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FKO AFTERSCHOOL SUBMITS COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS APPLICATION

For Kids Only After-school (FKO) will be submitting a proposal to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for a 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) grant to support students attending

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TRASH DELAY

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HAPPY TIMES AT MILLER FIELD



Shown above, Maura Dorr and teammates celebrate Dorr's second goal of the game that gave the Vikings a 2-0 lead over Boston Latin Monday at Miller Field. Latin battled back, however, and the game ended tied 2-2. See more photos on Page 10.

EBNHC to receive \$14.7 million from American Rescue Plan funding

By John Lynds

U.S. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley announced last week that East Boston Neighbor-

hood Health Center (EBNHC) could receive up to \$14.7 in grant money through the American Rescue Plan.

EBNHC has been serv-

ing patients from Eastie, Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop and the South End throughout the pandemic

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Dalton interviews Stellato for college project

By Albert Terminiello Jr.

Plymouth State student

Robert Dalton II of Winthrop interviewed sports agent Sean Stellato as



Plymouth State student Robert Dalton II interviewed sports agent Sean Stellato, receiving valuable advice for his potential career as a sports agent.

part of a college academic project. Dalton, a 2019 graduate of Winthrop High School, is majoring in sports media and aspires to be a sport agent.

Stellato currently represents 14 players in the National Football League. He is the author of the inspirational book, "No Backing Down."

Dalton asked Stellato about his educational background (Salem High School and Marist Col-

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Water loss and rate study underway

By Laura Plummer

The Town Manager's Office has hired a team of consultants to evaluate Winthrop's water loss and water rate.

"The community has had questions about water/sewer rate increases," CFO Anna Freedman told the Transcript. "This project is intended to help address those questions."

Winthrop's average user rates are on the higher end for towns within the Mass. Water Resources Authority (MWRA). The study is intended to find out why and, if possible, reduce user rates.

The consultant team consists of Mark and Mat-

thew Abrahams from the Abrahams Group, and Ryan Trahan of Environmental Partners. The scope of their services is divided into rate analysis and development, and project management and deliverables.

In terms of rate analysis and development, the group will assess the town's water loss and its impact on the water/sewer rate, establish a new FY22 water rate based on water loss mitigation, recommend financial policies and programs, develop revenue requirements for a water/sewer fund, analyze current rate projection to

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COVID positive rate announced

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has notified Town officials of 38 additional confirmed positive cases of the virus in Winthrop since our last reporting on April 8.

This brings the number

of total cases up to 2,193, with 35 deceased, 47 in isolation and 2,111 recovered.

To find a COVID testing location visit <https://>

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TURCO SWORN IN AS STATE REPRESENTATIVE



Gov. Charlie Baker administers the oath of office to Jeffrey Rosario Turco as the new state representative for the 19th Suffolk District that includes all of Winthrop and a portion of Revere. Also pictured at the inauguration ceremony at the State House is Mr. Turco's wife, Melissa Turco.

Inset: The proud family of State Rep. Jeffrey Rosario Turco attended his official inauguration ceremony at the State House in Boston. Jeffrey Turco and Melissa Turco are pictured with their six children, (front row) Matteo Turco, Grace Turco, Dominic Turco, and Sonny Turco; (back row) Mary Turco and Joseph Turco.



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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

The following incident reports are among the calls to which the Winthrop Police Department responded on the listed dates:

MONDAY, MARCH 29

1338: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a minor motor vehicle accident (MVA) involving two vehicles at Payson and Beach Sts.

1352: An officer responded to a MVA involving two vehicles at the Dunkin’ Donuts on Main St. One MV had to be towed. The officer filed a report.

1423: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle.

2125: An officer directed a person playing karaoke music loudly in an apartment on Pleasant St. to turn down the volume.

2332: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Crest Ave. for the civil infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

1126: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle on Beal St.

1531: A Shirley St. resident reported that a dog owner allows his large dog to defecate on her front lawn. The homeowner showed a video to the officer and the matter will be referred to the Animal Control Officer.

2342: An officer

stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Kennedy Rd. for a civil infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

0058: Officers issued 12 parking tickets to vehicles on Temple Ave.

1127: A resident called to report that a fraudulent claim for unemployment was filed using her identifying information. The officer filed a report.

1732: A resident reported a fraudulent transaction involving a bank transfer for \$35,000.

2045: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked too closely to the corner at Park and Terrace Aves.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

1111: A caller reported a small dog was loose on Pearl Ave. The Animal Control Officer found the dog and reunited it with its owner.

1348: An officer stopped a MV that had been reported as stolen by the Boston Police. However, after checking the vehicle’s paperwork, the officer determined that the BPD had entered the wrong information into the computer and that the vehicle was not stolen. The vehicle owner will go to the BPD to straighten out the matter.

1948: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Shirley St. and Ocean Ave. for the civil infraction of an equipment

violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator. The officer also advised the operator, who said she has been living in Massachusetts for eight months, that she needs to obtain a Mass. driver’s license.

2155: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Almont and Revere Sts. for the civil infraction of an equipment violation (broken tail light). The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

1343: An officer found a loose dog at Walden and Pauline Sts. and brought it back to its owner.

1357: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Harvard and Revere Sts. for the civil infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1407: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Forrest St. for the civil infraction of a one-way violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1447: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Main St. for the civil infraction of using her cellphone in violation of the hands-free law. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1559: A caller reported finding a hypodermic syringe on Shirley St. The caller stood by until an officer arrived to retrieve the needle to bring it back to

the station for proper disposal.

1952: The Shirley St. resident who reported earlier in the week that a male party who walks a large dog and allows the dog to use her lawn to defecate did so once again. When she confronted the dog’s owner, he started swearing at her. An officer tried to locate the dog owner, but was unable to do so.

1955: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Lincoln and Walden Sts. for the civil infraction of an equipment violation (the headlights were not turned on). The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

0034: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Pauline and Pleasant Sts. for the civil infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0045: An officer directed persons in an apartment on Governor’s Drive to keep down their loud talking.

1414: An officer ordered a tow for a MV without plates on Banks St. that had been placed on the 72-hour list. The officer filed a report.

1546: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Walden St. for the civil infractions of violating the hands-free law and for having an expired vehicle registration. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator. The officer also advised

the operator to obtain a Mass. driver’s license because he now resides in Mass.

1715: A resident came into the station to report a case of identity fraud. The officer filed a report.

1800: A caller reported being bitten by a dog on his leg, causing it to bleed, on Main St. The dog owner remained on the scene. The matter will be referred to the Animal Control Officer.

1845: An officer stopped a MV on Revere St. After the officer determined that there was an issue with the insurance, the owner showed that he had made a payment. The officer directed the owner to park the vehicle until the situation is resolved.

1903: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at George and Winthrop Sts. for the civil infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1911: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Payson St. for the civil infraction of an equipment violation (the front plate was hanging loose). The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2058: An officer dispersed persons in a vehicle from Hannaford Park, which is closed at dusk.

2105: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Shore Drive and Sea Foam Ave. for the civil infraction of improper display of a registration plate. The officer gave a

verbal warning to the operator.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

1022: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a vehicle from Trident Ave.

1335: A resident reported that her cat was lost. The cat did not have a collar.

1353: An officer assisted in pushing a disabled MV to the side of the road on Revere St. and stood by until a friend of the operator came by to provide a jump start.

1425: An officer responded to a two-car MVA at Washington Ave. and Winthrop St. All of the parties declined medical aid and one of the vehicles was towed.

1706: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Tafts Ave. for the civil infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2212: Officers responded to a report of a group of females yelling loudly on Almont St. The parties are roommates and they were arguing about money issues. The officers restored the peace.

MONDAY, APRIL 5

0740: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a minor MVA on Pleasant St. near the Pleasant Park Y.C.

MBTA extends Five-day Flex Pass on mTicket, proposes fare changes

Staff report

The MBTA this week announced updates to current fare pilots that include an extension of the Five-day Flex Pass on mTicket, as well as upcoming fare change proposals that include improvements to the

Youth Pass and converting all Outer Express Bus Routes to Inner Express Bus fares. These changes help to improve reduced fare programs and simplify complex fares for both customers and operations.

“We’re pleased to temporarily extend the avail-

ability of the Five-day Flex Pass, which has been a popular fare option for our Commuter Rail riders as travel patterns have adjusted and evolved during the pandemic,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. “We’re also excited about our

upcoming fare proposals that make improvements to the Youth Pass and Express Bus Route fares. If approved by the FMCB next month, these proposals – converting all Outer Express Bus Routes to the lower Inner Express Bus fare, and providing Youth

Pass users with reduced fares on Commuter Rail, Express Bus, and ferries – will allow the MBTA to continue to meet the needs of riders through incremental fare improvements that matter now more than ever as we enter the ‘new normal’.”

surface parking currently provides sufficient access to North Quincy, and the North Quincy Garage is anticipated to open later in 2021. As a result, Quincy Center Station’s Zone 1A fare designation will end June 30, 2021, with Quincy Center returning to a Zone 1 fare beginning July 1.

Fare Pilot Updates

MBTA staff announced that the Five-day Flex Pass will be extended, the Lynn Zone 1A Fare Pilot will end on June 30, as previously planned, and Quincy Center Station’s Zone 1A fare designation will end June 30:

- Five-day Flex Pass: An attractive option for riders with in-person work schedules limited by the pandemic, the Five-day Flex Pass has continued to serve Commuter Rail riders with over 5,600 passes sold through March 2021. The Five-day Flex Pass will continue to be available on mTicket for 90 days following the end of the Commonwealth’s state of emergency.
- Lynn Zone 1A Fare Pilot: Zone 1A fares were piloted in Lynn to relieve crowding on nearby buses and improve social distancing and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on ridership data and surveys of Lynn riders, it was found that the Lynn Zone 1A Fare Pilot has not reduced crowding on nearby bus routes. As a result, this fare pilot will end June 30, as previously announced with Lynn Station returning to a Zone 2 fare beginning July 1.
- Quincy Center Zone 1A mitigation: Zone 1A fares were temporarily accepted at Quincy Center Station in order to mitigate Red Line service impacts during both the closure of Wollaston Station and North Quincy Garage Development construction. Wollaston was reopened in August 2019,

Proposed Fare Changes

MBTA Fare Transformation staff today presented two fare change proposals to be voted on by the Fiscal and Management Control Board (FMCB) on May 10, 2021, that aim to benefit nearly 2,200 current Youth Pass participants (about 4,600 pre-pandemic) and to simplify Express Bus fares:

- The Youth Pass Program is a partnership between the MBTA and participating cities and towns that offers young adults with low incomes roughly 50-percent reduced one-way fares or \$30 monthly LinkPasses on the bus and subway. MBTA staff have proposed that the Youth Pass also be valid for reduced fares on Commuter Rail, Express Bus, and ferries. Youth Pass holders are already able to purchase half-price Commuter Rail tickets through a reduced fare pilot that ends on June 30. This proposed fare change, if approved by the FMCB, would make the Youth Pass Commuter Rail pilot a permanent policy and also provide reduced Express Bus and ferry fares effective July 1, 2021.
- MBTA staff also proposed converting all Outer Express Bus Routes (\$5.25 per trip) to Inner Bus fares (\$4.25 per trip) effective July 1. Maintaining a separate fare for a small number of Outer Express Bus Routes has become unnecessarily complicated for

BREAKDOWN OF SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BY SERIES				
1000 Series - Administration				
	Salaries	\$507,781.00		
	Expenses		\$79,250.00	
	Sub-total			\$587,031.00
2000 Series - Instruction				
General Education	Salaries	\$11,743,822.00		
	Expenses		\$437,214.00	
Special Education	Salaries	\$4,970,054.00		
	Expenses	--		
	Sub-total			\$17,070,808.00
3000 Series - School Services				
	Salaries	\$245,774.00		
	Expenses		\$3,734.00	
	Sub-total			\$249,508.00
4000 Series - Operations and Maintenance				
	Salaries	\$646,177.00		
	Expenses		\$1,070,717.00	
	Sub-total			\$1,716,894.00
5000 Series - Fixed Charges				
	Expenses		\$99,232.00	
	Sub-total			\$99,232.00
9000 Series - Programs with other systems				
General Education	Salaries	\$470,547.00		
	Expenses		\$173,500.00	
Special Education	Salaries	\$567,897.00		
	Expenses		\$1,512,433.00	
Athletics	Salaries	\$107,025.00		
	Expenses		\$275,000.00	
Technology	Salaries	\$160,000.00		
	Expenses		\$408,820.00	
Maintenance	Salaries	\$39,000		
	Expenses		\$32,000.00	
	Sub-total			\$3,746,222.00
Sub-Totals	\$19,377,795.00	\$4,091,900.00	BUDGET TOTAL: \$23,469,695.00	

MVES’ Emergency Closet receives hundreds of donations

Staff report

More than 75 members of The Thursday Fortnightly Club donated hundreds of needed items to Mystic Valley Elder Services’ (MVES) Emergency Closet and brought the items to the Brookline Bank in Medford Square. The donations were overwhelming and due to the generosity of The Thursday Fortnightly Club members, Mystic Valley Elder Services will be able to stock their Emergency Closet with the necessary items.

The Mystic Valley Elder Services’ Emergency Closet provides its care managers who work with low-income older adults and adults living with disabilities a place to access new towels, new sheets, new blankets, toiletries, and large print puzzle books for their consumers



Judy Lonergan, Chairperson of the Thursday Fortnightly Club of Medford gives Dan O’Leary, CEO of Mystic Valley Elder Services, the checks and gift cards also collected from their St. Patrick’s Day fundraiser.

who need them. Having these items in the agency immediately available can make a huge difference in someone’s life and they depend solely on donations.

