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NOW THAT'S A SNOWMAN



If you've driven down Chester Avenue this past week, you've probably noticed the massive new neighbor. Winthrop resident Susan Giarratani shown above with her 8-foot tall snowman, Lumpy, made following the most recent snowstorm. Shown below, Susan with her Danish exchange students, Bram and Martinus.





HISTORIC HOME GAME Winthrop Vikings set to play its first

ever home playoff game at Larsen

By Cary Shuman

It will be like old times Saturday night (6:30) when the Winthrop High School boys hockey team takes the ice at Larsen Rink at the Mike Eruzione Center for its MIAA state playoff game against Rockport High School.

The game will be the Vi-

kings' first-ever home playoff game in the program's history due to the new statewide playoff format.

Not since the days of Winthrop's undefeated 1976 state championship team or the glory years in the early 1980s when the trio of John Tiano, Chucky Sullivan, Joe Giaquinto would regularly pack

the arena for home games against Northeastern Conference schools, has there been a more anticipated home game.

Winthrop High head coach Dale Dunbar was a rising youth hockey talent when the 1975-76 Viking team coached by Bill Falas-

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WINTHROP MARKETPLACE



Masking now optional for students, faculty in Winthrop schools now available on the WPS

By Laura Plummer

The Winthrop School Committee met on Monday, Feb. 28, announcing updated COVID protocols, as well as that the district's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion resource page is again up and running.

COVID

Students in the district are no longer required to wear masks. However, other safety precautions remain in place. Schools continue to enforce social distancing, frequent handwashing and stricter cleaning protocols. In the cafeteria, students sit separately to reduce spread.

"The mask mandate has been removed, but COVID hasn't gone away," said Supt. Lisa Howard.

The district will continue to monitor the situation and adjust its policies accordingly. Group seating in the classroom and cafeteria may be a possibility in the future.

DEI Resource Page

The district's updated Diversity, Equity & Inclusion resource webpage is

website

The site was designed "for educators, school staff, parents, public officials, and members of the community who are seeking to improve their cultural competency, better understand the experiences of marginalized groups, and identify ways we can create a more inclusive environment and society for all Winthrop residents."

As the Transcript reported in August, the page had been disabled to thoroughly vet the materials and be all-encompassing more One can access the page by going to winthrop.k12. ma.us and clicking on the DEI Resources tab.

Upcoming Retirements

Several district staff have announced their retire-

After 36 years as an educator, Rayna Aronson will retire as a Winthrop High School math teacher.

Bernadette Carsley is a sixth-grade science and ELA teacher who has

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Arroyo and Hayden say they are both in the race for Suffolk County DA

So far the race for Suffolk County District Attorney will be between one candidate who supports many of former DA Rachael Rollin's reforms and another who is more moderate and was appointed as interim DA by Republican Governor Charlie Baker.

Last week, Boston City Councilor of Hyde Park announced his bid for the DA's seat, which was followed a few days later by acting DA Kevin Hayden.

At a press conference in Hyde Park last week Arroyo pledged to continue the reforms started by Rol-

Arroyo, the son of for-

mer City Councilor Felix Arroyo, served a public defender before being elected to the City Council in 2019. said he will, "Build a justice system that protects the safety and dignity of all people...One that will maintain the successful reforms that have proven to improve the safety of communities across Suffolk County.'

It was his work as a public defender that Arroyo said gave him perspective of the inequities of the justice system. As a public defender Arroyo has said he saw firsthand how the lack of opportunity, inequity, and the marginalization of individuals ravaged lives.

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Ricardo Arroyo.

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park the vehicle on private property.

The following incident reports are among the calls to which the Winthrop Police Department responded on the listed dates. The log is a public record and available for review. All persons who are arrested or charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of

MONDAY, FEB. 14

0732: A disabled motor vehicle was impeding traffic at Chester Ave. and River Rd. The vehicle owner called AAA. The officer assisted with moving the vehicle out of the roadway.

1313: An officer stopped a motor vehicle with an obstructed registration plate, which is a civil moving infraction, at Deane Ave. and Revere St. The officer gave a verbal warning to the op-

1510: Officer Carter assisted a family with the installation of a child car seat.

1736: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1805: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle blocking a crosswalk and parked in a handicapped spot on Crest Ave. The officer had turned on his siren in an attempt to have the owner move the vehicle, but nobody came out to do so.

TUESDAY, FEB. 15

0112: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles without resident parking stickers on Hutchinson St.

0158: An officer issued parking tickets to 22 vehicles without resident parking stickers in the area of River Rd.

1025: An officer stopped a motor vehicle with a registration revoked for insurance cancellation at Winthrop and Irwin Sts. The operator was not the owner of the vehicle and was unaware of the registration status. The operator also had a suspended license because of unpaid fines. The owner of the ve-

over 30 years. She will re-

Marie Finn is a phys-

ical education teacher at

the Fort Banks Elementa-

ry School. She has been a

teacher in the district for 42 years, and her final day will

Michael Kirby, a sixth-

grade teacher at the Win-

throp Middle School, will

retire on June 30 after 35

Maura Sullivan will re-

tire on June 30 from her

position as an instruction-

al technology teacher at

the Fort Banks Elementa-

tire on June 30.

be March 4.

years of service.

hicle arrived on the scene to

1200: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1510: A Shore Drive resident reported that a dog was left outside and barking throughout the day. This has been an ongoing issue of which the Animal Control Officer has been made aware.

2232: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The operator also did not have a registration or license in his possession. The officer issued a citation to the operator for both infractions.

2250: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Pleasant St. and Woodside Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a plate light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2307: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. at the Public Landing for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The operator also did not have a registration/ license in his possession. The officer issued a citation to the operator for both infractions.

