people participated and raised funds to purchase new books to distribute to Pediatric patients who come to CHA for wellness visits. Pictured are physicians and staff from CHA Malden Family Medicine and CHA Somerville Hospital Primary Care.

gation for the adjacent neighborhood and the \$300,000 for the four schools at the Mary C. Burke Complex are all concessions that we are proud to have fought hard for... GreenRoots is committed to ongoing dialogue - and protest if necessary - to ensure the benefits are for everyone in the community, not just the lucky few who will get to live at Forbes."

Ambrosino said the site is very large, and that did allow the developer to be able to build large numbers of units by right if they chose to do so and could meet the parking requirements. That, he said, would have cut the City and the neighborhood out of the planning completely. He felt it wasn't worth the risk to chance that.

"They could have gone in by right and built 450 units and 900 parking spots and got a building permit without any say from the City or the neighbors," he said.

The project has already cleared Major Site Plan at the Planning Board, but has many hurdles to clear at City Hall in reviewing plans before they can break ground.

It is believed that the developer plans to keep three of the

smaller buildings on site and rehabilitate them. The rest of the project will be new construction.

LICENSING COMMISSION NEARING FINAL VOTE FOR MARIJUANA REGULATIONS

CHELSEA - With plans to host four recreational marijuana shops already at some phase of readiness in Chelsea, the Licensing Commission is nearing a final vote on regulations for special additional rules for those establishments.

On March 7, the Commission continued a public hearing on the regulations, focusing on the topics of application fees, locations of the pot shops, and security.

Commission Chair Mark Rossi said the Commission should be ready to take a final vote on the regulations at its meeting in early April.

The City is limited to four retail marijuana establishments.

Those shops will already be vetted heavily before they reach the Licensing Commission for final approval. Other approvals include a host agreement in place from the City and approved by the state's Cannabis Control Commission, as well as any necessary approvals from the City's Zoning and Planning Boards.

Rossi said the Licensing Commission will grant the retail pot shop licenses in much the same manner as it does for liquor licenses.

One of the questions raised by an early draft of the Licensing Commission regulations was whether the Commission should limit the shops to one or two per voting district.

The City ordinance already limits the establishments to three zoning districts -- Industrial, Shopping Center, and Business Highway zones.

By the end of last week's hearing, there was general agreement among the commissioners that there would not be a restriction on how close the pot shops can be to one another.

City Councillor-At-Large Roy Avellaneda agreed that was the right move on the issue.

"I would oppose any sort of restriction on the number of feet from one place to another," he said. "We already have zoning in place in the city and we don't need to add another layer to that; we don't do it for other businesses."

The Commission also agreed on a \$500 application fee and \$5,000 yearly renewal fee for the marijuana businesses.

While there were some questions about the Commission's role in looking at secu-

rity at the establishments, City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher noted that there are already strong security requirements from the state, and requirements are also written into the host agreements with the prospective businesses.

Commissioner Roseann Bongiovanni said she would still like to look at the host agreements to see how they address security before taking the final vote next month.

"I don't think security is going to be an issue," said Commissioner James Guido, adding it is more likely traffic that could cause some issues.

According to the proposed regulation, the Licensing Commission would not issue a license to anyone who has violated Licensing Commission rules and regulations in the past five years. All licenses are subject to zoning approval and state Cannabis Control Commission approval.

The operating hours for retail shops will be limited to 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and all signage will have to be approved by the City, according to Fisher.

STUDY SHOWS MALDEN RIVER SEDIMENTS SHOULD NOT PREVENT BOATING

EVERETT - After more than a year of information gathering and study of sediments in the Malden River, the Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) recently announced that they have concluded the once-industrial River is safe for boating – including canoes, sculls and kayaks.

MyRWA released its report of the sediment studies this month and concluded that the Malden River, while containing sediments like lead, is not harmful for adults or young people to use for boating. That includes kayaking, canoeing and the Everett High Crew Team.