The Thursday Fortnightly Club has been supportive of the mission and making contributions

to MVES for decades.

If you are interested in helping, you can contact the Mystic Valley Elder Services Development office at development@mv.es.org.

Celebrating 100 years of service to the Medford Community, The Thursday Fortnightly Club is a philanthropic group whose mission is to provide philanthropic help to charities within our community. The women normally gather at five events during the year, with two of these events being their major fundraisers. The women of the Thursday Fortnightly Club have been gathering and raising money since 1920. If you would like more information on the Thursday Fortnightly Club of Medford, you can visit their website at: www.thursdayfortnightly.org.



Pictured from left to right: Mark from DPW; Joseph Caira, Brookline Bank and Mystic Valley Elder Services Board Member; Steve, DPW; Judy Lonergan, Chairperson of Thursday Fortnightly; volunteers Rosemary Ardagna, Bobbi Johansen, and Tina Caruso all from Thursday Fortnightly; Jenny Vanasse, Development Director and Dan O’Leary, CEO, both of Mystic Valley Elder Services.

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with increased testing and vaccination programs.

Pressley said EBNHC will join 12 other Community Health Centers in her 7th Congressional District in sharing a total of \$56,833,875 in American Rescue Plan funds.

Once all the details are ironed out EBNHC can use the funds to expand their COVID-19 vaccination and treatment services. The resources are part of the American Rescue Plan’s investments to expand access to vaccines in historically underserved communities.

“Throughout this pandemic and well before it, our Community Health Centers (CHC) have served as a critical lifeline

for our most vulnerable communities in the Massachusetts 7th and all across the Commonwealth, providing life-saving and patient-centered resources to our children, people experiencing homelessness, immigrant families and veterans,” said Pressley. “With our vaccination efforts underway, this new funding through the American Rescue Plan will go a long way toward helping our CHCs—which play a central role in working towards equitable vaccine distribution—continue their important work.”

EBNHC can use the funding to expand COVID-19 vaccinations, testing and treatment for

vulnerable populations; deliver preventive and primary health care services to people at higher risk for COVID-19; and expand health centers’ operational capacity during the pandemic and beyond, including modifying and improving physical infrastructure and adding mobile units.

Pressley said she has been a steadfast champion for community-based health care programs throughout her time in Congress. She is an active member of the Congressional Community Health Centers Caucus and has advocated for increased resources for Community Health Centers before and during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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riders and bus operators. Due to service changes as a result of the pandemic, the MBTA is currently operating only a single Outer Express route (352/354), which is most recently serving about 100 Outer Express rides per day. The route also serves an Inner

Express stop and requires a complicated procedure to avoid overcharging customers. As a result, if approved by the FMCB in May, the MBTA has proposed converting fares for Express Route 352/354 as well as any future Express Bus Routes to the Inner

Express fare of \$4.25 beginning July 1.

The public is able to comment on these proposed changes at mbta.com/2021FareChanges. The Title VI analysis will be shared with FMCB and posted to mbta.com by April 26.



PHOTOS BY AL TERMINIELLO, JR.

Winthrop High graduate and former Viking football player Robert Dalton II is pictured at Billy Tse’s restaurant with his mother, Betty Dalton, Voice of the Vikings Jim Lederman, and sports agent Sean Stellato.

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lege) and his successful 15-year career that has included negotiating player contracts with NFL teams such as the New England Patriots, the Jacksonville

Jaguars, and the Green Bay Packers.

Dalton said that he came away with a better understanding of his potential career as a result

of Stellato’s informative responses during the interview.

Robert is the son of Robert Dalton and Betty Dalton.

Water Study //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

determine user impact, study cash flow and recommend reserve balances, and train staff to use a water rate spreadsheet.

On the project management and deliverables side, consultants will update stakeholders regularly, engage in conference calls, make suggestions, and present at public meetings.

The work plan is divided into four phases: project planning, a water and sewer rate study, a water audit, and a final report.

Project planning will consist of assessing the Town’s needs and its current situation, establishing a work plan and schedule, setting the rate for FY22, and developing a water audit.

The water and sewer rate study will review the capital improvement program, predict future costs, develop non-meter revenue requirements, estimate consumption, review billing, update rates, and forecast revenue.

During the audit of the

Town’s water system, the team will gather data, evaluate meters, review calibration records, measure unmetered consumption, evaluate the leak detection system, create a map of known leaks, present initial findings, document results and provide recommendations.

Finally, a report will be submitted to the Town by early June, in time for the FY22 budget.

The study overview can be viewed on the Town’s website.



The Massachusetts Department of Transportation invites you to attend a Virtual Public Information Meeting for the Sumner Tunnel Centennial Project

Tuesday, April 27, 2021
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Register:
virtualmeeting.link/Sumner-4-27
Meeting ID: 889 2113 5782
Passcode: 860159
Dial-in option: 888 788 0099

Thursday, April 29, 2021
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Register:
virtualmeeting.link/Sumner-4-29
Meeting ID: 862 2389 6416
Passcode: 765313
Dial-in option: 888 788 0099

These meetings will provide an opportunity for the public to hear an overview of the Sumner Tunnel Centennial Project including project overview, schedule, and traffic impacts. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer comments. Please note the presentation will be the same at both meetings. Spanish and Arabic interpretation will be available at both virtual meetings.

All residents, abutters, local business owners, and interested commuters are invited to attend. All attendees who sign into the meeting and provide an email address will be entered into the project’s email database to receive project updates. Prior to the meetings, if you have specific questions or concerns for the project team, please email us: sumner100@dot.state.ma.us.

Note: This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as appropriate. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT’s Chief Diversity & Civil Rights Officer by phone at (857) 368-8580, Relay Service at 7-1-1, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email to MASSDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us. Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the meeting.

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION UNDERWAY

Registration for the Winthrop Public Schools 2021-2022 kindergarten school year is underway. Families with children who live in Winthrop and will be 5 years old as of September 1, 2021 are invited to pick up a registration packet at the Gorman Fort Banks Elementary School (101 Kennedy Drive) on the following dates/times:

- April 14 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m.,
- April 15 and April 16 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and 12:30-1:30 p.m.,
- April 27 from 8:30-10:00 a.m., April 28 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m.,
- April 29 and April 30 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. and 12:30-1:30.

The packet can also be downloaded from the Winthrop Public Schools website (<https://www.winthrop.k12.ma.us/domain/2117>.) Appointments to return and review completed documentation will be scheduled for May 4, 5 and 6 and scheduled at the time you receive your packet. Families choosing to print the registration packet MUST also contact the school to schedule a date to return completed packets and documentation.

Completed packets and required documentation must be provided at the scheduled appointment time for registration. (Students who are 6 years old as of September 1, 2021 are not eligible for kindergarten and will be placed in first grade.) For questions, please contact Ms. Sacco at 617-846-5509.

OUR Opinions

NUMB TO THE NUMBERS

With just about all of the states now reopening their economies, the conventional wisdom among most Americans is that the worst days of the coronavirus are behind us.

Yet the reality is that hundreds of Americans continue to die and tens of thousands more are contracting the disease each and every day.

This past Monday, April 12, for example, the New York Times -- which gets its data from Johns Hopkins University -- reported that 476 Americans died from the virus and that there were 72,286 new cases on that day.

Admittedly, these numbers pale in comparison to the 3000 Americans who were dying and the 300,000 new cases that were being reported each day at the pandemic's height this past winter.

But even these lower daily figures still are huge, rivaling the numbers that were in evidence last spring and summer.

Yet despite the ongoing tragedies of friends and family members across the country who are succumbing to the pandemic, there has been a complacency developing among most Americans about the virus.

To be sure, all of us are suffering from virus fatigue, attributable to the quarantining, restrictions, and omnipresent fear of catching the disease.

In addition, with the vaccine rollout proceeding ahead of projections, most of us believe that the worst is behind us.

And while that may be true, we still have a rough road ahead. With the announcement earlier this week that the one-and-done Johnson & Johnson vaccine is linked to serious side-effects in a tiny number of recipients, the national vaccination program will be facing a slowdown.

More ominously, the so-called United Kingdom variant of the virus now is the dominant case-type in the U.S. -- and that variant has been shown to be 60% more contagious AND 67 percent more deadly.

Even more worrisome, the variants that have been attributable to Brazil and South Africa are thought to be more resistant to vaccine-efficacy AND have been shown to reinfect persons who previously had caught the disease.

The arithmetic is this: More Americans still are dying each and every week from the coronavirus than were killed on 9/11. Let that sink in for a moment.

For those of us who like to compare the fight against COVID-19 to a war, the proper analogy to WWII is this: We may have won the war in Europe (V-E Day was on May 8), but American troops still were fighting and dying in the Pacific in epic battles on Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

To paraphrase Winston Churchill, we are not at the end of this pandemic and, in view of the huge numbers we are seeing nationwide, we may not even be at the beginning of the end.

Although we may be at the end of the beginning, it is premature to let our guard (which is to say, our masks) down.

The reality that we all must acknowledge is this: We still have a long way to go before we can declare victory over COVID-19.

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LETTER to the Editor

SUPPORTING WU FOR MAYOR OF BOSTON

Dear Editor,
It goes without saying that the wellbeing of Boston is the wellbeing of Winthrop. We breathe the same air and enjoy the same waters. We ride the same transit system and prosper together as one economy. Boston will choose a new mayor this November 2, with the non-partisan preliminary election taking place September 21. I believe that Michelle Wu should be

that mayor. Here are just a few reasons why.

Like many in Winthrop, the MBTA is my lifeline between home and work. Michelle is proposing bold plans to tackle traffic congestion and improve efficiency, including better cycling infrastructure and a fare-free transit model that builds on those successfully piloted by other cities.

Climate change and rising sea levels threaten coastal communities like Winthrop. We all feel the impact of air pollution and climbing summer tem-

peratures. Michelle's plan to tackle climate change is one of the most ambitious city-level agendas of its kind, developed in partnership with local communities.

These bold plans are backed by a track record of achieving real change. Michelle has been a member of the Boston City Council since 2014 and has led with her values, passing paid parental leave for municipal employees, protecting small businesses from chain stores, and authored legislation to protect our natu-

ral resources.

Residents of Winthrop can't vote for Mayor of Boston, but they can make an enormous impact by volunteering to make phone calls, dropping off literature, and sharing Michelle's plans with friends and family. We will soon start collecting signatures to make sure Michelle is on the ballot. I hope readers will consider joining this welcoming and dedicated community by visiting michelleforboston.com/volunteer.

James Rasaiah

GUEST OP-ED

Mask wearing in America

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Like most everyone else, I'm tired of wearing a mask.

Every time I go to the grocery, a restaurant, church, or work I have to put on a mask. Not long ago, if we wore a mask into a bank or convenience store, the attendants would be alarmed and call 911. Today if we don't wear one, we are in trouble and not welcomed.

A lot of people have died from Covid-19 and thus I understand masks are important in this pandemic era. I don't want a disease. I have had two Pfizer shots and I wear a mask most every place I go.

Is it our American, God given right to take off our masks? While we are free to take off our masks, oth-

ers are free to ask us to put them on. The business owner has the freedom to require a mask. The airlines have the freedom to require masks. The religious assembly has the freedom to require you to wear a mask. People with whom you socialize may ask that you wear a mask. Of course, you are free to not patronize those businesses, forsake religious assembly and not hang out with certain people.

You are free to go maskless if you want to. However, you aren't free to be in someone else's face without a mask if they don't want you there without one. There are many places where you aren't allowed to smoke. There are some businesses that will not allow your pet. They have the freedom to refuse you service and

you have the freedom to go somewhere else. This is America.

We've all been to the funeral home around sick people. A dear friend of mine eulogized a funeral in late November. Two people were in attendance who had Covid-19. He caught the virus and was dead by mid-December. He spent his last two weeks of life isolated in intensive care. He meant well in trying to help out a family in their time of grief. It cost him his life. He had been very active and healthy.

I've spoken in churches and to groups where people would come up and shake my hand and then say, "Well, I've been sick, but I came anyway." They acted like they should have received a trophy for coming and contaminating

everyone. In reality, their actions were inconsiderate of everyone else's health.

State governments may remove mask mandates. However, keep in mind that business owners still have the right to require masks. Churches still have the right to require masks. You don't have to let anyone in your home without a mask if you choose.

We have freedom in America to make choices - all of us.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

GUEST OP-ED

Don't let pandemic delay advance care planning

By Catherine Duffy, NP, ACHPN

Note: This article is published in observance of National Healthcare Decisions Day.

Times of our lives may be forever defined as what happened "before the COVID-19 pandemic" and everything after that.

One thing that hasn't changed is the importance of having conversations with your family and health care professionals about your preferences for medical care if you were unable to speak for yourself.

In fact, the pandemic has only highlighted why it's so important. Patients and family members who had advance care planning discussions prior to the pandemic are prepared when faced with a serious illness or medical crisis. They're comfortable shar-

ing these discussions with healthcare professionals, as in, "IF mom gets COVID-19, and IF it is severe, she would/would not want X, Y, or Z."

Unfortunately, few families are that well prepared. Only one-third of U.S. adults have discussed or completed advance directive documents such as a health care proxy, power of attorney, or living will that help guide family members and health care professionals as to what kind of medical treatments you would or would not like to receive if you were unable to speak for yourself.