2341: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Pleasant St. and Woodside Ave. for the civil moving infraction of defective equipment. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16

0844: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of using a cell phone in violation of the hands-free law. In addition, the operator did not have the vehicle registration in his possession. The officer issued a citation to the operator for both infrac-

0922: A resident came into the station to report receiving harassing phone calls from his ex-wife's relatives. The officer filed a

1231: An officer stopped

a motor vehicle at Main and Linden Sts. for the civil moving infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign or signal. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1241: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of excessive window tint. The operator had been stopped two weeks previously for the same infraction, but showed the officer that he has an appointment to have the tint removed. The officer gave a verbal warning to the op-

1422: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1426: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of excessive window tint. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1432: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Ocean View St. and Ocean View Way for the civil moving infraction of an expired registration. The owner said she was unaware of the problem and that she would take care of it right away. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2246: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Sturgis St. for the civil moving infraction of a lights violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2258: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infractions of a stop sign violation and a lights violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator for both infractions.

2315: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

THURSDAY, FEB. 17

0113: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles parked in the public lot on George St.

1110: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Revere St. and Golden Drive for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1113: An officer stood by on Siren St. to await the arrival of the DPW ro replace

a manhole cover, 1244: The owner of a motor vehicle reported

"Former District At-

torney Rachael Rollins

led the way by bringing

much-needed reforms to

the office," said Arroyo at

the press conference. "We

cannot afford to go back-

ward or stagnate. We must

continue these reforms that

have been proven to work

and continue to move Suf-

Before leaving the DA's

Office to serve as the U.S.

Attorney for Massachu-

setts, Rollin focused on pre-

gressive criminal justice re-

form in Suffolk County and

developed a controversial

policy of not prosecuting

certain nonviolent low-lev-

Arroyo attended Bos-

el crimes.

folk County forward."

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that his vehicle had been entered while it was in the CVS parking lot the previous night and a flashlight was taken.

1306: A tow was ordered for a motor vehicle leaking fluids at Crystal Cove and Cottage Aves. However, the owner came out and moved the vehicle to private prop-

1342: A waitress at a local establishment reported that she had been left a \$100 tip by a customer, but that the bill proved to be a counterfeit. The officer filed a report.

1815: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1854: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for the civil moving infraction of operation of an unregistered motor vehicle. The officer stood by as the owner renewed the registration on-line and issued a citation to the operator. 1910: An officer stopped

a motor vehicle for a civil moving violation on Pleasant St. When the officer determined that the operator had an out-of-state license, the officer advised the operator, who now is living in Mass., that he needed to obtain a Mass. license.

2241: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Cutler St. for the civil moving infractions of a stop sign violation and excessive window tint. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2246: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley St. and Neptune Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2301: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a number plate violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2306: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shore Drive and Cutler St. for the civil moving infractions of a defective tail light and a plate light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

FRIDAY, FEB. 18

0029: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shore Drive and Grovers Ave. for a civil moving infraction and issued a citation to the operator.

1348: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main St. and Amelia Ave. for the civil moving infraction of excessive window tint. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1400: Off. Carter assisted families with the installation of child car seats.

1408: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Beach Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer also determined that the operator was unlicensed, which is a criminal offense. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1752: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Tafts Ave. for the civil moving infractions of excessive window tint and a plate violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the oper-

1807: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Revere St. and Kennedy Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1812: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley St. and Veterans Rd for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator. 1822: An officer stopped

a motor vehicle at Putnam and Pauline Sts. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1842: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles obstructing crosswalks in the Centre. 2327: An officer stopped

a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2342: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Cottage Park Rd. and Somerset Ave. for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2357: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

SATURDAY, FEB. 19

0013: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign vic lation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0026: A Locust St. resident reported a motor vehicle with a loud exhaust on Locust St. The officer directed the operator to turn off the vehicle.

0044: A Summit Ave. resident reported a barking dog. The officer heard the dog upon his arrival at the scene, but the dog stopped barking before he was able to determine the dog's loca-

0103: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Sturgis St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator. 0118: An officer is-

sued parking tickets to four vehicles in the municipal lot on Crest Ave. 2348: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle

parked in a handicapped spot on Moore St. 2349: An officer moved along a person in a motor

vehicle from Hannaford Park, which is closed after

SUNDAY, FEB. 20 0003: An officer stopped

a motor vehicle on Hutchinson St. for a civil moving infraction and issued a citation to the operator. 0008: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shore

Drive and Locust St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the op-

0111: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle without a residential parking sticker on Hutchinson 0135: An officer direct-

ed a male and female who were arguing loudly over boxes that they were moving in their apartment on Governor's Drive to keep 1040: An officer stopped

a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2039: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle at the Ft. Heath apartments. 2355: An officer stopped

a motor vehicle at Revere St. and Summit Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation with a written warning to the op-

MONDAY, FEB. 21

0030: An officer stopped motor vehicle at Main and Paine Sts. for the civil moving infraction of making an improper turn. The officer issued a citation to the op-

0123: An officer issued parking tickets to 12 vehicles without resident parking permits on Somerset

The district is currently in the process of building its budget. Administrators rebuild the budget entirely from scratch every year, based on past allocations anticipated future needs.

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General Updates

Supt. Howard congratulated Winthrop athletes on an impressive season. She recognized individual students for their athletic accomplishments.



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ton Public Schools, holds a B.A. in History from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and a J.D. from Loyola University Chicago. Hayden, a Roslindale

resident who was appointed by Gov. Baker to complete Rollins' term, announced his candidacy a few days after Arroyo's press conference.

front of the Boys & Girls Club in Dorchester Hayden pledged a commitment to public safety, criminal legal system reform, and accountability to the communities of Boston, Revere. Chelsea and Winthrop. Hayden, who was ap-

At his announcement in

pointed to the office in January, outlined numerous areas of focus moving forward, including gun crimes, community collaboration and engagement, diversion and intervention programs, human trafficking and domestic violence. "I pledge today to reform

how the district attorney approaches its full mission of serving the community and ensuring public safety," said Hayden. "Our attention on reform is vital, but the results that produce real transformation are what really matters. We've seen over the last few years a national demand for criminal legal system reform. As a black man, I welcome this focus

because it is long overdue. I

know full well that it's long

practicing these concepts and approaches to reform throughout my entire career." Hayden added his expe-

overdue because I've been

rience as a prosecutor, an attorney in private practice, and head of the state Sex Offender Registry Board has given him the perspective necessary to ensure public safety while seeking alternatives to prosecution in appropriate cases. "I was never a tradition-

al prosecutor," he said. "As head of the Safe Neighborhood Initiative, I embraced intensive community engagement and expanded crime intervention and prevention to new limits. I dedicated myself to support services and ministry to returning citizens from incarceration more than any ADA before me. As a juvenile prosecutor I led efforts focused on innovative diversion and prevention methods. In short, I will approach the task of reform with a proven track record of dedication to it. I have labored long and hard in that vineyard. I'm confident that we can change our approach to criminal justice. But public safety and full equity in our system are not mutually exclusive. We must be ever mindful of public safety as we endeavor for a better and more equitable system. All our communities demand our dedication to both." Before his appointment