"One perspective we've all been working to understand is the abundance of caution by public officials about recommending the Malden River as a site for boating," said Andy Hrycyna, a watershed scientist for MyRWA. "I feel that was a reasonable stance given the evidence. People who knew the history know that 150 years of industrial waste poured into the Malden River... You can calculate out that risk (from sediments) and our stance is that risk is negligible. From a public policy standpoint we don't have to worry about the risks for boating because they are so negligible, so small."

That information was a revelation for local folks who have wanted to use the Malden River, but reputation or

experience prevented them from using it confidently. Many were wary of the exposure to sediments at the bottom or sediments in the water, and what that might mean for those using the River frequently for boating.

The answer is there is no need to worry, which goes against most popular sentiments for generations.

"For decades, our waterfront has been walled off to the public because of its commercial and industrial uses," said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. "Last year we built over a mile of public walkways, a marina, restored a polluted harbor and shorelines. Now thanks to environmental testing by the Mystic River watershed we have shown our river and shorelines are safe for sculling, kayaking, and other recreational activities. It is a far cry from when my mother told me not to near the water, because it wasn't safe."

Hrycyna said the news is good news for those looking for boating opportunities, and those who have already been using it.

"We have an interest to see people committed to the River and this is only good news for that," he said. "It should also be reassuring to people who have been using the River already, like high school rowers and adult boaters...Before, we couldn't say with confidence it was safe. We had our opinions, but opinions can be wrong. This is a numerical way to address the question. We knew that's what we need to do. It's not so much that we're not surprised, but rather that we have a good public answer to this question now."

The study looked at nine locations along the Malden River, and researchers carefully gathered samples from the sediments over a period of time at those locations. They took the concentrations of those sediments, and then ran their models on a very conservative basis.

For example, their determination that the River is safe for boating assumes that one is getting in a boat by wading in the mud (rather than a dock), that every boating trip results in the boat capsizing, and that there is significant water ingested each time – among other such assumptions.

"Obviously, if you are getting into the water from a dock, you aren't wading in the muddy sediment, so that means it's only that much more safe for boating," he said.

Hrycyna said under the assumptions, they found that the sediment exposure levels all fell well under the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) levels and the more

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stringent Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) exposure levels.

He did say the sediments are different from bacteria levels in the water. MyRWA for the last two years has measured bacteria levels before and after rain events. Such events tend to bring overflows of raw sewage into the River, thus increasing bacteria levels for a few days in the water.

MyRWA has developed a flag system to let boaters know about the bacteria levels in the water, which is a different issue from historic pollutants trapped in River sediments.

DEVELOPER LOOKING TO BUILD ON MAIN STREET

EVERETT - A Saugus developer is looking to demolish one single-family home on Main Street and build three townhouses containing six units on the property – which includes a vacant lot as well.

Amandeep Dillon has filed with the City to build the townhouses on 108-112 Main St., which currently contains a detached home at 112 Main St. and a vacant lot used for parking.

The project would combine the two parcels and build on both of them. The three townhouses would contain six units, each having three bedrooms. It would be four stories tall and would have two shared roof-decks. There will be 11 parking spaces, with six of them being located below the units on the first floor.

The project will go to the Board of Appeals for its March 18 meeting.

The developer will request variances for front yard depth, rear yard setbacks and parking. The zoning requires 12 parking spaces, and the project provides 11.

MARY ELLEN WELCH DEAD AT 77

EAST BOSTON - Almost a decade ago, East Boston's Mary Ellen Welch was chairing the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association meeting when Massport officials were presenting plans to build a huge rental car facility that she felt would negatively impact the community she loved.

Everyone in the room knew it was only a matter of time before she'd let them have it.

Welch patiently waited for the right moment, shifted in her chair and her soft voice raised a few octaves.

"Oh, come on!," she exclaimed stopping the Massport officials dead in their tracks.

She then became very animated, waving her finger and rattling off study after study showing the members the negative health impacts the project would have on the community. She'd then accused the Port Authority of once again doing the bare minimum and said that the size and scope of the project and its relation to the residential neighborhood should warrant further health studies.