•Don't wait for a crisis
One of the biggest challenges I've seen during the pandemic is working with families who have not had any in-depth advance care planning discussions. Whether due to COVID-19 or some other

illness, their loved one's health suddenly was declining, and they had not been able to spend much time together because of the pandemic. Perhaps the patient lived in a facility with visitor restrictions or the patient limited visits out of infection concerns. The patient's decline SEEMED sudden to the family, who was not seeing it happen as they normally would over days, weeks, and months. It was hard for them to believe, and thus hard to think in that moment about the crucial need for advance care planning conversations.

Many older adults have vision, hearing, or cognitive deficits and in-depth conversations over the phone or video are difficult. And video chats are not the same as in-person discussions. The conversation flow is different and

there often are technical issues to overcome.

It is never too early to start thinking and talking about your wishes for care if your health status were to change. Choose a health care agent wisely who will be your voice when you cannot speak for yourself and have those important discussions about health care preferences before a crisis occurs.

The COVID-19 pandemic opened a lot of eyes about advance care planning. Giving guidance to your family and friends will help you get the care that you want. Your loved ones can feel confident they are voicing YOUR wishes, not their guesses!

Catherine Duffy, NP, ACHPN, is a palliative care nurse practitioner at Care Dimensions.

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WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association

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

ARTICLE 962 - WINTHROP'S FEBRUARY 25, 1920 SNOW STORM



While this year's snow fall was only a small sample of what we could get during next winter, let us look back 99 years to February 25, 1920 at the blizzard we experienced then. The snow accumulated to over a foot but when shoveled and plowed one saw piles up to six feet in some of the pictures printed here. The first Picture depicts the Highland Narrow Gauge Railway Station when looking North from Grover's Avenue (the Dalrymple School Site) toward a forthcoming train approaching from the Station. The train tracks were in a large trench which ran under the intersection of Crest Avenue, Revere Street and Highland Avenue to the Highland Station which is seen in the center of the picture. This station was located where the Highland playground and Crest Avenue parking lot are today. The train seen approaching us

is in the previously mentioned trench as it continues behind what is now the Doctor's building on Crest Avenue. The second Picture was taken standing at Delby's Corner looking up Washington Avenue from Shirley Street. The train tracks ran along what is now Veteran's Road and the Washington Chambers Apartment Building can be seen up the street in the center of the picture. In spite of the snow, the trains managed to keep running as evidenced by those patiently waiting at the Beach Station on the right. The third and fourth Pictures depict two opposite views of the Battery Station located at the Banks Street end of Wilshire Street. The snow has been cleared from the tracks and is piled up over six feet as evidenced by the lady walking to the station. The train tracks are proceeding from the North side of Fort Banks

toward the Pleasant Street Station and the bridge to East Boston. The fifth Picture shows Doctor Metcalf's home on the left at 170 Winthrop Street with its first floor "tunnel" connecting it to the Hospital on the right at 174 Winthrop Street. The Doctors Home at 170 Winthrop Street became the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bagley and the second building at 174 Winthrop Street became the Frazier Funeral Parlor that is still there today. Ralph was a highly respected lawyer who was very active in our Town Government and his lovely wife Joanne was a local artist who not only painted pictures but performed major repairs to two stone statues that stand in the lobby of the E. B. Newton School Building. In all five pictures, one can see how the snow had accumulated in Winthrop at that time.



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

10 years ago April 14, 2011

Winthrop resident John Macero has been selected as the new superintendent of the Winthrop Public Schools. The Winthrop School Committee voted by a 5-2 margin to elect Macero to the position at its meeting on April 7. School Committee members William Holden, Melissa Polino, Mark Rondo, Todd Sacco, and Jeffrey Turco voted for Macero on the first ballot, while Chairperson Mary Lou Osborne and member Brian Perrin initially voted for Swampscott school administrator Maureen Bingham before the committee gave its unanimous support to Macero. Macero will officially take office on July 1 pending the completion of negotiations of his contract. He would succeed Dr. Joseph Lisi, who has been the interim superintendent following Dr. Steve Jenkins's decision to step down in December.

The 42nd Annual Winthrop Art Association Spring Arts Festival will be held on Saturday, April 30, and Sunday, May 1, at the Winthrop Senior Center, featuring a juried arts competition and free viewings of dozens of local artists in nine different mediums.

The announcement that the parishioners of the Union Congregational Church have decided to close their church has brought a feeling of sadness for long-time residents of Winthrop. The "little church at the Beach" on Tewksbury St. has a long history in the community, dating back to when summer visitors who flocked to Winthrop's grand seaside hotels at the turn of the century would gather for Sunday morning services in the open air at Winthrop Beach. From those informal gatherings, which no doubt were attended by worshippers of many denominations, sprang the Union Congregational Church, which was incorporated 115 years ago in 1896.

The signs that appear at the entrances to town at Belle Isle and Revere St. that say, "Winthrop Vikings 2011 State Champions," in recognition of the WHS boys basketball team's recent state title, are thanks to the generosity of Matt Honan of the Honan Sign Co.

There is great news for Winthrop residents who used the ferry service at Winthrop Landing last August and September. Not only will the ferry be in operation soon, but there will be an expansion of the schedule of trips going to Boston and returning to Winthrop. The new schedule will include weekend trips in July and August.

Hanna, Soul Surfer, and Scream 4 are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago April 19, 2001

High school students in the audience openly wept at Thursday's School Committee meeting when School Supt. Thomas Giancristiano announced his recommended cuts to close a \$680,000 budget gap, including the elimination of all non-varsity sports and layoffs of teachers at all levels in the school system.

Four candidates from out of town are the finalists for the position of principal at Winthrop High to succeed Jim Noiles, who is retiring.

Winthrop's unemployment rate is holding steady at 2.4 percent, below the state average of three percent.

Real estate values surged ahead by 25 percent in Winthrop over the past year, from \$222,950 to \$278,307 for a single-family home.

Pokemon 3: The Movie, Bridget Jones's Diary, and Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago April 17, 1991

The annual Town Meeting will convene Monday. The big news is expected to be what Town Meeting will not do, namely, take any action on all monetary articles until the state budget question is resolved. The Advisory Committee has recommended that all money and budget articles be deferred until June.

Winthrop residents have been saddened to learn of the murder-suicide by means of a handgun of a Peabody man and his 12 year-old son, the latter of whom lived in Winthrop with his mother and was a sixth-grader in the Winthrop Middle School.

Winthrop native Ted Reinstein, a 1974 grad of Winthrop High, has found a home on Boston TV as a host of the Good Day show on WCVB.

The Union Congregational Church will hold its annual Handcraft Fair Saturday, May 11.

New Jack City, The Silence of the Lambs, and Dances With Wolves are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago April 15, 1981

Philosophical differences were in evidence at the Board of Selectmen meeting Monday night during the public hearing on the request by three establishments, Buddy's, Santoro's, and Three Cs sub shop, to be allowed to operate electronic video games on their premises. The three had installed the games without a permit, but were ordered to remove them on March 18. Police Lieut. Angelo LaMonica told of one parent who said that her son had exhausted his entire bank account playing the games. However, attorney William DiMento, representing the petitioners, said that "children have a right to do what they want with their money." The selectmen took the matter under advisement.

The Rt. Rev. Aloysius R. Finn, former pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, was laid to rest with a funeral Mass Friday which was celebrated by Cardinal Humberto Medeiros and Rt. Rev. Charles A. Finn, the 104 year old brother of Aloysius. More than 300 persons were on hand for the services, including Jody King, wife of Gov. Edward J. King.

Edward Hazlett, Chairman of the Airport Hazards Committee, has announced that Massport has agreed with area communities upon a figure for an annual in-lieu-of-tax payment.

State officials are forecasting drought conditions for Eastern Mass. this

summer, where 22 communities already have declared water emergencies.

Gov. Edward J. King led groundbreaking ceremonies for the new addition to the Winthrop Community Hospital Sunday.

Lily Tomlin stars in The Incredible Shrinking Woman at the Kincade Theatre.

50 years ago April 14, 1971

Winthrop Community Hospital will hold an Open House Sunday to display its latest equipment and renovations to local residents.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Winthrop Junior High School and gymnasium, as well as the accompanying skating rink, are set for Sunday, April 22.

Franco Zeffirelli's Romeo and Juliet is playing at the Winthrop Cinema.

60 years ago April 13, 1961

A spectacular fire destroyed the Winthrop Laundry Company on Revere St. Monday night, causing \$75,000 in damage.

After much heated debate, Town Meeting voted to renew the lease agreement between the town and the Winthrop Golf Club for \$1.00 annually. Proponents of renewal noted that 94 percent of the golf club members either are present Winthrop residents or resided within the town within the past five years.

The Advisory Committee told Town Meeting that the new tax rate will likely be between \$68.00-\$69.00, slightly less than the current rate of \$69.00.

A faulty Suburban Electric Company cable caused an underground blast that left one-third of the town without power and sent two manhole covers shooting 20 feet into the air. Fortunately, no one was injured.

WHS students Robert Fritz and David Polansky have been selected to the all-state high school band.

Walter Petersen Jr. is the new Exalted Ruler of the local Elks, succeeding John E. Malone.

Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr star in The Grass is Greener at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago April 12, 1951

For the first time since WWII, air raid sirens will sound throughout the town on four consecutive days this week. Civil Defense Director Harold Katz said the sirens must be tested to ensure they are in working order.

Rapid Transit officials and bus drivers have been summoned before the State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration at the State House to work out an agreement to avert a threatened strike on May 1. The drivers are seeking a 40-hour work week from their present 48-hour week.

Building Inspector Wilfred Bennett reports a record pace of construction, with nine permits for new construction issued by his office in March.

The Commissioner of State Airport Management reports that work on dredging the channel near the Cottage Park Yacht Club will begin soon as part of the dredging project around Logan Airport

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port students attending the William P. Gorman Fort Banks School. The purpose of this federally funded grant is to support additional learning time for students during the out-of-school time hours to provide academically enriching and project-based learning opportunities that build career readiness and success by addressing the academic and social and emotional learning needs of students.

FKO, a non-profit licensed afterschool provider, has been operating in Winthrop since 1984. Later this year, FKO will open its new home at 233 Winthrop Street, a 10,000 square foot state of the art facility that will house up to 140 children in grades K-8 everyday afterschool, during school vacation weeks and the summer months. If awarded this 21st CCLC funding, FKO will be able to enroll up to 40 Gorman Fort Banks School students to attend FKO’s afterschool and summer program through grant support.

A typical day at FKO’s afterschool program will begin with a healthy snack. After some free time to enjoy the school-day’s end, all children will participate in enrichment classes and social and emotional learning activities facilitated by afterschool educators and community partners. Children will choose from a variety of activities offered within the Nutrition Café and Teaching Kitchen, STEAM Lab (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math), Movement Studio, Library, half

court Gymnasium and Reflection Room. Through participating in the 21st CCLC program, students will make connections between the content covered in the school day classroom and their everyday life.

FKO looks forward to continuing its long-standing partnership with the Winthrop Public Schools through the possibility of this 21st CCLC program partnership and providing more Gorman Fort Banks School students with the opportunity to participate in afterschool enrichment activities. The announcement of grant awardees will be made by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in late Spring, 2021.

HUD ALLOCATES FUNDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the allocation of more than \$16.9 million to Massachusetts through the nation’s Housing Trust Fund (HTF) for affordable housing, this funding is part of \$689,565,492.92 being allocated nationally. The Housing Trust Fund was launched in 2008 as an affordable housing production program that complements existing federal, state, and local efforts to increase and preserve the supply of decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing for low- and extremely low-income households, including families experiencing homelessness.

“This past year has re-

The Senior Center remains closed to the public at this time. If you need assistance, please call us at 617-846-8538 (or email coareception@town.winthrop.ma.us) and leave a message, as well as your name and phone number. We will do our best to get back to you in a timely manner.

The Winthrop Department of Public Health is offering assistance to those who may have difficulty registering for the COVID vaccine. Anyone in need can call 617-539-5837 or email: eoc@town.winthrop.ma.us.

The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is offering COVID vaccine clinics in East Boston, Revere and Chelsea. To make an appointment, you can call them at 617-568-4870 or go to: ebnhc.org/en/ser-

minded us just how important it is to have access to safe and stable housing. But too many Americans are struggling to keep or find an affordable home,” said Secretary Marcia L. Fudge “We are excited to announce this historic funding allocation, which will enable states to expand and preserve affordable housing for our neighbors who need our support the most.”

The Housing Trust Fund is capitalized through the contributions made by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. This year’s allocation is a significant increase in funding from last year’s allocation of \$322,564,267.66. This program is specifically focused on housing for some of our most vulnerable populations. HUD annually allocates HTF funds by formula. A state must use at least 80 percent of each annual grant for rental housing; up to 10 percent for homeownership; and up to 10 percent for the grantee’s reasonable administrative and planning costs. HTF funds may be used for the production or preservation of affordable housing through the acquisition, new construction, reconstruction, and/or rehabilitation of non-luxury housing with suitable amenities. All HTF-assisted units will be required to have a minimum affordability period of 30 years. The Housing Trust Fund has supported the construction or rehabilitation of 775 rental units nationally since the first were allocated in 2017. There are currently 480 additional projects under construction. This year’s funding is expected to produce more than 5,400 additional affordable units.

NATIONAL GRID REMINDS CUSTOMERS TO CALL 8-1-1 BEFORE DIGGING

April is designated as National Safe Digging Month, and National Grid urges anyone who is planning on digging to call 811 to prevent serious personal injury, property damage and service interruptions caused by accidentally digging into electric, gas, telephone, water, sewer or cable facilities.