Hayden headed the state Sex Offender Registry Board. Prior to that, he spent five years in private practice, specializing in criminal defense. He began his career in the Suffolk DA's office, serving in the anti-gang and juvenile units and on the homicide response team. He headed the office's Safe Neighborhood Initiative, a community-focused public safety program. Hayden graduated from Dartmouth College and

Boston University Law School and serves as a deacon at Jubilee Christian Church in Mattapan.

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Grant application opens for Mass. Veteran-serving organizations

Staff Report

The State Treasurer's Office of Economic Empowerment, in partnership with the Division of Banks and the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation, are now accepting applications for the 2022 round of Operation Money Wise grants. This funding supports Veteran-serving non-profit organizations, public agencies, and higher education institutions to improve pre-existing financial education programs or to create new ones aimed at increasing personal finance knowledge within the Military, Veteran, Family, and Survivor Community (MVFSC).

is possible Funding through a Division of Banks settlement over alleged unlawful lending practices and a total of \$75,000 has been committed to this year's grant program. Eligible organizations providing financial education programs to the MVFSC will be considered for awards of up to \$5,000. Since the inception of this program, over 6,600 members of the military community have been served with this fund-

The grant requirements and application are available online at: https://

www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-operation-mon-ey-wise. Applications will be accepted until Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 5 pm EST.

"Operation Money Wise empowers our veterans and their families to make informed financial decisions," said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. "With this funding, more servicemembers will have access to resources and tools that will help them improve their economic well-being."

"This grant opportunity is a significant way to help support the Massachusetts Veteran community. We're excited to provide the funding for this initiative again, especially at a time when this type of programming is so vital for Veterans and the groups that serve them," said Edward A. Palleschi, Undersecretary for the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation, whose office oversees the Division of Banks.

"We're proud to offer this grant again to help Veterans receive the information they need to improve their financial skillset. With funding available this year, we hope to reach more Veterans by facilitating innovative programs from Veteran-serving organizations throughout the state," said Mary Gallagher, Commissioner of Banks.

Over \$160,000 has been awarded since the inception of the financial literacy grant in 2016. Operation Money Wise is designed to empower the military

community and their families in the Commonwealth through financial education. This grant opportunity allows organizations to use their knowledge and expertise to design or enhance a program that would best serve their community. Many of these workshops will include strategy sessions on basic budgeting, managing debt, preparing for retirement and decisions around money.

Baker-Polito announce small business relief program

The Baker-Polito Administration announced the launch of a new \$75 million grant program to support Massachusetts small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The new program is part of the plan to spend \$4 billion in American Rescue Plan funding that was signed into law by Governor Charlie Baker in December 2021. The new program is modeled after Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation's (MGCC) successful COVID-19 small business relief program. Under that effort, which became the state-sponsored biggest business relief program in the nation, MGCC oversaw the distribution of approximately \$705 million to over 15,000 small businesses across Massachusetts. Today's announcement was made at Luanda Restaurant and Lounge in Brockton, a family-owned business that received financial sup-

"We have been proud to support small businesses in every corner of the Commonwealth through the MGCC small business program during the pandemic, but we know that some challenges remain for many businesses," said Governor Charlie Baker. "With the launch of this new effort, we can build on MGCC's successful work and direct important federal funding to those businesses with the greatest need quickly and

port through MGCC's prior

COVID relief grant pro-

effectively."

"Restaurants like Luanda are fundamental to the character of our neighborhoods, main streets and downtowns in every city and town in Massachusetts," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "This new initiative will ensure that businesses that need help the most will be able to take advantage of

additional opportunities."
The \$75 million will be focused on small businesses that employ between two and 50 people, with

\$25 million directed toward businesses that did not qualify for previous MGCC grants because of a lack of revenue loss in 2020; and \$50 million directed to businesses that reach underserved markets and historically underrepresented groups, or are minority-, women-, or veteran-owned businesses, or are owned by individuals with disabilities or who identify as a member of the LGBTQ+ community.

Under both categories, grants will range from \$10,000 to \$75,000, and will be capped at the lesser of \$75,000 or three months of operating expenses. Grant funding can be used for employee and benefit costs, mortgage interest, rent, utilities, and interest on debt.

"The challenges faced by Massachusetts' small businesses during COVID have been enormous, but in my district and across the state I have seen so many entrepreneurs and innovators respond with incredible perseverance and grace. Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and they deserve our support," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka. "Today's grants represent a choice by the Legislature to center small businesses in our effort for an equitable recovery. I am grateful to the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation for their work to distribute these funds to so many deserving businesses and I am thankful to all of the small businesses who have done so much for Massachusetts."

"I am pleased to hear that the small business grant program, created through the Legislature's ARPA bill, is now accepting applications, and will soon be distributing these funds to our small businesses," said Speaker of the House Ronald J. Mariano. "Delivering on the Legislature's intent to pass a bill truly focused on equity, a significant portion of the funds from the small business program will specificalwomen-owned, and veteran-owned small businesses, as well as small businesses that didn't receive previous grants during the pandemic. Small businesses are oftentimes the backbone of our communities and local economies, and I look forward to seeing these investments remain a priority for the House of Representatives moving forward."