"We have repeatedly asked for a study on the ultra-fine particulate matter and each time Massport has refused," Welch yelled.

For over a half century, Welch was the steward of social, political and environmental activism in the neighborhood.

Welch, a longtime community activist and educator, sought to house the poor, improve the air quality in Eastie and helped bring a neighborhood with the least amount of open space to a community with award-winning, sprawling parks and greenways.

Sadly, on Thursday, March 7, Eastie lost a legend and an icon.

Welch died following surgery surrounded by her loving friends and family. She was 77 years old.

In August 2014, as one of

the final sections of the Greenway Connector was completed, her longtime adversary, Massport, paid homage to the woman with the skills, commitment and vision to see Eastie connected from one end to the other via a park system that would rival any other in Boston.

As one of the founding members of the East Boston Greenway Council, Welch worked for decades to take a neglected stretch of the old Narrow Gauge Railroad and transform it into a system of lush landscaped parks so residents could enjoy a stroll from Jeffries Point to Orient Heights.

Welch received a well deserved standing ovation from the community, Massport officials and Eastie's elected officials during the ceremonial ribbon cutting on the Greenway Connector that now stretches from Piers Park to Constitution Beach.

Welch, who has long fought Logan Airport expansion, spent the last three decades pressuring Massport for more mitigation for the community having to play host to Logan and all the negative impacts that came with it.

Welch said at the time the new Greenway Connector and the scenic vista at the Wood Island Bay Marsh revives memories of Wood Island Park, which was taken in the 1960s by Massport to expand Logan's runways. A battle she was a part of and sparked a life of ensuring expansion would not creep any further into the neighborhood. The idea of creating a buffer was born in response to then Gov. Ed King's vision to turn Jeffries Point into an industrial adjunct to the airport and create a "Berlin Wall" that would cut Eastie in half.

"Those memories were the inspiration for East Boston residents to work so long and so hard to create this linear park system," said Welch at the ceremony. "More than 20 years ago a group of activists proposed a buffer between the airport and community at a time when Massport was less friendly to its neighbors in East Boston. They plotted and planned to create a greenway park system."

Welch was also proud of the Eastie residents who fought hard to build a community against forces trying to destroy it. It was in the last house at the end of Lamson Court in the late Anna DeFranco's kitchen where residents like Welch gathered and planned for the historic and successful demonstration against the Port Authority on Maverick Street. The women became known as the 'Maverick Street Mothers' and successfully stopped the constant flow of construction trucks accessing Logan via Maverick Street for one of the airport's expansion projects. The group blocked Maverick Street with their young children in tow until a compromise was reached and the trucks would use another route to the airport.

"That event started a movement in which East Boston residents took a strong position against institutional expansion and for growth and sustainability of our East Boston community," said Welch of the momentous event.

However, her activism did not stop at greenspace in Eastie and even though her fingerprints are on parks like Piers Park, the Golden Stairs Terrace, the Bremen Street Park and the Greenway she also dedicated her life to social and environmental justice.

Welch was a second grade school teacher at the Hugh O'Donnell School for 47 years prior to her retirement and was present at Martin Luther King's famous march on Washington in 1963.

It was her experience during that turbulent time that instilled a duty to social justice.

When she saw the wave

of immigration coming into Eastie from Vietnam after the war in the 1970s she helped form the Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH) to protect the housing rights of countless families being taken advantage of by absentee landlords. She served as NOAH's president for nearly two decades and was a tireless advocate for affordable housing for residents both old and new.

Welch also brought these important social causes to the attention of her second graders and sparked future generations of activists.

Each fall she'd write two important things on the blackboard for her new students—her name and Massport's Noise Complaint Hotline phone number.

In 1984 she received press for a project she did with her second graders for Oxfam. During the height of the famine in Ethiopia she taught her students about the importance of helping others with so little. By teaching about the famine her students were inspired to give up buying their favorite candy each day and instead send the money to Oxfam to help feed the children in Ethiopia.