Nationally every nine minutes, an underground utility line is damaged because someone didn’t contact 811 before digging. Knowing where

Website: town.winthrop.ma.us/council-aging
vices/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine.

Mystic Valley Elder Services Offering Transportation Services to COVID Vaccine Sites for Adults 60 Years and Older. There are three eligibility guidelines to get approved for your two roundtrips: you must be 60 years of age or older; do not have other means to get to a vaccination site; or do not have access to the vaccine in the building complex where you live. For more information, or to schedule a ride, call MVES at 781-324-7705. If you need a ride, please make sure to call in advance so you can plan the most convenient travel time for yourself.

Meals on Wheels continues to operate. Residents who are in need and are not currently on the list to receive meals through

Email: COAReception@town.winthrop.ma.us
Meals on Wheels can call Mystic Valley Elder Services at 781-324-7705, with their name, phone number and address to be included in the program.

Northeastern University Daily Activity Study of Health. Are you between the ages of 60 and 95? Are you able to walk with little pain and no assistive devices? Are you physically inactive, or spend a lot of the day sitting? If so, you may be able to participate in a 3-month research study from the comfort of your own home. We use (optional) MRI and daily messaging to explore how everyday activities impact brain health in older adults. Study visits will take place online or at Northeastern University in Boston. Compensation will be provided. Form more information you can call 617-286-6683,

or email DASHresearchstudy@gmail.com.

Senior Phone Buddy Program. Senior Center volunteers are available to make friendly phone calls to homebound seniors. If you, or someone you know would like to receive a call, please contact the Senior Center at 617-846-8538, or email COAReception@town.winthrop.ma.us.

Exercise with Ernie Sarro: WCAT will present *Exercise with Ernie Sarro* Monday – Friday at 10:30am on Channel 3.

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underground utility lines are buried before you dig will help protect you and your family from injury. With more people staying home and relying on their utilities to work and communicate, inconvenient outages are important to avoid.

“This year, it’s critically important to call 811 before you start digging to ensure all utility lines are marked. Even when digging only a few inches or taking on a small outdoor project, the risk of striking an underground utility is high,” said Mark Prewitt, VP Gas Pipeline Safety and Compliance. “This is a big responsibility that we all need to take a small part in. By spreading the word to call 811 we can decrease damages, service interruptions, and injury—or even save a life.”

Striking a single underground utility line can cause injury, repair costs, fines, and inconvenient outages. Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants contacting 811. Whether you’re planting a tree or shrub, or installing a deck or pool, every job requires a call to 811 to know what’s below before digging.

The depth of utility lines can vary for several reasons, such as erosion, previous digging projects and uneven surfaces. Utility lines need to be properly marked because even when digging only a few inches or digging in a location that’s previously been marked, the risk of striking an underground utility line still exists. A call to 811 is the best safeguard and the first line of defense to preventing strikes on underground utility lines.

A quick phone call to 811 several days before digging connects callers to their local one call center, which notifies the appropriate utility companies of their intent to dig. Professional locators then arrive at the digging site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with flags, spray paint or both. The service is easy to use and free of charge.

State laws mandate that 811 must be contacted a few days in advance of beginning projects that require excavation. Failure to call 811 may be punishable by fines, which in some states can be as high as \$1,000 for a first offense and \$10,000 for subsequent offenses.

National Grid works

closely with local fire and police departments and, with their strong support, people are calling before they dig. Calling 811 can potentially avoid an incident that requires police and fire response.

PRESSLEY, WARREN APPLAUD COMMITMENT

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and Sen. Elizabeth Warren released a statement last week applauding the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) commitment to address centuries of structural racism and discrimination in the U.S. public health system.

In February, the lawmakers reintroduced the Anti-Racism in Public Health Act, a bicameral bill to declare structural racism a public health crisis and confront its public health impacts by creating a National Center for Anti-Racism and a Law Enforcement Violence Prevention Program within the CDC.

“The COVID-19 pandemic, which has led to over 500,000 deaths and tens of millions infected, has made it impossible to ignore the legacy of structural racism and how it has created deep disparities in health outcomes for Black, Brown, AAPI, and Indigenous communities. Black and Brown people are nearly three times more likely than white people to contract COVID-19 and one to two times more likely to die from the disease.

“As the sponsors of the Anti-Racism in Public Health Act, we welcome the actions by the CDC to acknowledge racism as a serious public health threat and to invest in health equity measures to combat these challenges. In addition to the threat of COVID-19, people of color are also disproportionately affected by chronic health conditions such as diabetes, asthma, hepatitis, and hypertension; infant mortality; maternal mortality and morbidity; and police brutality—not to mention the lasting impacts racism has on mental health for Black and Brown communities.

“We will continue pushing in Congress to pass this important legislation, and look forward to working with the CDC to tackle these challenges and ensure health equity across this nation. This is a great step in the right direction,

but we must now fight to confront these forces head on so that Black and Brown communities no longer disproportionately suffer from systemic racism and inequality in our health system and beyond.”

RED CROSS AIMING TO MAKE MORE THAN 600 HOMES SAFER

The American Red Cross of Massachusetts is on a mission to make more than 600 homes across the state safer between now and May 8.

Volunteers will meet with residents by appointment – either virtually or socially-distanced outside their homes – to share crucial fire safety information, help create an escape plan, and practice a two-minute drill. This information is free and available to anyone who makes an appointment. In some communities, the Red Cross is working with partner fire departments to offer free smoke alarm installations when it becomes safe to do so.

“Home fires remain the most frequent disaster during COVID-19, yet most of us don’t realize we have just two minutes to safely escape,” said Holly Grant, CEO of the Red Cross of Massachusetts. “We’re still spending more time than ever inside during the pandemic, so it’s critical that we help our neighbors protect themselves from these everyday disasters.”

This effort comes as part of a larger national push to educate 100,000 people about home fire safety in high-risk communities. Here in Massachusetts, focus cities include Worcester, Brockton and Quincy, although individuals in any city or town (owner or renter) may participate.

To sign up for free home fire safety education, please visit SoundTheAlarm.org/Massachusetts. The Red Cross is also looking for additional volunteers to train as home fire safety educators and offer this training in their own community.

PRESSLEY AND CLARK SECURE COBRA SUBSIDIES

Massachusetts Congresswomen Ayanna Pressley and Katherine Clark, and some of their



The U.S. Postal Service celebrates America’s love of coffee this month with the issuance of four new stamps. Whether milky, dark as night, sweetened, flavored or highly concentrated, many coffee drinks have one thing in common — they begin with espresso.

This booklet of 20 stamps features four unique designs illustrating popular espresso drinks — espresso, cappuccino, caffe latte and caffe mocha. It may be purchased at usps.com.

Capturing the inviting atmosphere of an early 20th-century café, artist Terry Allen created each digital illustration with the style of 1920s and 1930s advertising posters in mind.

The names of the espresso drinks appear in art deco-inspired lettering above or below each enticing cup.

Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamps with original artwork by Allen.

Espresso drinking in the United States is at an all-time high. With the growing popularity of artisanal coffee shops, extensive research on the roasting and brewing process, and continued innovation in machinery to make the perfect cup, specialty coffee is better than it has ever been.

When it comes to espresso, most Americans rely on a barista working at a coffeehouse to carefully craft their specialty drink, but at-home espresso machines are also growing in popularity. Whether a routine part of getting going in the morning or a reason to gather socially at a local café, drinking beverages made with espresso has become increasingly trendy.

Customers may purchase stamps and other philatelic products through the Postal Store at usps.com/shopstamps, by calling 844-737-7826, by mail through USA Philatelic, or at Post Office locations nationwide.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

RMV implementing grace period for certain expired inspection stickers

Staff report

Due to the nationwide system outage of motor vehicle inspection services by its vendor Applus Technologies (Applus) impacting inspection stations and motor vehicle owners, the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is allowing a grace period for specific motor vehicle inspection requirements outlined below. The RMV is working in close partnership with the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS), the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association (MCOA), the Massachusetts State Police (MSP) and other stakeholders to mitigate the impacts of the outage.

The RMV continues to urge Applus to safely and swiftly restore services and provide additional information on the extent of the outage’s impact, which began on Tuesday, March 30. The three-phase process required to return the

MA Vehicle Check program to full service that is secure and safe has been in progress. These phases are 1) Remediation (completed), 2) Restoration and System Testing (current phase), and 3) Go-Live and Post- Go-Live Support. The restoration phase, which is the current phase, involves a deliberate and methodical resetting of Applus Technologies’ IT environment and will take some time to restore the safety and emissions stations to testing capabilities fully. Based on recent conversations, inspections were not performed Monday, April 5, Tuesday, April 6, Wednesday, April 7, Thursday, April 8, or Friday, April 9.

“The RMV shares the frustrations and disappointment with the tremendous inconvenience Applus’s outage is causing and recognizes the significant impacts on customers and business owners across the Com-

monwealth,” said Acting Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. “The RMV remains committed to its efforts to ensure Applus makes Massachusetts a priority in quickly and safely returning the inspection program to operation.”

The RMV is allowing a grace period for certain expired motor vehicle inspections. The RMV has advised law enforcement that compliance with the safety/emissions inspection requirement has not been possible since March 30, in light of the outage caused by the malware attack against Applus.

Motor vehicles with expired inspection stickers from March 2021 (“3” sticker on windshield) should be granted until April 30, 2021, to obtain an inspection.

Vehicles newly purchased or registered on or after Tuesday, March 23, 2021, should be granted

until April 30, 2021, to obtain an inspection. Newly purchased vehicles must typically be inspected within seven (7) days of registration.

Customers who recently had an inspection rejection and are in the 60-day free retest window will be afforded one extra day for each day Applus’s system remains unavailable but should plan to facilitate their inspection as soon as possible once the system is restored and stations are online.

The RMV is taking these and other steps to mitigate the impacts of Applus’s outage. Additionally, the RMV, in partnership with the Department of Environmental Protection, has formally notified Applus that it is in breach of its contract and is exploring all possible remedial measures pursuant to the terms of the contract as Applus works to restore service as expeditiously as possible.

COVID-19 //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test.

The Winthrop Public Health is offering assis-

tance to those who may have difficulty registering for the Covid vaccine. Anyone in need can call

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colleagues, applauded the U.S. Department of Labor’s recently-released guidance confirming that striking workers are eligible for COBRA subsidies under the American Rescue Plan, a victory for striking workers nationwide.

The expanded guidance, which marks a major reversal from the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, comes after Pressley, Courtney, McGovern and Clark sent a letter to Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig, and Labor Sec-

retary Marty Walsh, requesting that any guidance issued to implement the American Rescue Plan clarify that workers exercising their right to strike under the National Labor Relations Act are covered by the COBRA subsidies.

The American Rescue Plan does not explicitly address the issue of striking workers, but the letter requested that any guidance issued regarding eligibility of workers to receive subsidized COBRA coverage explicitly clarify that these workers are eligible in order to ensure that striking workers

are not unintentionally harmed. This decision will prevent striking workers from having to pay the extremely high cost of COBRA out of pocket, lose their providers, or become disconnected from their providers during expensive and complicated treatments in the middle of a pandemic.

“I’m glad we were able to secure these subsidies for workers in Massachusetts and across the country exercising their right to organize and collectively bargain,” Rep. Pressley said. “Health care is a human right. And when

workers choose to withhold their labor to demand and secure safer working conditions, better wages or better benefits, that choice shouldn’t come at the expense of their health care.”


“This is an important victory for workers,” said Rep. Clark. “This guidance ensures that workers exercising their legal right to organize can receive the COBRA subsidies they need to maintain their health care coverage during the global pandemic. I applaud the Biden Administration for this important step to protect our workers’ rights.”

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OBITUARIES

Patricia Cadigan

Retired Insurance Underwriter

Patricia J. Cadigan, 77, of Boston, formerly of Winthrop, passed away unexpectedly, on March 24.

Born in Winthrop, the beloved daughter of the late John F. and Anna M. (Sullivan) Cadigan, she was a graduate of St. Lazarus Elementary School and Sacred Heart High School, both in East Boston, received her Bachelor’s Degree from Boston State College and attended Simmons University in Boston. Prior to her retirement, Patricia was employed by the John Hancock Life Insurance Company as an underwriter for 35 years.

Patricia loved the arts and music, was an avid reader, loved to travel, was fond of nature and enjoyed snowshoeing.

She was the loving sister of Helen Cadigan of Boston, Mary Hodgkins and her late Husband, Ralph of Winthrop, the late Atty. John F. Cadigan Jr. and his surviving wife, Joan of Florida, the late Anna “Ann” Marie Cadigan and the late Eleanor Swartz. Patricia was the cherished and dedicated

aunt of Judy Doyle and her husband, Tim, Lisa Ferrecchia and her husband, Scott, Susan DeBoth, Karen Hodgkins, Rona Swartz and Jo-El Swartz and the late Pamela Davis. Patricia is also survived 11 great nieces and nephews and five great-great nieces and nephews.

A private viewing was held in the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop on Monday, April 5. Patricia’s funeral was held on Tuesday, April 6, at Our Lady of Victory Church in Centerville followed by interment was in Mosswood Cemetery in Cotuit. Donations in her memory can be made to a charity of your choice.

The family would like to express their appreciation to Diane Bower from the Ministry of Hope-Our Lady of Victory Church in Centerville and also to Patricia’s PCP and the doctors and nurses at the Cardiac Step-Down Unit at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

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“New Light: Encounters and Connections” highlights Museum of Fine Arts’ collection

Staff report

Spanning cultures and geographies, and sometimes millennia too, “*New Light: Encounters and Connections*” presents more than 50 works of art from across the MFA’s collec-

tion, many of which are on view for the first time. The exhibition is organized into 21 conversations—in each, a contemporary piece that has recently joined the collection is juxtaposed with one or two objects acquired ear-

lier in the Museum’s history.