"When help was needed the most during the pandemic, the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation scaled up a nation-leading program to support our small businesses and the families and entrepreneurs behind them," said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy. "I'm grateful to the MGCC team for once again stepping up to direct vital funding to the neighborhoods and communities that continue to face challenges created by this unprecedented public health

crisis." "MGCC is pleased to be an instrument of recovery for the smallest of businesses throughout Massachusetts most affected by COVID-19 with these two new grants programs," said Lawrence Andrews, CEO and President of MGCC. "The Baker-Polito Administration and the Legislature recognize that certain communities have disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, and the goal of this funding will bring relief and stability to additional businesses throughout the Commonwealth."

In addition to prioritizing applications from businesses that did not qualify for prior aid and businesses owned by individuals from historically underserved populations or operate in underserved markets, eligible businesses must currently be in operation and based in Massachusetts. Applicants must also demonstrate that business revenues for 2020 were between \$40,000 and \$2.5 million.

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2022 REVERE BEACH SAND SCULPTING FESTIVAL PLANNED

The Revere Beach Partnership, in coordination with the City of Revere and the Department of Conservation and Recreation, is excited to announce that it will be hosting the 18th Annual Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival from July 22 to 24. After hosting a modified and scaled-back version in 2021, the event elements will return in full including the return of the Master Sand Sculpting Competi-

"The mission of the Revere Beach Partnership is to preserve and enhance America's first public beach for the enjoyment of all. With this as our focus, we are committed to putting on a world-class event that invites visitors from all over the world and showcases the beauty of Revere Beach and all that Revere and its surroundings have to offer," said John Hamel, Chairman of the Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival Committee.

The theme for this year's event will be "Wonders of the World" and will feature an event centerpiece highlighting the world's most famous landmarks. The event will include its signature master sand sculpting competition featuring 15 master sand sculptors, three days of live entertainment, food trucks, specialty food vendors, exhibitors, amusement rides, as well as some special surprises that will be announced closer to the

"We are so excited to welcome everyone to Revere Beach for the 18th Annual International Sand Sculpting Festival," said Mayor

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Brian Arrigo. "As the first public beach in America, Revere Beach has always been a destination spot for visitors. We're thrilled to see that this year's festival will have all the festivities as previous years - with live entertainment, fireworks, and access to enjoy food from local businesses, there will be something for everyone to enjoy."

The Revere Beach Partnership is excited to see everyone on the beach once again for this free, family-friendly event that has become a New England tradition. More details and announcements about the event will be made at a later date. For the most up-to-date information about the event, please visit our website www.rbissf.com or follow us on social media.

Revere Beach Partnership is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was established in 2001.

The mission of the Revere Beach Partnership is to preserve and enhance America's first public beach for the enjoyment of all. The partnership is made up of a volunteer board that shares a love for Revere and Revere Beach. For more information, please visit www.reverebeachpartnership.com or www.rbissf.com.

GOLDBERG ANNOUNCES INTERIM LOTTERY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg announced that Michael Sweeney, Executive Director of the Massachusetts State Lottery, is departing from the agency for a new role outside of state government.

"I want to thank Michael for his countless contributions to the Massachusetts State Lottery over the last seven years, and am grateful for his prior service at the State Treasurer's Office," said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. "I wish him well in all his future and overs."

ture endeavors."

The Treasurer has appointed Mark William Bracken as interim Executive Director. Bracken is tasked with leading the strategic business operations of the Lottery and its five regional offices as the Treasurer begins the search for a permanent Executive Director.

Director. Bracken has worked for the Massachusetts State Treasurer's Office since 2011. He is currently an Assistant Treasurer and Director of the state's Unclaimed Property Division. He attended St. Anselm College and Suffolk University Law School where he received his JD. Bracken has also served as the President of the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators.

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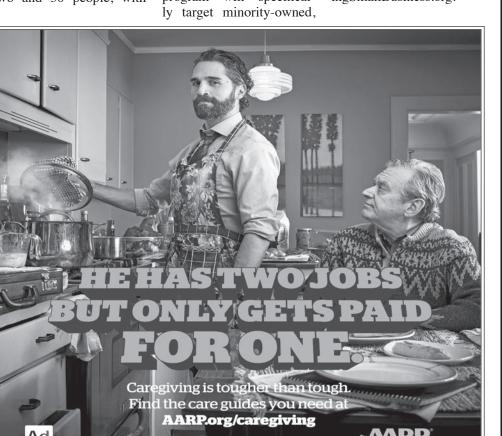


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OUR Opinions

A TRAGIC AND **DANGEROUS TIME**

As we are writing this, the incredibly brave people and government leaders of Ukraine still are holding out against the despicable invaders from Russia.

It is clear that Vladimir Putin, the criminal Russian dictator, underestimated the resolve of the Ukrainian people and their armed forces. He also underestimated the united backlash from the rest of the world and the effects of the economic sanctions that are crippling Russia's economy. On the other hand, he overestimated the power of his

army, which clearly is not up to the task of overrunning a nation as large and as unified as Ukraine as quickly as he had expected. However, we fear that as the Russians continue to pour

military resources into Ukraine and undertake a military campaign that is targeting the civilian population with warcrime levels of bombardment, it is only a matter of time before the Russians take control of whatever will be left of Ukraine after Putin levels it, as he seems intent on doing. Putin's barbaric invasion of Ukraine brought to mind a

quote that often is applicable to dictatorial regimes such as Putin's: "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men, even when they exercise influence and not authority, still more when you superadd the tendency or the certainty of corruption by authority." Although what is happening in Ukraine, though it is be-

screens 24/7, may seem a world away, we should not be lulled into thinking that we are safe from Putin's maniacal machinations. The reports that the 69 year-old Putin, who apparently was not content with being the richest man in the world,

ing broadcast into our living rooms and on our computer

has become mentally-unhinged is a cause for concern because the lessons of history teach us that the evil deeds of dictators know no bounds.

Here is a quote from a book that came out this week about another would-be dictator:

"He stopped listening to his advisers, became manic and unreasonable, and was off the rails. He surrounded himself with sycophants, including many whack jobs from outside -the government, who fed him a steady diet of comforting but unsupported conspiracy theories."

This is a quote from a passage in the new book by former Attorney General William Barr describing the final days of Donald Trump's presidency.