Welch was instrumental in the 1980s to push the Dukakis-era Massport Board to place the Hyatt Hotel at the end of the proposed Runway 14/32. There was an injunction on the runway at the time and activists like Welch worried if the injunction was ever lifted a multidirectional runway would have aircraft landing and taking off over Jeffries Point to the detriment of residents.

The solution Welch and others proposed was to build a tall hotel at the end of the proposed runway. When the injunction was lifted on 14/32 in the early 2000s it was a wind restricted, unidirectional runway. The hotel ensured all future landings and takeoffs from 14/32 would occur over the water and not over the neighborhood.

A constant presence at neighborhood meetings and former chair of the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association for many years, Welch was not afraid to speak her mind whether it was to a governor, a mayor, a local elected official, developers or the Massport brass. She was always armed with facts and studies to drive her point home and give those seeking approval pause—knowing full well they needed to first mitigate their impacts on Eastie before proceeding with any proposal.

A prolific writer of letters, Welch, armed with a pen and piece of paper at her table inside her third-floor apartment on Webster Street would string together beautiful prose urging senators, congressman, mayors and other local power brokers on what should be done to protect the health and well being of the neighborhood. And most listened.

In fact, her home became a destination for many seeking advice and guidance on issues and how to proceed with balancing their needs with the needs of the community. She was also a mentor to countless elected officials who sought her wisdom and become educated on the most pressing issues in the neighborhood.

In one of her greatest achievements, Welch pushed the FAA and Massport for the window soundproofing program in homes, schools and public buildings under flight paths in Eastie to help protect the hearing of thousands of children and adults in the neighborhood.

But one of things that set Welch apart, especially in this day and age of partisan divide, Welch had the uncanny ability to disagree with people on an issue, but her passion never came from bitterness or hatred, but from her own personal conviction.

Known as one of the warmest people in Eastie, Welch could argue her point home in front of a crowd and go up one side and down the other of someone she disagreed with—but at the end of the day many of those same people she counted as dear friends.

This is a lesson we could all learn from because Welch never made any fight personal and could break bread with her toughest adversary at the end of the day.

Her fight was for Eastie, for what was right and just and what would best benefit the neighborhood she loved unselfishly.

CLIPPERSHIP APARTMENTS TO BE RAZED

EAST BOSTON - The Clippership Apartments, a 20-unit, income-restricted complex owned by the Boston Housing Authority, could have had an overhaul 20 years ago when Maverick Gardens was being rehabbed under a federal Hope VI grant. However, residents opted not to be part of the Hope VI project even though the aging public housing development was in desperate need of a rehab.

In 2017 Winn Development Company, along with Lendlease Development, received Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) approval to raze the 20 units of Section 8 housing and replace them with 52 units of housing.

The project also received Zoning Board approval last year and earlier this month was granted its building permits and construction will commence this spring.

Winn and Lendlease were designated by the BHA as the developer of the Clippership Apartments on Aug. 3, after a competitive solicitation process.

"The Developer proposes to transform this aging housing complex, which has no financial resources of its own, into a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly, mixed-income, transit-oriented, residential development," wrote Winn President Jamie Fay in the letter filed with the BPDA. "Leveraging the opportunity of the ongoing mixed-use development at Clippership Wharf, Lendlease is partnering with Winn to revitalize the aging housing complex and provide affordable units to meet and further the on-site Inclusionary Development Policy – both by replacing the dilapidated existing 20 rental units and by creating thirty new affordable and middle-income condominium units."

The letter to the BPDA added that the current complex serves as a residence for 20 families, all of whom will be promised the right to move into the new units.

"The Developer has spent several months engaging existing residents and seeking input on the proposed project with the support and assistance of the BHA," wrote Fay. "The original site design and program have been changed to be more responsive to the neighborhood and existing residents' concerns, and we will continue to listen to neighborhood concerns throughout the review process. The Developer is committed to engaging the community and strongly believes that we can improve our proposal by listening to and responding to those who know the community best."