The contemporary pieces include work by emerging as well as local or Boston-born artists—among them Dana C. Chandler, Jr., Eben Haines, Stephen Hamilton, Tomashi Jackson, Lavaughan Jenkins and Alison Croney Moses. The objects in conversation with these recent additions range from a carving of a princess from ancient Egypt to experimental miniature vases made by French ceramicist Auguste Delaherche. Placed in dialogue, these objects old and new invite visitors to explore an array of subjects. A portrait by Stephen Hamilton featuring weaving and dyeing techniques learned in Nigeria engages 20th-century textiles from southwestern Nigeria and Gee’s Bend, Alabama in a meditation on ancestral heritage, while encounters elsewhere address child-care, queer communities and Native resistance, among other topics. Together, these conversations reveal the potential of every addition to the collection to spark unexpected connections and new narratives.

“*New Light: Encounters and Connections*” is generously supported by the *Callaghan Family Fund for Contemporary Exhibitions*. Additional support from the *Barbara Jane Anderson Fund*, the *Bruce and Laura Monrad Fund for Exhibitions*, and the *Diane Krane Family and Jonathan and Gina Krane Family Fund*.



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Flawed COVID-19 study may be putting school workers and students at risk

Special to the Journal

On April 2, members of the Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health’s (MassCOSH) Health Technical Committee had a letter to the editor published in the *Clinical Infectious Diseases* journal that rebutted findings of a study published by the journal that played a role in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) changing its social distancing guidelines in public schools from 6 feet to 3 feet. The guidelines are being adopted by districts nationwide.

The letter questions the methods conducted in the journal article, *Effectiveness of three versus six feet of physical distancing for controlling spread of COVID-19 among primary and secondary students and staff: A retrospective, state-wide cohort study*. Authors of that article only looked at the written plans for distancing, not the actual implementation of those plans. They excluded all schools that were remote during the study period, which were

most of the major cities in Massachusetts. They did include schools that were open just 5 percent of the time, which may have been much more influential on COVID-19 risk than their written distancing plans.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in Massachusetts (DESE) has used this flawed study to require that schools open for full, in-person learning across the Commonwealth. The result is classrooms filled to a much higher capacity than what may be safe. Last week, even before students returned to the classroom at higher numbers, Massachusetts saw the most COVID-19 cases in schools yet, a combined 1,045 infections between students and staff.

“It is critical that decisions about the return to in-person learning be based in science,” said Jodi Sugerman-Brozán, MassCOSH Executive Director. “Unfortunately, a problematic study riddled with flaws, conducted right here in Massachusetts, has led to what is likely a dangerously high

number of students returning to classrooms across the country at a time when cases are on the rise.”

The return to full-in-person learning in the Commonwealth comes shortly on the heels of a DESE decision to remove all capacity limits on school buses in Massachusetts. To justify this decision, DESE claims that two things make social distancing unnecessary: the effectiveness of masks and the high ventilation rates on a school bus. Neither the CDC nor any other leading public or occupational health experts support DESE’s position that masks or ventilation make social distancing unnecessary. Bus drivers have already been hit hard by the pandemic. In Boston, two active school bus drivers and a bus manager died of COVID-19 in April 2020. A recent study of COVID-19 deaths among Massachusetts workers found that, from March to July of last year, transportation workers lost their lives to COVID-19 at twice the rate of the average worker.

Public hearing on fare evasion regulations tonight

Staff report

The MBTA will conduct a virtual public hearing on April 15 to hear feedback from riders and stakeholders regarding proposed Fare Evasion Regulations 703 CMR 5.00 to decrease fine levels associated with fare evasion on the MBTA.

As a part of the Fare Transformation project, the MBTA is moving to all-door boarding to make bus, Green Line, and Mattapan Line trolley services faster and more reliable. A key component of this move to all-door boarding is a shift to a fare verification system in which riders carry and present proof that they have paid to use the system. The Transportation Bond Bill, adopted in January 2021, gave the MBTA the authority to build a team to verify fares and issue fare evasion citations. The Bill

also called for the MBTA to set fare citation fine levels through a regulatory, rather than statutory, process. The MBTA has proposed decreasing fine levels from their current minimum of \$100 for a first offense to \$50. Riders and community members can review the proposed regulations (703 CMR 5.00) on the MBTA website.

As a part of the regulatory process, the MBTA will hold a virtual public hearing on April 15 at 6 PM to hear feedback from riders and stakeholders on the proposed regulations. Testimony may be presented orally at the public hearing or in writing. While the MBTA encourages all interested parties to submit testimony in advance of the hearing, written comments will be accepted until 5 PM on Friday, April 30. Written comments must be submitted by

email or postal mail to the following address. Email is strongly preferred.

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Postal Mail: Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Attn: Rachel Morse Office of the General Counsel

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Public Hearing Details: Thursday, April 15, at 6 PM

For help registering for these virtual public meetings, please call the MBTA Community Engagement team at 857-366-1871.

Any questions can be emailed to fareregulations@mbta.com. The public can learn more about getting involved in the Fare Transformation project by visiting www.mbta.com/fares/fare-transformation/get-involved.

To All Our Customers

As many of you know, the Winthrop Marketplace has been closed since April 3. The floors that we installed two years ago were defective and had to be replaced. When we went ahead with installing the new flooring, we decided to make some changes with the checkout lanes as well. The original checkout lanes were designed for plastic bags and, due to the plastic bag ban, they were no longer effective for our store. Therefore, we sought out a local professional that could personalize our checkout lanes to fit our store environment while also allowing an efficient checkout process.

Since starting this project we have run into some major problems, which pushed us back. What was supposed to be a four day project has gone on almost two weeks. We knew that the building was an older building and has unique characteristics, but we didn't foresee some of the issues that have arisen. After facing these delays and changing companies, our new flooring company has been moving along well and we can't thank them enough for getting in here under such short notice.

On another note, we want to thank all our employees and our customers for your ongoing support. The phone calls, the e-mails, and the text messages have really helped us get through this long and frustrating project. It has been made even harder because we have not been able to give concrete answers to when we will be open. We want nothing more than to open our doors again to all of you and can't wait to welcome everyone back.

The Winthrop Marketplace plans on being in this community for a long time and continue to be big part of the town of Winthrop now and in the future.

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Winthrop High football wins NEC title



CAUSE TO CELEBRATE: As the officials clear Gloucester players off the field, the Winthrop players gather in celebration of the scoreboard result that clinched the Northeastern Conference South title for the Vikings.

By Cary Shuman

Winning a championship is never easy, especially in a year when there have been so many unprecedented challenges

posed by a national health crisis.

Coach Jonathan Cadigan's Winthrop High School had played like "champions" in three consecutive victories, includ-

ing a memorable win over a highly regarded Framingham team.

All that remained in Winthrop's way to being called "champions" forever was Gloucester, a program that has been top tier in the Northeastern Conference for decades. The fact the title game was being played at the Fishermen's own Newell Stadium in front of a limited audience made the assignment that much tougher.

When Winthrop scored the first 14 points of the game before Gloucester had even touched the football and then surged to a 21-0 lead (making 43 consecutive points scored for the Vikings dating to the Framingham game), you

could have excused AD Matt Serino if he was busy making a call to the company that makes championship banners.

But a fired-up Gloucester team rallied to make things very interesting before Winthrop repelled the Fishermen's comeback and claimed a thrilling 27-20 victory.

Winthrop is now 4-0, ranked among the top 20 teams in Massachusetts, and – the undisputed NEC South champion.

The title-clinching victory was one of numerous contributors, from running backs Bobby Hubert (17 carries for 91 yards, one TD, three PATs), Chris Ferrara (9-56 one TD), and Ryan Hovermale (5-50,

one TD reception), to the quarterback Duke Doherty (two rushing touchdowns, one passing touchdown) to the Ian Harris-Ryan Hovermale-Stevie Perullo-inspired defense, to an unlikely special teams'

hero, Chris Viscio, whose recovery of an onside kick was one of the key plays of game.

The Vikings made it look easy on their first

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A LITTLE HELP: Winthrop's Cam Conway (81) blocks Gloucester's Quinten Ulrich (3) to clear a path for Viking running back Bobby Hubert.

WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

GIRLS TRACK TEAM SEEDS PAST GLOUCESTER

The Winthrop High girls track team improved to 3-0 in the abbreviated indoor track season (which is being conducted outdoors) with a 61-21 triumph over Gloucester last Thursday.

Izzy Mahoney got the Vikings off to a fast start with a first-place performance in the high jump with a leap of 4'-4." Teammate Olexis Tallent grabbed second place with a jump of 4'-2."

In the shot-put, Skyla Zappulla came in first with a throw of 25'5," Tatyana

na Lewis took second spot with a toss of 23'-8."

Also competing in the shot-put for Winthrop were Caroline Hickey, who had a throw of 21'-1.5"; Francesca Conners, who threw 19'-5"; Olivia Quigley with a toss of 18'-5.5"; and Rachael Ramano with a throw of 17'-9."

In the 55-meter hurdles, Zappulla scored three points for Winthrop with a second-place performance with a time of 12.5 seconds. Tallent added a point to the Winthrop cause with a third-place finish in 12.6.

In the 55-meter dash,

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WINTHROP GIRLS SOCCER V.S. BOSTON LATIN

Photos by Bob Marra

Maura Dorr netted a pair of goals but it was only enough for the Vi-



WHERE IS IT? Maura Dorr (right) needs eyes in the back of her head to control this bouncing ball.



USING THE HEEL: Lilly Tallent (2) shows some fancy footwork to get past a Latin defender.



LATIN TANGO: Abby Holmes (8) races a Latin defender for a loose ball.



MIDFIELD STANDOFF: Grace Galuris (17) tangles with a Latin defender.



HARD LANDING: Julia Marcoccio (16) is sent flying as she runs down a loose ball.

kings to hang on for a 2-2 tie with Boston Latin Monday afternoon at Miller Field.



BLOCKADE: Goaltender Manuela Mejia-Yepes (blue jersey) makes a save on a Latin corner kick.

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Mahoney was just edged out of the top spot and earned a second-place finish with a time of 8.0. Izzy was followed by Sophia Munson in third place with a clocking of 8.3.

In the 300 dash, Gianna Knapp ran a personal record (PR) time of 53.6 to earn a second-place finish.

In the 600 dash, Bridget Hickey ran a PR of 2:16.5 to earn her a second place finish.

In the 1000-meter run, Gianna Doherty took first place with a time of 4:08. Teammate Kailey Sullivan came across the line in second place with a PR of 4:23.4, shaving 13 seconds off her previous best.

In the mile run, Libby Carney led a Winthrop sweep. Libby came across in first place with a time of 6:51.5, followed by Sage Calinda in second with a PR clocking of 7:06.3 and Heather Buccini in third in 8:06.5.

Winthrop went 1-2 in the two-mile event. April Ferguson came in first with a PR of 13:58.2 and Adrianna Hester took second spot with her own PR of 17:50.2.

In the 4 X 400 relay, the Viking quartet won the race with a PR of 4:44.5. In the first leg, Sophia Munson ran a PR split of 67.1, opening up a good lead, and handed off to Tallent, who opened up the gap even more with a PR of 71.7.

Giana Knapp next grabbed the baton and ran a 78.7, leaving it to Mahoney, who clinched the race for Winthrop with a PR split of 66.9.

Coach Mark D'Amico and his squad were scheduled to take on undefeated Swampscott yesterday (Wednesday) in a meet that will decide the champion of the South Division of the Northeastern Conference.

"The girls have been working really hard this season to improve themselves and are looking forward to the competition," said D'Amico.

WHS BOYS SOCCER ROLLS OVER GR. LAWRENCE

The Winthrop High boys soccer team improved to 6-3-2 in their Fall II season with a 9-1 victory at Greater Lawrence this past Monday.

The Vikings jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first half behind goals from

Juan Guauque, Luke Riley, and John Langone.

Winthrop continued its offensive barrage after the intermission, reaching the back of the GL net six more times. Zane Bower and Jack Osburn scored two goals each. Chris Nunes and Joe Romano added single tallies.

The goals from Langone, Riley, and Osburn were the first of their varsity careers.

In the assist department, Riley, Ryan Kfoury, and Loert Mana earned two assists each. Ben Prew and Joel Johnson also were credited with assists.

The big win was a nice bounceback victory for the Vikings, who came up short in a 7-0 loss at Methuen last week.

"Unfortunately, our mindset wasn't right from the start and we got punished for it severely," noted WHS head coach Kyle Gagin.

Gavin and his crew are slated to host Greater Lawrence this evening (Thursday) for a 5:00 kickoff at Miller Field in a contest that will be highlighted by Senior Night festivities.

They will wrap up their season next week with a home-and-away series with Nashoba Tech on Monday (there) and Wednesday (at Miller at 4:00).

WHS GIRLS SOCCER TIES BOSTON LATIN

The Winthrop High girls soccer team turned in one of its most-impressive performances of the season to earn a 2-2 tie with Boston Latin this past Monday at Miller Field.

The Vikings had suffered their first loss of their Fall II season with a 7-0 defeat at the hands of Latin, a Division 1 school, two weeks ago in a contest in which Winthrop did not have a shot on goal.

However, the rematch proved to be a different story altogether for coach Tracey Martucci and her crew.