But it seems equally-applicable to Putin, who has raised the spectre of using nuclear weapons to bolster his failing military campaign and who has the ability to wage cyber warfare upon us to an extent that we have not yet experienced. In the 1950s, Americans conducted Civil Defense drills, which included telling children to duck-and-cover under their desks at school. But in an era of cyber warfare, there will be no place for any of us to hide.

We pray for the poor people of Ukraine, whose lives are being shattered literally hour-by-hour.

But we also must be aware that the after-shocks of what

is happening in Ukraine will have far-reaching consequences for the entire world, including us.

"CLIMATE CHANGE IS HARMING THE PLANET FASTER THAN WE CAN ADAPT, U.N. WARNS"

That was the headline in the New York Times this past Monday in its story on the report released by the United Nations regarding the ever-increasing damage that manmade pollution is causing to the environment. The bottom line of the report is this: Unless we reverse

direction immediately to limit the amount of greenhouse gases we are spewing into the atmosphere, the impact of climate change on our planet will be irreversible and will come so rapidly that we will have no ability to withstand the wildfires, floods, storms, and sea-level rise that are the inevitable consequences of climate change.

In short, life on our planet as we know it basically is

And it is going to happen much sooner rather than later.

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Forum

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

In America we pursue the occupation of our choice. That doesn't mean we always like our jobs but we can choose to pursue another career or several different careers. We can choose our state, community and house. That doesn't mean we can easily afford to live where we choose but we are free to pursue life in another neighborhood if we want to work toward such a

We change our lives if we have the desire and the will power. People make choices every day regarding health, habits and lifestyles. Some choose to develop themselves further and strive to be better while others may choose to do nothing. You choose your house,

your car, your clothes, and your hairstyle (if you have any). You choose what you will do on your days off from work or during your retirement years. You choose if you retire or if you just keep on working until the end. Often, we may feel as

if we don't have choices

BIKE WINTHROP

Dear Council President

Since 2017, Bike Win-

Letterie & Members of

throp has hosted a series

for the year to both inform

you of the fun we have

planned, and to indicate

areas where further collab-

oration can yield positive

2022 Bike Winthrop

Spring Kickoff: May,

- Bike Winthrop will host

fun-ride,

Costume

a Spring kick-off event this

May which will include a

safety and maintenance ac-

tivities, and a BYO picnic.

Summer Beach Ride:

- Bike Winthrop, in coor-

dination with other groups,

will be organizing a beach-

themed and oriented family

ride to highlight Winthrop's

Ride and Parade: Octo-

our annual Halloween fes-

tivities including a costume

ride and children's parade

contest along with music,

Lights Ride: December,

Solstice and Holiday

activities and food.

- Bike Winthrop will host

Spring-themed

Summer, 2022

beaches.

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Halloween

results for Winthrop.

Events:

2022

2022 LOOK

the Town Council,

AHEAD:

GUEST OP-ED

How Much is Freedom Worth?

and that we are stuck in a rut. Chances are we made choices that put us there. We have to make tough choices to climb out of the rut. We can easily become disabled physically, financially and domestically which will significantly limit our choices. Because of health, money, and maybe even age, our choices are often very limited. Most of the time, even when we have limitations, we can find freedom of choice.

The bottom line is we live in America and we cherish our freedom. We should remember our history and the great sacrifices made by so many. We should never take for granted the unimaginable hardships endured by the early settlers and every generation that has fought wars and lost tens of thousands of men and women in wars to keep our sacred and blessed freedom.

In his 1961 State of the Union address, President John F. Kennedy reminded us that every generation of Americans has had to win its freedom. We will never stay free unless we are willing to fight and sacrifice to keep our freedom.

How much is freedom worth? The brave people of Ukraine and President Volodymyr Zelenskyy are showing the world what freedom is worth. Their lives. While many of the young and aged are exiting Ukraine, President Zelenskyy and thousands are risking their lives to keep Ukraine free from the aggression of Russia and the evil of Vladimir Putin. Putin is not our friend or a friend to the free world. His path to conquer Ukraine is an Adolph Hitler move. Destroying a city and attempting to conquer a nation while killing thousands in order to increase his domain is barbaric.

In the midst of all this, we are surely reminded that we must once again become energy independent. Russia is a supplier of 40% of the natural gas used by Germany and most of Europe. They and America must stop buying energy and anything else from Russia. We have made them a rich nation while sacrificing our own independence.

Watching as Ukraine's government hands out AK-47s and other guns surely reminds us of the importance of being able to pro-

tect ourselves. Keep your guns, stock up on your ammunition, and never vote for anyone who wants to edit our Second Amend-

We must pray for Zelenskyy and the Ukraine people but we must also help them with whatever aid necessary to push Russia out. Keep in mind that Russia is only 55 miles from Alaska's closest port. Putin just might decide that Russia should have Alaska back. We bought Alaska fair and square in 1867 for \$7.2 million and we won't be handing it back.

How much is freedom worth? Volodymyr Zelenskyy and the people of Ukraine are demonstrating how much freedom is worth.

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.

LETTERS to the Editor

- Bike Winthrop will host the 2nd annual Holiday Lights/Solstice ride to celebrate the festivities of the season and the joys of winter biking..

2022 Objectives:

Mary Ellen Welch Gre-

of annual family rides and community safety events As the direct recipient in Winthrop. These events, of the \$87,000+ MassTrails such as our annual Spring design grant, the Town of Bike Kickoff and Hallow-Winthrop, in conjunction een Costume Parade and with the Friends of the Ride have been a huge and Mary Ellen Welch Greengrowing success. We are way (MEWGW), will be incredibly thankful for the overseeing the next phase support we have received of the design work for the from the Town of Winthrop, Winthrop Extension of the especially from WPD. Bike MEWGW. This project has Winthrop has also been an the potential to connect the advocate for improved bike boardwalk and trails along infrastructure & policies, Winthrop's Morton Street along with safety improvesection of Belle Isle Marsh ments for both bicyclists with the MEGW which curand pedestrians. In doing so rently runs from Constituwe have been the lead Wintion Beach to Piers Park in throp voice for extending East Boston (with plans to the Mary Ellen Welch Greconnect to Suffolk Downs enway to Winthrop. Below and Revere Beach). we will outline Bike Win-This is the product of a throp's plans & objectives