Winn and Lendlease plan to demolish the four two-story townhouses and construct two new three-story, wood-framed buildings. One building will contain approximately 22 affordable rental apartment residences, and the other will contain 30 mixed-income condominium residences. Apartments will include three- and four-bedrooms, and condominiums will include studio, one-, two- and three bedrooms. Fourteen of those condominiums will be designated affordable.

In the building that will contain the 20 low-income rental units there will be a community room and ground-floor retail

space. There will also be 19 surface parking spaces and 50 bicycle storage spaces located on site for residents

Winn and Lendlease are currently permitted to build a waterfront development project at Clippership Wharf directly behind the Clippership Apartments. That \$225 million project will include 492 studio, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom units, a small cafe and restaurant, a fitness center, a lounge and club facility, a canoe/kayak rental facility, a water taxi dock, and a possible mooring field for sailing.

CHAMBER, CITY OFFICIALS HEAR FROM MBTA

LYNN -- North Shore business leaders know transportation is the key to the area's economic future and on Tuesday, through the Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce, they got to hear from someone working on improvements for the MBTA.

Joe Aiello, Fiscal Management Control Board chair, for the MBTA gave insights into the MBTA operations during a speech at the Lynn YMCA.

The forum was planned after the Lynn Transit Action Plan Study announced in Nov. 2018. The investment plan is to meet the needs of the MBTA in the Greater Boston Area by 2040.

Aiello and his board were formed in 2015 with the charge of investigating why the MBTA was struggling and how it might improve.

"We can continue to work and see great things happen in Lynn," said Mayor Tom McGee. "In this city transportation is the key driver and make things happen in the region."

A water ferry is also another topic. Salem, which also sent representatives to the forum, is looking to expand to two ferries and Lynn is hoping to bring the ferry back.

Aiello said the MBTA ferry is the most cost-effective service in the MBTA system.

"We have to collaborate on the issues that we face and care about together," McGee said. "We're like a bridge for 750,000 people above us," adding he's looking to water, rapid transit and regional solutions are what he's looking for.

Former Lynn Mayor Thomas Costin Jr. said discussion about extending the Blue Line from Wonderland to Lynn has been going on since the 1940s. He called for a letter to be written to Gov. Charlie Baker to set up private and public partnerships.

Developer Michael Procopio, whose company is developing a large apartment building on Munroe Street, said he favored a review of the high cost of service on the Lynn commuter rail and he favored water transportation.

"We understand in this region that transportation is the key driver to our economy," McGee said.

Aiello mentioned the newer Better Bus Project that includes lowering fares and propose bus route changes.

Aiello is a recently retired partner and board member at Meridiam Infrastructure, where he had worked since 2007, overseeing strategic development and investments in transportation, water, and social infrastructure. He is currently a Senior Fellow at Meridiam.

Before joining Meridiam, Aiello served in several capacities for 13 years with AE-COM where he last served as president for the firm's global, public-private partnership business. He also worked at the MBTA as Assistant General Manager of Planning and Budget and Assistant Director of Construction for Special Projects and Finance.

Aiello is an alumnus of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and the Harvard Kennedy School. Gov. Baker

appointed Aiello to the Board.

"The T is in a very different place than it was five years ago," Aiello said, adding directives and guidance have helped. "The T needed to reform itself and it's in a much better place than it was awhile back."

Aiello outlined some of the things the MBTA has done such as the commuter rail service that provides a much better level of service than did five years ago.

"We have added more than 6,000 annual trips on the rail system around the region," he said.

The buses are newer replacing worn out ones. "We now have late night service, early morning service directed towards people working in service industries."

"In the world of transit trying to do big things takes a long time," Aiello said.

ARRIGO REPORTS REVERE ON SOLID FINANCIAL FOOTING

REVERE - Mayor Brian Arrigo reported to the City Council that the City of Revere is in "spectacular financial shape" during his update on Free Cash Transfers to the Stabilization Fund, Water and Sewer Stabilization Fund, and the Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund.