Winthrop grabbed a 2-0 lead behind a pair of goals by Maura Dorr, who added to her all-time WHS records for both points and goals.

Dora's first goal, midway through the first half, was a perfect strike of a free kick that Maura delivered from just outside the 18 -- where a Winthrop

player had been taken down by a Latin defender -- that rocketed into the upper right corner of the Latin net.

Dora's second goal 10 minutes after the intermission culminated a Winthrop offensive push that began when Winthrop keeper Manuela Mejia scooped up a Latin free kick from 35 yards out and punted the ball to midfield, where a trio of Viking forwards pressured the Latin defense.

A poor clearing pass by a Latin defender was pounced on by Nora McCarey in the middle of the field from 40 yards out. Nora swiftly one-touched the ball ahead to Dorr, who sped ahead to beat a Latin defender to the ball from 25 yards out.

Maura then delivered a high shot to the Latin net that caught the Latin keeper off her line, reminiscent of the memorable goal by USA women's soccer star Carly Lloyd from midfield in the 2015 FIFA World Cup championship game that similarly caught the Japanese keeper off her line.

Latin fought back, narrowing the gap to 2-1 five minutes later after a scramble in the Winthrop box on a corner kick, and eventually brought the contest back to level with about 15 minutes to play on a disputed call.

"We made some adjustments at practice the last couple of days and really worked on what we needed to do in order to have a competitive game against them," Martucci said afterwards. "We also had our goalie, Manuela Mejia, back in the line up, who played outstandingly."

"The girls looked ready, but initially were nervous," Martucci continued. "However, they did everything right. Even though we tied the game, the team was focused and they executed the changes that had to be made."

"Even though this season has been nothing like the norm, they never give up," Martucci added. "I couldn't be more proud of this team. I have to give

my defense, Julia Marcoccio, Summer Tallent, Jenna Dorr, Miya Grein, and Abby Holmes, a huge shout-out. They worked so hard and kept us in the game from start to finish."

The Vikings, who now are 7-1-1 on the season, were scheduled to host Revere last night (Wednesday) for Senior Night festivities.

They will conclude their season next week with a pair of contests with Nashoba Tech. Winthrop will host Nashoba on the holiday on Monday at 11:00 and then will trek to Nashoba on Wednesday.

VOLLEYBALL TEAM PLAYS WELL IN TWO CONTESTS

Although the Winthrop High volleyball team came up short in its contests this past week with Danvers and Peabody, WHS co-coach Rachel Del Solio had words of praise for her team's effort.

"Danvers is a very skilled volleyball team," said Del Solio. "We were able to pull through one set and beat them, which was a big accomplishment for us. All the players stepped up during this match and played very well. We ultimately lost the match, but the coaches were proud of the team for playing so well and giving it their all."

In the match with Peabody, Del Solio similarly was pleased with her team's effort.

"We had a tough start, but the team made adjustments to improve for the final two sets," said Del Solio. "We had great defensive play from Caroline Earl, both up at the net and in the back row. Carolyn Kinsella did well setting for us and was aggressive throughout the game. Katie Gagnon had some hits that helped us out on some key plays."

The Vikings were scheduled to play at Swampscott this past Monday and will wrap up their 2021 season today (Thursday) at Beverly.



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Dempsey emerges as the face of women’s pro hockey

By Cary Shuman

Winthrop is already home to the greatest Olympic hockey captain. Mike Eruzione scored a very big goal for the 1980 U.S.A. team, the sports moment of the 20th century according to Sports Illustrated.

Why not the home to greatest and most successful women’s professional hockey player of the past decade? Could that be Winthropite Jillian Dempsey?

Yes, it is. Everyone believes Dempsey is the face of women’s professional hockey in the United States. Except the humble Harvard hockey hero herself.

Dempsey, a teacher at the Arthur T. Cummings Elementary School, just made some neat hockey history as the captain of the Boston Pride team in the National Women’s

Hockey League (NWHL).

The Pride won the Isobel Cup on national television with close to a million people watching the games on NBC-TV. With Dempsey as the captain and center on the No. 1 line, Boston defeated the Minnesota Whitecaps, 4-3, in the championship game at Warrior Arena in Brighton. It was Dempsey’s second Isobel Cup during an amazing pro career that has seen her win scoring titles, MVP awards, and an All-Star accuracy competition in a time that may never be duplicated.

“It feels incredible to win the Cup,” said Dempsey. “This time around it really felt like a storybook ending for us, after struggling earlier in the season and with it being such a condensed season where every game mattered much, much more – for us to be resilient from the tough

start that we had in Lake Placid, and upset Toronto and have the championship game that we were destined to play after last year (the 2020 game was canceled due to the pandemic), it’s just on-top-of-the world, over the moon about it.”

The reason Dempsey is finally gaining the notice as the Wayne Gretzky of women’s hockey is the case of being seen on national television and the future prospect of even greater visibility next season.

“It’s the most visibility that the league has gotten in my time playing,” said Dempsey, a charter member of the NWHL. “Minus the Olympics, I haven’t seen women’s hockey get that kind of visibility, so it was just an incredible opportunity for us to be on NBC and reach that audience.”

The Pride’s No. 1



Acting Boston Mayor Kim Janey holds the Isobel Cup as Boston Pride captain Jillian Dempsey and her teammates applaud during a ceremony honoring the NWHL champions in Boston.

fan, Jillian’s father, Jack Dempsey, was among those watching on national television. Normally, Mr. Dempsey would have been viewing the game from his customary spot in the arena, but there were COVID-19 restrictions in place.

“My dad is usually always in his spot in the offensive corner, so it

was strange not to have him there and some of the other familiar faces,” said Dempsey.

As the captain of the Pride, Dempsey was first to hold aloft the Isobel Cup. She and fellow Winthrop resident and Pride assistant captain McKenna Brand, and their teammates shared the Cup in a golden photo opportunity

with Mike Eruzione on Bowdoin Street.

Dempsey hopes to bring the foremost trophy in women’s hockey to the Cummings School. “I want to share it with my students,” said Dempsey. “Whenever I get a little extended time with the Cup, I hope to come up with a plan for that. I’m looking forward to it.”

Brand makes her mark for the Boston Pride hockey team

By Cary Shuman

Hockey writers were referring to McKenna Brand as “a rising superstar” after her splendid collegiate career at Northeastern University.

Brand has now arrived

at that lofty status as one of the most outstanding players in the National Women’s Hockey League.

Brand has also arrived in Winthrop as a resident of the town. She has begun working in a position in the Winthrop school

system.

Winning the Isobel Cup, professional women’s version of the Stanley Cup, was an electrifying experience for Brand and the Boston Pride, especially accomplishing it on national television in their

home rink.

“I feel like it still hasn’t really set in yet,” said Brand. “I think with this group and with this year, everything has just been so crazy – but it makes it even more special knowing everything we went

through last year and this year. To win it with these girls is really, really special, I think.”

The Pride were on the brink of playing in the Isobel Cup championship game last year when the COVID-19 pandemic forced its cancellation. This year, the teams gathered in Lake Placid to compete for the Isobel Cup, but the final rounds of the playoffs were postponed until March.

As it turned out, the Boston Pride and the Minnesota Whitecaps were the finalists once again and the Boston prevailed by a 4-3 score to take the Cup.

McKenna has been a high-scoring forward for the Pride in her three years with the organization. She is known for her blazing slapshot and incredible passing skills. She was one of the team’s assistant captains playing alongside captain Jillian Dempsey and assistant captain Kaleigh Fratkin.

“The coaching staff put me in a position of leadership on and off the ice and to work alongside Jillian and Kaleigh was a really cool experience and I definitely learned a lot from them,” said Brand. “If you ask me who’s the best player I ever played hockey with, I would say

it’s Jillian Dempsey. She has made me a much better player.”

Brand was pleased that the league received tremendous exposure on NBC-TV’s nationally televised coverage of the Cup semifinal and final.

“This was pretty big having the games on national television,” said Brand. “I think women’s hockey took a step forward and this [TV coverage] puts us in a good position for next year hopefully getting more games on TV. I heard the ratings exceeded the expectations, which is awesome.”

Brand grew up in Minnesota, a state known for its wealth of ice hockey talent. “I was lucky. My dad (Craig Brand) was my coach for most of my time growing up,” said Brand. “I was basically born with skates on my feet. I lived on a lake in Minnesota, so I was basically skating 24/7.”

She played on the high school team for two years before advancing to the North American Hockey Academy in Stowe, Vermont for her sophomore through senior years.

Brand said her plan is to return to the Boston Pride organization for the 2021-22 season.



McKenna Brand of Winthrop, assistant captain of the Boston Pride, holds the Isobel Cup triumphantly after the Pride defeated the Minnesota Whitecaps to capture the NWHL championship.



The NWHL champion Boston Pride hockey team, including team leaders Jillian Dempsey and McKenna Brand of Winthrop, share the Isobel Cup with Olympic captain and gold medalist Mike Eruzione in a photo on Bowdoin Street.



Acting Boston Mayor Kim Janey with Winthrop's Jillian Dempsey (right) and teammate Tori Sullivan.



Boston Pride captain Jillian Dempsey and her father, Jack Dempsey, are pictured at the ceremony honoring the NWHL champions at Boston City Hall.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

STUDENTS GO BACK TO SCHOOL

CHELSEA - Little Rebecca Guerra Ulloa pressed her face to the school bus as it rounded the corner and pulled into the parking lot of the Mary C. Burke Complex last week just around 8:30 a.m.

Anxious teachers – many of whom had not been back to their classrooms for more than a year since school shutdown for COVID-19 in 2020 – waited for their students coming off the bus.

Ulloa had never actually been to a Chelsea school – having transferred in last year after COVID closed the schools. Though she had about a year of Chelsea schooling under her belt, she had never been in a Chelsea school.

She had never met her teacher, either, except on Zoom.

And so as the bus stopped, the first grader recognized her teacher and when the doors opened, she sprinted as fast as she could to give her teacher a fist bump and revel in the excitement of really meeting and really going to school.

Monday signified the first day that students in special education classes or sub-separate classrooms, who

amounted to the first students to return to the schools since last year, came back to school.

They will be going five days a week, with all the protocols and testing procedures in place.

Barring any major setbacks, on April 12, in-person learning will expand to Grades 1-4 at the ELC, Berkowitz, Hooks, Kelly and Sokolowski Schools – plus the grades 5-6 Caminos a the Kelly. It amount to the rollout of a re-opening plan that no one thought would ever happen this year, even as recently as late January.

Last week, the School Committee approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the Teacher’s Union and the Superintendent.

Supt. Almi Abeyta was at the Berkowitz School Monday morning, and welcomed back students and teachers coming in for their first day.

“Welcome back to in-person teaching to many of our educators,” she wrote in a letter later in the day. “It has been just over a year since we have delivered instruction in-person to our students in the Chelsea Public Schools. It was so nice to see so many teachers and students face-to-face this morning. We saw many smiles underneath the

masks, toe bumps, and beautiful teacher-student first moments in-person.”

GOVERNOR TOURS VACCINATION SITE

CHELSEA - Gov. Charlie Baker was the most recent elected official to tour the La Colaborativa/ East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EB-NHC) vaccination site recently, where he held his COVID press briefing and announced a mobile vaccination program for Chelsea.

Gov. Baker toured the 6th Street Food Pantry with Health Secretary Marylou Sudders and other elected officials before coming to the vaccination site on Broadway to see the operations and give the weekly press briefing.

There, he announced that due to the partnership with the federal FEMA program at the Hynes Convention Center mass vaccination site – announced last week – they would be able to stand up mobile units that would come to Chelsea, Revere, Boston, Fall River and New Bedford.

“Our collaboration with the feds gives us the chance to create a hub and spoke model which means a portion of the vaccine we get from that central hub can be distributed to

U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN PRESSLEY PITCHES IN AT THE EAST BOSTON COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN



Above, Soup Kitchen volunteers were busy bagging meals for distribution last Tuesday during U.S. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley’s visit.

Shown Right, U.S. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley volunteered at the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen. Pressley was on hand to see how the newly adopted American Rescue Plan is helping on a local level.



mobile vaccination units in nearby communities and pop-up clinics with a focus on vaccine equity,” he said. “Starting next week we’ll be working with local communities to launch mobile vaccination clinics in Chelsea, Revere, Boston, Fall River and New Bedford...These cities were selected based on the CDC’s special mobility index and their proximity to the Hynes. The effort will ramp up but we’ll be able to do 500 vaccines per day in these communities.”

As part of that program, which began this week in Chelsea, the mobile units would pick up the vaccine at the Hynes and then come to Chelsea and set up in a park or parking lot for easy access.

That program is expected to last about eight weeks.

Sec. Sudders announced that Chelsea would get \$150,000 as part of the BEST Value grant program that is awarding \$4.7 million statewide. That money will be used however Chelsea deems it necessary, though it must be used for programming that would further the vaccination efforts.

Meanwhile, she also announced that the 20 COVID equity communities – including Chelsea – will see more than 200 grass-roots organizers hitting the streets to spread awareness and information about vaccination.

“Starting next week more than 200 bi-lingual, locally-hired community organizers will hold 83 outreach events in all 20 of out equity communities,” said Sudders. “There will be door-to-door outreach and business walks. It’s like a political campaign that’s vaccine canvassing. We’ll also support phone banking efforts to help with vaccine registrations.”

EBNHC CEO Manny Lopes indicated that the Chelsea vaccination site would now be able to open seven days a week, and some of the sites operated by EBNHC would also be open 12 hours a day – all furthering the mission of helping people on their vaccine journey.