decades-long vision rooted in hometown advocacy and the result of steadfast advocacy from local groups such as ourselves and the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh. By creating a safe and enjoyable offstreet connection between Winthrop and surrounding transit, employment and recreational destinations throughout the region, the potential impact on Winthrop residents is enormous, both for commuting and recreational purposes. The Winthrop Town Council and Town Manager have a once in a generation opportunity to support the creation of this transformative public realm improvement that will provide substantial health and safety benefits to the people of Winthrop. Easy, measurable success

on this front would be for

the Town to unequivocally

state to the Governor's Of-

fice, Representative Turco,

and Senator Edwards that

seeing this connection built

is a priority for the Town

of Winthrop. Additionally,

identifying and advocating

for future funding oppor-

tunities for this project by

the Town of Winthrop can make a tremendous positive impact on this project. Bike Winthrop, as always, stands ready and willing to assist with these efforts.

Safe Streets: Action and Policy:

- Action: · Shared Streets and

Complete Streets Funding: The Town Manager has recently discussed the opportunity to apply tor Shared Streets funding for street safety improvements. Bike Winthrop supports the Town Manager's efforts to make improvements that will improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. There are many low-hanging fruits to achieving these efforts, such as buttonactivated flashing crosswalk lights, digital speed response signs, and traffic calming measures where we know speeding and traffic conflicts are prevalent. Bike Winthrop also encourages the Town to apply for future Complete Streets Grants. Measurable success on this issue would be identifying priorities for this year's grant that improve bike and pedestrian safety in key locations, applying for the grant, and completing projects where grant funding has been awarded. • Lewis Lake Path: Bike

Winthrop asks the town to move the ball forward in completing the long identified permeable pathway through the Lewis Lake Park connecting Veterans Rd. (the beach neighborhood) with River Rd (WHS/ WMS/cemetary neighborhood). This path will create an important off-street connection for pedestrians and cyclists that will connect the newly improved Winthrop Center & public schools with the Lewis Lake/Daws Playground,

Winthrop Beach and Point Shirley. This will also enable school-children, bicyclists, dog walkers and pedestrians traveling between these areas to do so safely and efficiently, while simultaneously enjoy this beautiful natural resource in our town. Measurable success on this front would be funding and completing initial design work in the upcoming fiscal year. This will enable the town to determine the cost of construction, to find avenues for savings, and to seek non-town fund-

- Policy:

• Complete Streets: Winthrop has already successfully enacted a Complete Streets Policy which unlocks funding for the Town of Winthrop and identifies a commitment to creating safer streets. Bike Winthrop believes that the next logical step is to follow through with the requirements and goals of the already enacted Complete Streets Policy. The primary task should be ensuring a proper scope of work for public works projects to reduce missed opportunities, and to increase the tax efficiency of public works projects. Measurable success would be establishing an official mechanism to ensure that all contracts involving non-emergency street or sidewalk work result in a final product that is in compliance with the Complete Streets Policy. The Complete Streets Policy, as written, envisions a committee to handle this task, but this is an area where direct Council oversight may be advisable.

> **Christopher Aiello** Julia Wallerce **Bob Carroll** Sarah Jane Fourness **Peter Christopher Janet Langley**

Bike Winthrop

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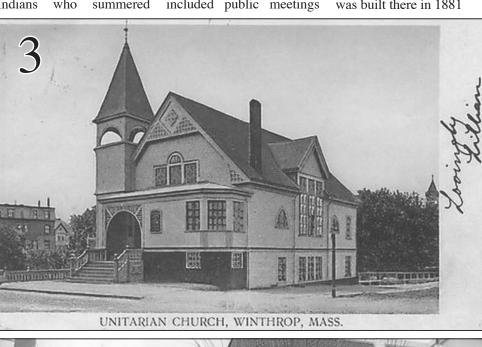




With the beginning of Winthrop's rapid population growth in 1875, as the result of the development of ocean side resort accommodations and the Narrow Gauge Railroad transportation system, the desire for various Houses of Worship also began to increase. As part of this expansion, a Unitarian Church was constructed in 1889 on Hermon Street across from where the Town Hall is today. See picture #1 for how it appeared in the early 1890's. Notice that Hermon Street was then a dirt road which had wooden supports along both sides of it. The construction of Hermon Street began at Main Street about 1855 and slowly proceeded Southward until 1859 when it reached the spot where Lincoln Street would be laid out a year or two later. By 1862, the Town Fathers decided to finish Hermon Street through to what is now Metcalf Square. To the left of this Church building, down in the "Pit" area, was a large fresh water pond. This same pond is reported to have provided water for the Native American Indians who summered

on our peninsula prior to 1630. Also during the late 1850's Sam Belcher, who lived in a house on what is now Belcher Street, had a small group of cows that grazed on what is now the location of our Town Hall and Public Library. These cows went down the slope to obtain water from the "Pit". When Hermon Street was completed through to Pauline Street in the mid 1860's, a tunnel was constructed under the street so Mr. Belchers cattle could continue to obtain drinking water from the pit. In picture #2, the rear of the 1872 Baptist Church building which now houses the theater for the Winthrop Playmakers, can be seen on the extreme right of the photograph. On the left side of this picture, the first high school, built in 1896 and razed in 1972, can be seen standing behind the subject church building. The front stairways to the Church have been converted from left and right flights of stairs into a single set of stairs to the building entrance. In 1929 this building was converted to civic use which included public meetings

and other activities held by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars organization. In the 1970's, it became a youth centre which was operated by the local Parks and Recreation Commission. Picture #3 depicts the building from a different angle as it appeared on a Postcard. In 1973 the pit area was filled in, with earth that had been used to surcharge the land where the skating rink was built in 1974, and a playground for the then existing E.B. Newton, Centre and Willis schools was constructed. Picture #4, taken from in front of the Hermon Street entrance to the current Town Hall Joseph Harvey Hearing Room, depicts the former site of the Unitarian Church as it appears today with the Arthur T. Cummings Elementary School (constructed in 2002) on it. On the second floor hallway of this school is a large framed collection of photographs, provided by the 2002 Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee, which depicts the various schools that have existed around the "Pit" since the first school was built there in 1881







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 March 1, 2012 A fire in a manhole near

the intersection of Revere Street and Governors Park late Sunday night is being blamed for a power outage that left more than 2,100 residents without power for approximately 16 hours Sunday night into Monday and forced the closing of two schools, Town Hall, the police station, and library. However, the issue that had town officials scratching their heads in the aftermath was the lack of communication about the incident from National Grid to town officials for not having explained the extent of the problem until Monday morning.