"We have just over \$6 million that will be certified in our General Fund and \$2.8 million that is certified in our Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund," Arrigo told the Council at Monday's meeting. "Of that amount that has been certified in Free Cash, we are going to be depositing \$900,000 in to our General Fund Rainy Day Account. All told, the city is in spectacular financial shape – the fact we have reserves on the general side up over \$8 million now is a great sign."

Arrigo attributed the city's financial strength to the hard work of the Council, his administration, and the city's financial officials.

"It's not by accident these great things are happening," said Arrigo. "It is the tireless work of this Council, of the administration, and the folks who work in our financial offices and are committed to making the city a great place."

Residents will see some of the funds being used for streets and sidewalk improvements throughout the city, while each of the Revere schools will benefit greatly, especially the school clubs and varsity sports programs at Revere High School.

Arrigo said \$1.4 million will go toward streets and sidewalks, with an additional \$800,000 in state grants targeted for that purpose.

Students at Revere High would see an unprecedented level of financial support for their after-school clubs. "Each student activity group (such as the National Honor Society and the JROTC, for example) at the high school would receive \$5,000," said Arrigo, noting that there are approximately 35 such clubs at RHS.

Each of Revere High's varsity boys and girls sports programs would also net \$5,000, an augmentation in funding that will certainly bring a smile to Athletic Director Frank Shea, whose innovative leadership has resulted in increased participation and successes on the playing fields.

"Those funds could go to [new] uniforms, jackets, equipment, and things like that," said Arrigo.

Each of Revere's 11 schools would receive \$10,000. "The students at each will come up with ideas about how that money is spent," said Arrigo. "The school principals are really excited, especially the civics lesson that students are going to get, in terms of having this allotment of money and being able to think about how to spend it."

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PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF APRIL 2, 2019

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incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager is authorized to borrow \$487,850 and issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor under M.G.L. c. 44, §8(5), or pursuant to any other enabling authority; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the "Authority") Lead Line Replacement Program and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or financial assistance agreement with the Authority and otherwise to contract with the Authority with respect to

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TOWN OF WINTHROP # 004-2019
Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Chapter 17 of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, March 28, 2019, at or after 7:00 p.m. in the Joseph Harvey Hearing Room, Town Hall, Winthrop, Massachusetts, 02152 upon the application of John Barkow seeking a Special Permit to operate a Bed and Breakfast/Transient Lodging at the existing home located at 43 Triton Ave., Winthrop, MA 02152 in accordance with Section 17.49 of the Town of Winthrop's Zoning By-Law, which permits a bed and breakfast to operate as an accessory home occupation use within a private residence. It shall be unlawful to conduct a Bed & Breakfast/Transient Lodging accessory use without a Special Permit granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals. The owner is applying for a Special Permit for a Bed & Breakfast/Transient Lodging and

will be renting a total of 1 bedroom for no more than fourteen days, in accordance with the by-law. The home has 1 full bathroom that will be designated for guests and a driveway for parking 4 vehicles. Copies of the aforementioned application and plans are on file and available for inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Monday through Thursday during the normal business hours. Darren Baird, Chairman Winthrop Board of Appeals

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THEATER REVIEWS

Is it really the ‘ENDLINGS’?

By Sheila Barth

While Celine Song’s new, two-act play is a fascinating foray into the world of little-known Korean women who spend most of their lives -and days - diving daily for seafood, the playwright needs to concentrate more on these women and less on her self-effacing fixation of writing about “white persons” plays in Act II.

Song has a cultural treasure trove the public would appreciate, learning about her fascinating, multi-faceted genre.

Directed by Sammi Cannold, who artistically helmed A.R.T.’s lavish production, “Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812,” and emotional play, “Violet,” Cannold leads a talented, cre-

ative team that ensures “Endlings” captures and captivates theatergoers’ attention. However, in Ms. Song’s attempts to be clever, pithy, and at times comedic, her second act strays too far from the tradition and lives of her primary topic, haenyeos- the sea women who harvest seafood in the ocean.