“Today I’m happy to announce we will expand our efforts at this Chelsea location and at all our locations,” he said. “We will begin operating seven days a week and at some locations 12 hours a day. Although we’re acting as

fast as we can, I’d like to take this opportunity to preach patience. Everyone has their own vaccine journey. For some, it will take time and especially in communities like Chelsea where distrust is widespread. Vaccinations in Chelsea isn’t just about ‘yes’ and ‘no,’ it’s about facts, feelings, frustration, family, finances and of course, about fair. Addressing these barriers is what we have in front of us.”

La Colaborativa Director Gladys Vega used the opportunity to call for young people in Chelsea and the Latino community to get vaccinated and protect loved ones.

“I ask those between the ages of 20 and 35 to please make a decision on vaccinating,” she said. “We’ve been doing door knocking and that’s been our biggest challenge – convincing individuals that are 35 and under. They don’t believe in the vaccination, but they believe in parties and having gatherings. I urge you to make that choice and if you’re not able to make that choice, make it for the family member – the grandmother that wants to give you a hug. Do it for the sake of others. This is not a joke. You’ve seen the numbers. You’ve seen how many families have lost loved ones...Don’t be afraid of the vaccination; be afraid of COVID-19 that has taken so many lives away from us.”

•CHELSEA GETTING SHORTED BY THE FEDS

Gov. Baker and others also touched on the news over the last three weeks with Chelsea getting much less than expected in the federal Rescue Plan last month – much less than more affluent communities, in fact.

He thanked Sen. Sal DiDomenico for his advocacy on the matter, and reiterated they had directed \$100 million to Chelsea and three other communities to try to make up for the shortfall that got past the federal delegation.

“Just this month we worked with local leaders to make sure Chelsea got the funds it deserved from the federal relief package,” said the governor. “As many know, the federal bill passed had restrictions that severely limited dollars that would have gone to some communities hardest hit by COVID, including Chelsea and Everett – both of which are in

Sen. Sal DiDomenico’s district.

“So it probably shouldn’t come as a surprise that the first person I heard from at the state level after having conversations with folks at the federal level was Sen. DiDomenico,” he continued. “We very much appreciate the relationship and also the head’s up on that issue.”

Vega said the governor visiting was a dream come true, and thanked him for his quick action on the federal shorting of the City.

“It’s a dream come true to have the governor here; it’s incredible we have his whole team here,” she said. “It’s also incredible he responded to the call for funding. For me I was extremely appalled we didn’t get much funding two weeks ago and when we called the governor’s office and organized – he responded to our call...People kept saying we wouldn’t hear from the governor’s office for about a month, but you responded in days...It’s an incredible day for Chelsea. It’s hopeful because we now have resources to work with.”

TAKING A STAND AGAINST HATE CRIMES

EVERETT - When long-time Everett High Principal Erik Naumann walked to the podium at Wehner Park with his elderly mother – the popular and light-hearted educator was nearly moved to tears and the hate crimes inflicted on Asian Americans all over the country in the last month were clearly weighing on him.

He held his mother, Iko’s, hand tightly, and said for the first time in his life – he is worried about what might happen to her.

“I’m proud to say I’m from Everett and lived in Everett most of my life – 37 years as a student, educator and administrator in the Everett Public Schools,” he said. “I never thought I would have to worry about my mother walking down the street. This is my mother; her name is Iko and she’s from Okinawa. Am I concerned? Yes, a lot. My mother is my

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hero. She’s a human, a person and a mom. Get to know your neighbors and the people around you... Even if it’s not easy, we need to stand for all marginalized populations and step up against hate.”

PRESSLEY VOLUNTEERS AT FOOD BANK

EAST BOSTON - As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, as many as 25 million adults and 10 million children may not always have access to nutritious food.

The newly adopted “American Rescue Plan” is providing millions of dollars nationwide to food distribution sites that have been on the front lines combating hunger throughout the pandemic.

One of these sites, the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen (EBCSK), was forced to shift gears, and reinvent itself in the age of COVID and social distancing.

Since the start of the pandemic, EBCSK stopped serving in-person meals on Tuesdays at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church and became a busy food distribution site for the homeless and those in need of a hot meal on Mondays and Tuesdays.

With generous support through community donations, Boston Resiliency Fund grants and now aid from the American Rescue Plan, EBCSK has been able to continue its mission in Eastie.

Last Tuesday afternoon U.S. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley visited

EBCSK to talk to volunteers and see first hand the impact the American Rescue Plan is having on a local level.

Pressley spent the afternoon not only talking with volunteers but being a volunteer herself. Pressley rolled up her sleeves and got to work helping EBCSK package meals for distribution as well as loading prepared meals that would be deprived around Eastie.

“It was great to spend time in East Boston and see firsthand how the community has stepped up to meet the needs of the community during this challenging time,” said Pressley. “Pastor John (Searles), Sandra (Nijjar), and all the staff and volunteers at the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen have been doing incredible work to address hunger and food insecurity across Eastie, and I’m glad the American Rescue Plan will support their work by providing critical resources to help the one in six Massachusetts households—including one in three Black and Latinx households with children—who are struggling to afford food.”

“Monday and Tuesday were such fulfilling days,” said EBCSK Sandra Nijjar. “On Tuesday we had our Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley visit us and she helped distribute bags of groceries. This is how our Eastie’s community comes together in difficult times to support each other and to do all it takes to help our neighbors. Words cannot describe the immense gratitude we, our Soup Kitchen’s board of directors and our leader-

ship team members.”

Nijjar said during Pressley’s visit EBCSK delivered bags of groceries, reserved bags of groceries for pick up, and distributed bags of groceries and boxes of food and distributed meal vouchers to folks who don’t have a place to cook.

“We are incredibly grateful to be able to help our neighbors,” said Nijjar. “Once again we had a bountiful day filled with such an amazing outpouring of food donations. We are out of words to describe our immense gratitude for so much goodness, kindness and generosity directed to us. Thank you so much for all you do to keep our Soup Kitchen alive and thriving.”

CITY OFFERS INCENTIVES FOR EMPLOYEES

EAST BOSTON - The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed many inequities in our society. From the virus predominately affecting people of color to essential workers not having the luxury of working from home -- thus jeopardizing their health and safety.

Many essential workers who have been on the frontlines throughout the pandemic have relied heavily on public transportation.

Now a new pilot program in East Boston and other neighborhoods heavily impacted by the COVID-19 crisis will make public transportation more equitable for essential workers.

Acting Boston May-

or Kim Janey announced that the City of Boston is piloting a new program to offer up to a \$60 credit for MBTA and Bluebikes passes for 1,000 employees who work in Eastie’s Main Streets District, as well as employees in four other Main Streets Districts.

City officials have begun registering employees in Main Streets Districts in Eastie, Mission Hill, Jamaica Plain, Nubian Square, and Fields Corner for the pilot program. The registration will end on April 19.

These five Main Street districts are all served by MBTA subway and Bluebikes stations.

“Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, many essential workers have continued to utilize public transportation because they have been unable to work from home,” said Janey. “I’m proud to launch this pilot program with the MBTA and Bluebikes to learn more about the impacts on commuter patterns when the cost of public transit is covered. And as more workers begin in return to workplaces, making transit more accessible is critical to our equitable recovery from the pandemic.”

Janey said the goal of the program is to incentivize employees returning to work and workers who currently drive to work to use public transit. With an expected increase in post-COVID-19 traffic, the City of Boston is piloting this incentive program to help alleviate small business districts of congestion and free up curb space for local neighborhood

customers. The pilot program also seeks to lessen vehicular traffic to help reduce its environmental impact.

“We are excited to partner with our local Main Street Districts to pilot free public transit options for those working in Boston’s neighborhoods,” said Transportation Commissioner Greg Rooney. “Creating incentives to use public transit or bike to work options helps our economy, our environment and our local businesses. As more workers plan on restarting their commute, the Boston Transportation Department is committed to exploring creative ways to reduce traffic, carbon emissions and support Boston’s workers.”

The city managed pilot program is aimed at measuring how financial incentives for public transit impact commuting behavior and will be phased over the next two months.

Of the 1,000 qualified workers, some individuals will be randomly selected to get an MBTA pass with the full \$60 credit loaded, and the remainder of the individuals will receive smaller stipends over time, which will end up totaling \$60.

Bluebikes pass-holders will be able to take unlimited trips during the two-month period. Bluebikes trips must be completed within 45 minutes to avoid usage charges. There is no obligation to continue paying for the Bluebikes pass once the two months are over.

Data from the pilot program will be used to supplement the city’s long-term transportation

demand management strategy.

To learn more about the pilot or to sign up for the program, please visit: boston.gov/FREride or text FREride to 866-396-0122.

GRAND OPENING RECENTLY HELD

LYNN - During this pandemic era a new business model has emerged. Since many people work at home, some may soon need additional space. The INCUBATE COWORKING facility inside the Flatiron building on Washington Street in Lynn now offers flexible workspaces with amenities, such as High-Speed WiFi, Technology Platform, 24/7 access, and much more.

CEO Michael Lucerto expanded his Workbar business recently into Lynn as he said, “There is a need for shared office space, since people are working remotely from home much more. The city of Lynn is in a unique situation with a dynamic workforce of local entrepreneurs; the downtown development area is attracting new business people into the city. I am hoping for this space to be a melting pot within this community.”

INCUBATE COWORKING offers memberships to freelancers, business owners, and remote workers. The Workbar concept is convenient and affordable for anyone in need of a private office, a place to meet clients or a conference rooms for meetings.

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Legal Notice #014-2021 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, April 29, 2021, at or after 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.com, upon the application of J. David Cantu, owner of the property located at, 57 Loring Road, Winthrop, MA 02152. The applicant seeks a permit to construct a 2-story addition including bedroom, bathroom, deck, and stairs as per plans. The permit was denied in accordance to the Town of Winthrop Zoning By-Laws section 17.16 Dimensional Regulations. The public is invited to attend, and interest parties shall have an opportunity to be heard. To Join Zoom Meeting: When: April 29, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Topic: Board of Appeals Please use the link below to join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85385737789> Or One tap mobile : US: +16465588656,, 85385737789# or +13017158592,, 85385737789# Or Telephone: Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location): US: +1 646 558 8656 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 669 900 9128 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 Webinar ID: 853 8573 7789 International numbers available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kbni9uhBJ>

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PUBLIC HEARING PUBLIC HEARING-PLAN- NING BOARD-4-26-21 Notice is hereby given in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A Section 9 of the Zoning Codes that the Winthrop Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing on April 26, 2021 at or after 7:00 p.m. via Zoom on the application of Glen and Jason Calla for a Definitive Subdivision located at 40R Banks St., Winthrop, MA 4/15/21 W

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No.

SU20P1040EA Estate of: Anthony H. Visco Date of Death: January 16, 2020 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Mary E. Ham of Wenham, MA. A Will has been admitted to informal probate. Mary E. Ham of Wenham, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 4/15/21 W

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU21P0563EA Estate of: Humbert V. Stasio

Date of Death: 03/18/2020 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by David A. Stasio of Winthrop, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: David A. Stasio of Winthrop, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in supervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/30/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this

Court. Date: March 19, 2021 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate 4/15/21 W THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING Project File No. 607244 A Virtual Design Public Hearing will be published on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed reconstruction & related work along Winthrop Street & Revere Street corridor project in Winthrop, MA. WHEN: Thursday, April 22, 2021 PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed reconstruction & related work along Winthrop Street & Revere Street corridor project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible. PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of reconstruction & related work along the Winthrop Street & Revere Street corridor. Shared use accommodations consisting of a wide outside travel lane with shared lane markings have been provided in accordance with applicable design guides. A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The town is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT’s policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing. Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking

may be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 6340, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 607244. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after the hearing is posted to the MassDOT website listed below. This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g. interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT’s Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing. This Virtual Design Public Hearing or a cancellation announcement will be posted on the internet at www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings. JONATHAN GULLIVER PATRICIA A. LEAVENWORTH, P.E. HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION CHIEF ENGINEER 4/8/21, 4/15/21 W

SCENES FROM THE NEC SOUTH DIVISION TITLE



GREAT START: Winthrop's Chris Viscio (21) recovers a loose ball on the kickoff that followed Winthrop's first touchdown. The Vikings scored on the ensuing drive to open up a 14-0 first quarter lead en route to a 27-20 win at Gloucester last Friday that clinched the Northeast Conference South Division title.



BREAKING BAD: Duke Doherty finds some open space as he scoots to a six-yard touchdown run on Winthrop's opening drive.



TRIPLED UP: Cam Martin (left) and Bobby Hubert (right) move in to help Ryan Hovermale take down Gloucester's Robbie Shuster.



GOT MY BOYS WITH ME: Chris Ferrara (11) is shown the way by linemen Stevie Perullo (58) and Matt Hurley (57)



CHAMPIONSHIP SALUTE: Winthrop players raise their helmets to cheer their 27-20 win over Gloucester last Friday that clinched the Northeast Conference South Division title for the Vikings.



SEVEN OF ELEVEN: No fewer than seven Winthrop players—of eleven on the field!—were involved in this tackle of Gloucester's Quinten Ulrich.



UNPHASED: Winthrop's Ian Harris (45) isn't deterred by a tug on his facemask as he takes down Gloucester's John Gucciardi (25).



SERIOUSLY? Mike Chaves has a look of disbelief after he was flagged for pass interference in the end zone and gave Gloucester another fourth down that was converted and cut Winthrop's third quarter lead to 20-13.