A Pleasant Street family is counting its blessings this week after what is being reported as an early morning gas explosion last Thursday at their home. "The home is a total loss," explained Fire Chief Paul Flanagan. "Considering that there were people inside the home at the time of the explosion, we're really very lucky that this wasn't more of a tragedy."

More than 200 concerned residents and users of public transportation packed into the Winthrop Senior Center Monday night at 6 p.m., to speak out against the proposed fare increases and service reductions that MBTA officials are considering in order to close a \$161 million operating deficit in the MBTA budget. Among the cuts being proposed by the MBTA, in one of two scenarios for dealing with the deficit, the Paul Revere Bus line service connecting Winthrop residents to the Blue Line station at Orient Heights, Logan Airport, and beyond would be completely eliminated.

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel, Dr. Seuss' The Lorax, and Act of Valor are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago March 7, 2002

A public hearing will be held next Wednesday between town officials and residents from Yirrell Beach to discuss the proposed regrading of the sand at the beach.

Winthrop Police Sergeant Paul DeLeo has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant. De Leo was the top scorer of the three candidates on the Civil Service exam. The lieutenant vacancy was created by the promotion of former Lieut. Mike McManus to Police Chief. Town information shows

that more than 5090 local residents are licensed to carry a firearm. A recent meeting of the

Harbor Management Committee revealed that the planned commuter boat pier would service only commuter ferries, but some members of the committee want the pier used for other purposes as well. A five-bedroom, 2.5 bath

brick Colonial is listed for \$495,000 by Highland R.E. We Were Soldiers, 40

Days and 40 Nights, and John Q. are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas. 30 years ago

March 4, 1992

Police conducted a drug raid at the senior housing complex on Overlook Drive, arresting six people for the possession of marijuana, including a paraplegic resident and his roommate. Police, who seized a scale and a quantity of marijuana, allege that the marijuana was being sold out of the apartment. The Good Friends at the Win-

others who were arrested

were buyers who came to

the apartment while the police were there. Belle Liberman

honored as the Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year and Myer Brill and Frances Brill received Community Service Awards at the Chamber's annual installation of officers and awards dinner held at the Cottage Park Y.C.

Although they did not specify any cuts, the Advisory Committee members announced that they will recommend reductions in the town budget in order to use available town revenue for capital projects. Seacoast Real Estate lists

a five-bedroom home with wrap-around porches and water views for \$189,000. One Upon a Crime,

Lawnmower Man, and Gladiator are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago March 3, 1982

There will be a small field of candidates for the upcoming town election in April. Most incumbents will be running unopposed, including Selectman Robert DeLeo and School Committeeman Richard Gill.

The selectmen conducted a vicious dog hearing Monday night after a complaint by a resident who said that a neighbor's two dogs

terrorized his dog. However, Animal Control Officer Jack Van Buskirk testified that in his opinion, the two dogs in question are harmless. The selectmen took the matter under advisement.

About 75 percent of the town endured a blackout for two hours last week.

A 19 year old local youth was apprehended just minutes after he had snatched a handbag from a woman near the Post Office Thursday night. Officers Ingersoll and McDonald made the arrest.

Gloria Stevens Figure Salons in Michael's Mall is offering an introductory rate of \$25.00 for the first six weeks.

Highland Real Estate lists an eight-room, Whittemore-built house on Johnson Ave. with a new, in-law apartment for \$95,000.

50 years ago March 1, 1972 The highlight of Mon-

day's town election will be the three-way contest for the selectman's seat among incumbent Henry F. O'Connell and challengers Robert Indresano and James Loughran. There also will be four ballot questions, including one to legalize beano and another to grant tenure to Town Clerk John Clark, who has held the position for the past 15 years. The selectmen have es-

timated that the nor'easter that struck the town Feb.19-21 caused \$500,000 in damage to public and private property. Police are seeking a lone

gunman who held up the Scott Gas Station at 96 Pauline St. Friday morning. Police ordered 50 cars

towed from the town's streets in order to assist with snow removal efforts. The School Committee

presented a budget request to the Advisory Committee for the coming year that is 10 percent above this year's budget. School Committeeman Donald Clayman said the increase is needed because of inflation, a

sharp rise in school enrollment, and improvements to school programs and facil-Dyanne Cannon and James Coco star in Such

throp Cinema.

60 years ago March 1, 1962

The long-simmering issue of the redevelopment of the Beach section of town came to a boil this weekend, on the eve of the town election, and gave promise of bubbling over. The Redevelopment Authority denied access to the redevelopment plans to the selectmen, who had intended to make the plans available at a public hearing. The selectmen charged that there has been a blackout of information on the subject and one resident, Charles Archdeacon, has filed suit in Suffolk Superior Court seeking to enjoin the selectmen from signing any letter of certification for the need for urban renewal in the town.

A hectic town election is set for Monday, with incumbent selectmen Melvin T. Carver, Henry F. O'Connell, and Walter Van Dalinda being challenged by James T. Reddy, Charles Archdeacon, Albert Gurwitz, William Kincade, Joseph Schwartz, and Bernard Basch.

The Planning Board is urging a "Yes" vote on the ballot question that seeks to strike the Tenement Housing Act from the town's books. Board members say that new state laws supercede the Tenement Act, which was adopted in 1911, and now better regulate building and sanitary conditions in housing structures of more than two dwelling units.

Warren Beatty and Vivian Leigh star in The Roman Spring of Mrs. Stone at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago Feb. 28, 1952

A record turnout is expected for Monday's town election in which 33 candidates are vying for 21 town offices. The vote is expected to exceed the previous record set in 1936 when 6136 of the town's registered voters went to the polls. There also is a ballot question to determine whether to give tenure to Town Clerk Joseph O'Hern.