The fact that the number of these isolated, devoted women is dwindling and they’re at risk of extinction is fascinating. We “white people” want to know more

The play features three representative, elderly women -a septuagenarian, octogenarian and nonagenarian - who discourage their descendants from continuing their legacy.

A.R.T. representative Rebecca Low Curtis said there are about 4,000

haenyeos left today, but their numbers are winnowing. The younger generation is disinterested in continuing their craft.

Besides sound designer Elisheba Ittoop’s battery of jarring noises and Bradley King’s moody lighting, Jason Sherwood’s set design is a phenomenal visual challenge. The ladies ascend and descend a mossy cliff, while below-stage panels open, revealing a water tank, enabling us to watch the women swim and float by.

During their time off, the women relax in front of small house facades suspended from the ceiling, that descend during appropriate scenes.

Working off the coast of Korean island Man-Jae, Sook Ja (Jo Yang), is the youngest of the trio. Go Min (Emily Kuroda), years for Hollywood, its glamor and tin-

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World premiere of Celine Song’s 1-1/2 hour play at American Repertory Theater (A.R.T.), appearing through March 27, at the Loeb Drama Center, 64 Brattle St., Harvard Square, Cambridge. Tickets start at \$25. americanrepertorytheater.org, 617-547-8300, TicketServices@amrep.org.

sel; and pragmatic, 96-year-old diver, Han Sol (Wai Ching Ho), warns her offspring to stay far away from her craft.

Besides wise cracks, resentment and too-brief glimpses of each woman’s personality , tragedy is glossed over, treated like an inevitable accident waiting to occur. Meanwhile, in Manhattan, twentysomething Ha Young, Han Sol’s Korean-Canadian-Manhattan, NY-based granddaughter (Jie-

hae Park), wonders whether she should write this play. She’s married to a “white” husband, (Miles G. Jackson), who’s also a playwright. He wears a large, “White Husband” placard around his neck. White Stage Managers wearing similar placards - Keith Michael Pinault, Matt DaSilva, Andy Paterson, and Mark Mauriello - round out the cast.

Greater Boston Stage Company’s ‘ONEGIN’ a lavish production

By Sheila Barth

In 2005, Boston Lyric Opera presented a magnificent, lush, three-act production of the opera, “Onegin,” performed in Russian; so the Shubert Theatre provided a monitor on both sides of the stage, translating the lyrics.

Making its U.S. premiere at Greater Boston Stage Company through March 31, the Greater Boston Stage Company’s elegant production of the musical adaptation of “Onegin” - based on Aleksandr Pushkin’s tragic novel of unrequited love and Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky’s dramatic, operatic music- is less complicated and more fun-loving. The play is a sometimes-anachronistic, sometimes comical, contemporary operatic spoof, delighting nearby theatergoers with the cast’s frequent interaction and direct eye contact.

Did I mention the play is a tragedy?

Regardless, several people liken “Onegin” on a smaller scale, to eye-popping, multi-nominated, highly interactive Broadway musical, “Pierre, Natasha, and the Great Comet of 1812”. Both plays are based in 19th century Rus-



sia, both have lively, energetic casts, marvelous musicians, luxurious sets and costumes, and tragic romances.

The cast kicks up its heels in lively Russian folk tunes (kudos, associate assistant director-choreographer Ilyse Robbins), accompanied by visibly onstage Music Director-pianist Steve Bass and his melodic, upbeat four-person

band, (whom the actors refer to onstage as the Ungrateful Dead). So are four selected theatergoers, seated at small cabaret tables. At times, they’re urged to dance with the actors, especially Boston longtime favorite, Christopher Chew.

But that’s not all! Greater Boston Stage Company’s lavish set by Kathryn Monthei

extends slightly into the first rows of the audience. Apparently, the theater spared no expense, with designer Deirdre Gerrard’s handsome period costumes, Jeff Adelberg’s, lighting, John Stone’s sound effects, and, most especially, cast selection.