YOU ALL SET? Winthrop guard Matt Hurley sees that his work on this block is done as running Bobby Hubert breaks past the line of scrimmage.

VIKING SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Viscio has one shining moment, forever

Chris Viscio put the 'special' in special teams. He made the play of day and possibly the season. Instead of Gloucester getting the football, Winthrop had the football again and turned his play into a touchdown.

As the magical March Madness video says every year, Winthrop senior Chris Viscio can lay claim to his own "one shining moment."

Viscio's recovery of an onside kick off the right foot of Bobby Hubert proved to be crucial in a game that was ultimately decided by one touchdown in Winthrop's 27-20 victory.

"Chris, who is one of our unheralded seniors, made a great play," said Winthrop Coach Jonathan Cadigan.

"It was a chip kick where we try to put the football behind the second row. Chris is one of our faster guys. He just flew down the field and recovered it. I thought obviously that was a pretty big play. He made a big play in a championship game. I think he'll remember that play the rest of his life."

Viscio has been a four-year player in the Winthrop football program, also taking the field as a wide receiver.

"He's just a great kid who works hard all the time and you're just happy for a kid like that in a moment like that in a big game, makes a big play."

Vikings' rushing attack leads the way

To most fans, it seemed clear that the Gloucester defense was keying on Winthrop's phenomenal

fullback, Bobby Hubert. The Fishermen seemed to be swarming to him on every snap.

But Hubert delivered another solid performance, carrying the ball 19 times for 91 yards and a touchdown. Duke Doherty, Chris Ferrara, and Ryan Hovermale also helped Winthrop soar past the 300-yard mark in total rushing.

"Anytime you rush for over 300 yards, your offensive line is really doing the job and I thought our offensive line did very well," said Coach Cadigan.

Doherty had 88 yards and two rushing touchdowns, displaying the multiple dimensions of his quarterbacking game.

Conway to the rescue

It was a tough sun that

led to a Winthrop fumble during a punt-receiving sequence, but senior Cam Conway – never taking a play off – swooped in to make a key recovery.

"I credit Cam Conway for just hustling on that play," said Cadigan. "It was a great hustle play and that allowed us to keep the momentum."

Perullo stars again

The best sequence of the game may have been Stevie Perullo's tie-up of a Gloucester running back on the last play of the first quarter, followed by a pass-defensive breakup on Gloucester's pass receiver on the first play of the second quarter.

Winthrop's Block Party

Winthrop's offensive line showed its power on Chris Ferrara's 12-yard

touchdown run on a buck sweep play.

"We try to seal the edge and run the alley," explained Cadigan.

Michael Carter, who has performed brilliantly at offensive tackle this season, was credited with a big "down block" as he took out his assigned defender while Ryan Hovermale and Cam Conway destroyed the edge to open up the path for the super-quick Ferrara.

Meanwhile, Stevie Perullo and Matt Hurley assisted as the two pulling guards on the play.

"It was really a well-executed play," said Cadigan understatedly. "I've been very happy for Chris (Ferrara). He waited his time on offense to get his shot and you're seeing him this year making some pretty big runs for us."

Notable moments

Mikey Chaves hauled in an 18-yard reception on a well-run sideline route.

Ryan Hovermale came within inches of blocking a Gloucester punt. Hovermale received the "Black Shirt" for being the defensive player of the game for the second time this season.

Middle linebacker Ian Harris had 11 tackles in the game. "He's been a terrific player for us," said Cadigan. "I think inside linebacker is the hardest position to play on defense. It's the quarterback of the defense."

Defensive lineman Victor Marquez caused a fumble that was recovered by Cam Martin.

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possession with Doherty completed the drive on a 6-yard run. Hubert's extra point made it 7-0.

Hubert then kicked off and lofted the ball past the second row of Gloucester players. Viscio made a diving, sliding recovery of the football and the Vikings were in business at the Gloucester 32.

On a fourth-down play

Doherty avoided a sack and found a streaking Hovermale in the corner of the end zone for a 12-yard TD pass play.

Ferrara made it 20-0 when he took a handoff from Doherty and using some excellent blocks from scamped untouched into the end zone. Gloucester began its comeback with a touch-

down late in the first half and then closed the gap to 21-13 early in the second half. Winthrop answered with a 3-yard touchdown run by Doherty but Gloucester's Quinten Ulrich reclaimed those points with a 71-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.

Winthrop appeared to deliver the knockout when the offense drove deep into Gloucester territory

only to come up just short of the game-sealing first down on a quarterback keeper by Doherty.

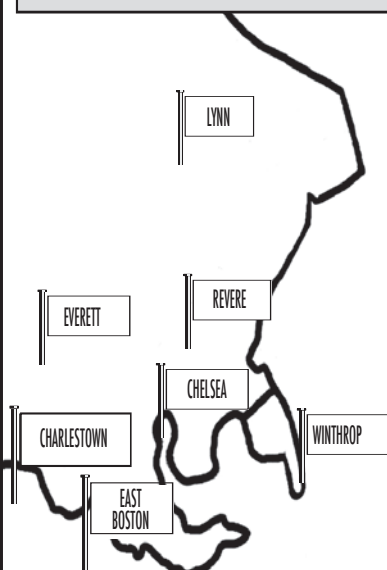
Forced into desperate passing situations in the final minute, the Fishermen were unable to advance the football against the Vikings' defense and Winthrop had its victory, its title, and a triumphant journey back to the town.

Cadigan summed up the championship season with two more games to go against Danvers and Masconomet during what now becomes the "Quest For Perfection."

"It feels great obviously – I'm very happy for my players, especially the seniors," said Cadigan. "They started out their freshman year at 2-9

and then they got a little bit better at 5-6 and 4-7. They put in a lot of work. It shows that hard work does pay off at times. The seniors stayed the course. They trusted the process. I think they believed in what the coaches were preaching for the last couple of years and it came to fruition on a night like Friday night."

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Northeast Voke students give car a second chance with new owner

Staff report

A vehicle repaired by Northeast Metro Tech's Auto Body and Automotive Technology programs will now be driven by a local veteran, thanks to a partnership between the District and Second Chance Cars.

The car was presented to Maria Roca, of Haverhill, a 19 year National Guard veteran and single mother of three children, on Tuesday, April 6 at Northeast Metro Tech.

Those in attendance included Roca and her children, administrators, teachers, students, Second Chance Cars Director Dan Holin, Massachusetts National Guard Coordinator Gregory Sacca, students, and Wally Johnston and Jane Hotchkiss of Concord, who donated the vehicle to Second Chance Cars.

"Taking care of three

young kids in a small apartment during COVID has been incredibly hard. Then my car stopped working and everything just became a lot harder," Roca said. "When my support team from the VA and National Guard introduced me to Second Chance Cars I was excited but not sure if it was real. I'm relieved to say that we got a car--my kids are super excited and I can now go shop and get to my medical appointments."

During the last few months, a small group of students worked with instructors to repair a Ford C-Max hybrid car for Second Chance, an innovative local nonprofit that awards affordable donated cars to working people.

"I couldn't be happier to be working with Second Chance Cars," said Instructor Paul Murphy, who oversaw administrative aspects of the project.

"It gives us great satisfaction to know that our students are sharpening their automotive service skills while also contributing to a great cause."

"It's always an exciting opportunity for our students to work on a project that gives back to the community, and this has been no exception. We're thrilled to have had this chance to support Second Chance Cars' work and for the hands-on and remote learning experience it gave our students," Superintendent David DiBarri said.

Northeast Metro Tech had begun conversations before the pandemic with Second Chance Cars to have students repair a vehicle during vocational classes.

However, student participation was temporarily delayed because Northeast Metro Tech began the year with a fully remote learning model due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Robert MacGregor, the Department Head of Collision Repair and Refinishing, instead began repairing the Ford C-Max, which had been rear-ended, creating remote lessons and demonstrations for 16 sophomore students last fall.

"This partnership was particularly special, because not only is this car going to a well-deserving local veteran, but it also



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From left: Sophomore students William Sagastume Gonzalez of Chelsea, Jaiden Diaz of Chelsea, Curtis Belliveau of Winthrop, Matthew McCarthy of Woburn, Andrea Hart of Revere and Nathaniel Oteri of Wakefield.

helped students learn remotely during the pandemic," Second Chance Cars Director Holin said. "This has been an incredible collaboration, and we're thankful to Wally and Jane for their kind donation, Northeast Metro Tech for their partnership in repairing the vehicle, Metro Credit Union for the car loan and LKQ, who donated a replacement rear door as well."

MacGregor began working on the vehicle in October and finished this December, just before the district began its hybrid learning model, allowing students to provide hands-

on help for the final steps of the work.

"The live demonstrations of the repairs I watched helped me to learn and understand the repair process by seeing how it gets done rather than just reading about it," said Andrea Hart, a sophomore from Revere. "I was able to get a visual of what happens when repairing a car."

After body repairs were finished, the car was taken to the district's Auto Technology Department for mechanical repairs. Automotive Technology Instructor Clune and three senior students then began

making those repairs to the car. They finished their work on Jan. 22.

"I'm happy to work with Second Chance Cars and repair the Ford C-Max," said Cristofer Davis Romero, a senior, from Chelsea. "I learned how to repair a parking brake line. Also get to help to make sure the vehicle is safe."

Second Chance Cars is able to operate thanks to the donations of gently used vehicles from the public. To learn more about the nonprofit and the vehicle donation process, visit www.secondchancecars.org.



Maria Roca, administrators, teachers, students, and representatives from Second Chance Cars, the Massachusetts National Guard, Metro Credit Union gathered on Tuesday as Roca received a car from Second Chance, repaired by Northeast Metro Tech.

Gubernatorial candidate Ben Downing outlines his climate plan

By John Lynds

Gubernatorial Candidate, former State Senator and Boston resident Ben Downing outlined his climate plan that he'd make a priority if elected to the state's corner office in 2022.

In his plan, the Pittsfield native said he wants to achieve 100 percent clean electricity in the Commonwealth by 2030 and 100 percent clean energy by 2040.

Downing, who became a clean energy business leader at a leading renew-

able energy company after leaving the Senate in 2017, unveiled his plan via his newly launched BEN TV (tinyurl.com/downingclimate).

Downing said the first part of his campaign's policy agenda would be to focus on climate action.

"The Downing Climate Plan" is focused on urgency, equity, innovation, justice and jobs.

Aside from reaching 100 percent clean energy Downing said he's also committed to requiring 50 percent of climate spending to directly ben-

efit environmental justice communities; undertake "Restructuring 3.0" to reform utilities and modernize the grid; create a climate impact mandate across state government; and maximize the economic benefit of a clean energy economy in Massachusetts

"For years, the Massachusetts state government has approached climate change with sluggishness and delay," said Downing during the launch of his climate agenda. "So barely two weeks after we finally saw a major cli-

mate bill signed into law, we still find ourselves behind. It's past time we had a Governor who understands the fierce urgency of our changing climate, the disparate impact of our failures on disenfranchised communities, and the reality that if there is one resource we are flat out of, it is time. In the years ahead there is no greater priority for our state than undertaking an aggressive, all-hands-on-deck campaign to bring emissions down, reform our energy sector, maximize green jobs, build up

climate resilience, and fortify communities shouldering environmental injustice."

Downing said his climate policy plan is the first of many in his campaign.

"It's critical to me that voters understand my vision and priorities from the start," said Downing. "Our campaign's policy agenda will be a living, breathing effort, and we're looking forward to sharing ideas in the months ahead, getting feedback, listening to concerns, and building out a collective vision for a fairer, stronger Massachusetts."

Downing was a leading voice for climate action during his 10 years in the state senate. He served as Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy where he passed transformative legislation to improve energy efficiency, jumpstart renewable development, and help the state meet its carbon reduction goals.

He later served as Vice President at Nexamp and also served on the board of the Environmental League of Massachusetts.

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Area child in need of life-saving transplant

Staff report

With the cost of a life-saving transplant often exceeding \$800,000, most transplant families are unable to shoulder that financial burden. The Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) is a national 501(c)3 charity dedicated to organizing and guiding communities in raising funds for transplant-related expenses. In Newburyport, volunteers are raising funds for COTA in honor of transplant patients like local child, Heeth Atanasoff.

Heeth is the son of Molly and Todd Atanasoff. Born in 2012, Heeth was diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia. The transplant team at Tufts Medical Center in Boston, recommends a life-saving bone marrow transplant. Newburyport volunteers are raising \$100,000 for COTA to assist with transplant-related expenses.

Volunteers are needed for this COTA community campaign. Individuals and groups interested in more information should contact Community Coordinator Kerry Marshall at 978.609.0866 or kerry-marshall48@gmail.com.

COTA helps transplant families avoid financial devastation. Transplant

procedure costs range from \$100,000 to more than \$800,000. Once the transplant is complete, families face significant transplant-related expenses, including medication; transportation to and from the transplant center; lodging; and expenses while parents are out of work and often living with the hospitalized child far from home. These out-of-pocket expenses add up to tens of thousands of dollars annually for transplant families with lifetime totals often exceeding \$1,000,000. In cases where a shortfall exists, COTA helps bridge the financial gap.

Heeth's family has asked for assistance from the Children's Organ Transplant Association. One hundred percent of all funds raised for COTA in honor of patients assist with transplant-related expenses.

Contributions may be sent to the Children's Organ Transplant Association, 2501 West COTA Drive, Bloomington, Indiana, 47403. Checks should be made payable to COTA, with "In Honor of Heeths Hope" written on the memo line. Secure credit card gifts are accepted online at www.COTAforHeethsHope.com.