Besides Chew’s portrayal of French aristocrat M. Triquet and lesser cameo roles, ever-popular Mark Linehan

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portrays bored, egotistical aristocrat/title character, Eugene Onegin, with gusto. Onegin’s friend and foil, sensitive, young Vladimir Lensky, is portrayed by fresh-faced tenor Michael Jennings Mahoney. The romantic young poet is smitten with his childhood sweetheart, fair, flirt Olga Larin (Josephine Moshiri Elwood, who also plays the violin).

Sarah Pothier is charming as Olga’s shy, innocent older sister, Tatyana, who instantly is mesmerized and in love with narcissistic Onegin, upon meeting him for the first time. Although Onegin prefers Tatyana to Olga, he is more attentive to Olga at a soiree, breaking Tatyana’s heart. He tells Tatyana his heart is too cold to love anybody.

Kerry A . Dowling performs dual roles, as the girls’ mother, Mme. Larin and mus-

tachioed gentleman Zaretsky; and Peter Adams portrays Prince Gremin, Tatyana’s grateful, older husband.

Directed by Producing Artistic Director Weylin Symes, “Onegin’s,” tragic scenes are primarily uplifted by Chew’s anachronistic antics, such as using a cell phone, and performing his solo number, “The Queen of Tonight,” like today’s rock stars. He also wears a contemporary leather jacket, black small-brimmed hat, etc. while acting as Onegin’s secondary, or duel attendant, during the ill-fated duel.

“Onegin” has its flaws, but deserves a huge high-five for undertaking this challenging, eye-popping production.

Like me, you probably prefer less contemporary nuances and more relevance to the story and characters.

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Robert and Marion McDuffee hold up a "Barn Boys" shirt.



Above, Michelle Norris Massa, Denise McDuffee Usseglio, and John Lyscars, show off the fundraiser T-shirts.



To the left, Four-year-old Addie McDuffee, wearing a scally cap in memory of her grandfather.

By Kate Anslinger

At 12:10 p.m. on Saturday, the Larsen Skating Rink was silent, as Addie McDuffee dropped a puck onto the ice, kicking off the "I Like Mike" hockey tournament fundraiser, in memory of Precinct One Councilor Mike McDuffee. McDuffee's 4-year-old granddaughter, Addie, was assigned the task that initiated the tournament which was made up of four hockey teams, all fittingly named according to the full life that McDuffee lived; "The Gumpas", named after what his grandchildren called him, "The Joeys", the nickname that McDuffee had for his loving wife, Joanne McDuffee, "The Barn Boys," in honor of his group of close friends

that gathered regularly, and the "Tough McDuff's," after the name he had given his immediate family when they were faced with a challenge. Hockey players of all ages came out to play in support of the fundraiser which was sponsored by: Paul Marks Company, Biggio Insurance, Senator Joe Boncore, Speaker Bob DeLeo, Ed Cash, Cafco Construction Management, Winthrop Pro Shop, Renewable Waste Solutions, Corolla Roofing, Letterie's Italian Market, DiPiero and Brown Construction, Belle Isle Seafood, Dave's Refrigeration, the Barn Boys, Inc., Sal Tiano and Family, the Guys from the Blue Room Open, Custom Metals Mass., Ed McCabe and Family, George Barker Sr. and Honan Sign Company.



Bob McDuffee and Anthony "Zibby" Puleio show off the "I Like Mike" hockey pucks.



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A photograph of three people standing together. On the left is Michelle Norris Massa, in the middle is Kevin McGee, and on the right is Denise McDuffee Usseglio. They are all wearing winter coats and hats.

Michelle Norris Massa, Kevin McGee, and Denise McDuffee Usseglio.

A photograph of a family of six standing together. In the front row are three children: Max, John, and Addie. In the back row are three adults: Alexis, Mike, and Joanne. They are all wearing winter coats and hats.

McDuffee's family, Front row: Max, John and Addie, Back row: Alexis, Mike, and Joanne.

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