A bill before the legislature would have 25 percent of the MTA budget deficit be borne by the fringe communities outside of the present MTA district. Winthrop would fall into the category of one of the fringe communities. The 14 member communities of the MTA district presently bear 100 percent of the MTA's deficit.

The town's Centennial celebration officially will get underway March 27 with appropriate exercises to be held in front of Town Hall in the afternoon and at the Elks Lodge in the evening. Frank Hatfield is Chairman of the Centennial Committee. A huge parade is being planned for the summer.

Doris Day and Danny Thomas star in I'll See You in My Dreams at the Winthrop Theatre.

March 5, 1942 The smallest turnout in

80 years ago

recent town history for a town election marked Monday's balloting. Incumbents Ross F. Batchelder and Arthur Verney handily won re-election to the Board of Selectmen, while former State Rep. Roy Pigeon edged George Hamilton for the third seat. The Winthrop Committee

on Public Safety has issued rules and regulations for procedures during blackouts. Dave Harrigan, chairman of the Evacuation Sub-Com-

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SCENES FROM THE SNOWSTORM AFTERMATH



Shea Walsh and Betty Egan talking a wintery stroll along the beach.





Gavin and Kaylin Gorman building a new friend to play with last Friday at Massa Playground in Crystal Cove.



Otis Street residents, Jeanne and Lisa Curran didn't let a little snow get in their way.

GOTR Greater Boston spring season registration now open

Girls on the Run (GOTR) Greater Boston's registration for the spring season is now open. Girls on the Run is a physical activity-based, positive youth development program that inspires girls in third through eighth grade to be joyful, healthy and confident. It is more than a running program.

"We are incredibly excited to be launching our largest season ever, with over 1,000 local girls slated to participate," says Olivia Mathews, the Executive Director of GOTR Greater Boston. "Having heard from school administrators that Girls on the Run was truly needed for girls over the past two years due to the isolation of the pandemic, it is urgent that we reach out and engage girls who may be reluctant to join and allow then to experience the transformational benefits of being part of a GOTR

Girls on the Run Greater Boston has inspired girls in Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk and Plymouth counties for 11 years and has impacted the lives of 8,500 local girls. This season, Girls on the Run will be offered at over 75 diverse locations throughout the area. The life-changing program has research-based lessons that use dynamic discussions and fun running games to teach life skills. The season will culminate with a 5K event on Saturday June 11th in Medford, Massachusetts, that brings together family, friends and community members to celebrate the girls' growth

throughout the season.

The Spring 2022 season will start the week of March 27th for most teams and the twice weekly meetings are generally held after school and outdoors, often led by a school's own teachers and community volunteers. A program fee includes an individual girl kit with a team shirt, water bottle, cinch bag, practice materials and an activity journal. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify. More information about the program, locations and registration can be found on the Girls on the Run of Greater Boston website at girlson-

therunboston.org About Girls on the Run

Greater Boston Girls on the Run Greater Boston is an independent nonprofit organization affiliated with Girls on the Run International, which has nearly 200 chapters across the United States and has served over 2 million girls in its 26-year history. Over the course of the program, girls in 3rd-8th grade develop social, emotional and physical skills to successfully navigate life experiences. The program culminates with girls positively impacting their communities through a service project and being physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5K event. Girls on the Run is included as a top research-based program in a Social-Emotional Learning Guide developed by researchers at Harvard University and has been recognized by the National Afterschool Association (NAA) as one of the most influential after-school pro-

Years // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

mittee of the Public Safety State Theatres. Committee, said there is no truth to the rumor that Winthrop is to be evacuated.

The MDC closed Shore Drive Road until further notice after Tuesday morning's wind and rain storm caused further damage to the roadway.

Greta Garbo and Melvyn Douglas star in Two Faced

100 years ago March 11, 1922

Despite an ideal, sunny day to go to the polls, fewer voters than last year turned out for the annual town election. Incumbent selectmen Joshua Remby, Leslie Griffin, and Harry

third-place finisher. Harry O'Neil and Officer Dan Murphy alerted the residents of a house at the corner of Beach Road and Shore Drive, opposite the Metropolitan Police station, when O'Neil saw flames shooting from the building

showing, receiving 1329 Off. Murphy rescued two votes, just 349 behind the persons, including a 14 year-old girl from the third floor. A third person whom they pulled from the flames who was sick with pneumonia was taken to Strong

Hospital, but died. The committee in charge of taking over and expanding the Metcalf Hospital





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WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

IT'S MARCH MADNESS TIME!!!!

WHS boys and girls hockey, basketball teams begin state tourney play

WHS GIRLS **HOCKEY WINS** NHL TITLE; HOSTS LONGMEADOW IN TOURNEY OPENER **TONIGHT**

The Winthrop High girls hockey team will open play in the Division 1 state hockey tournament this evening (Thursday) when the Lady Vikings host Longmeadow at Larsen Rink. The opening face-off is set to drop at

"Longmeadow is a big, strong, and physical team," said WHS head coach Anthony "Butch" Martucci. "We are looking forward to the challenge."

Winthrop is seeded 16th in the D-1 rankings despite having compiled a 17-0-1 record during the regular season, a winning percentage that was second only to unbeaten-untied Auston Prep, which garnered the number one seed in D-1. The Lady Vikings' low seed is attributable to the controversial new rating formula being employed by the MIAA this year which uses a sophisticated calculation to determine seedings based on a team's strength of schedule and margin of

Longmeadow, which finished the season at 8-7-1, is the 17th seed.

"Right now, we are feeling a little disrespected as we are ranked 16th in Division 1," said Martucci. "So we are coming in angry and looking to earn some respect."

The winner of tonight's contest will advance to the Sweet 16 where they will in all likelihood face Austin Prep, which is playing its first-round game tomorrow evening against Ursuline Academy, the 32nd seed in

Last Wednesday the Lady Vikings took care of their last piece of unfinished business from the 2022 regular season when they squared off against Northeastern Hockey League rival Beverly at Larsen. The Lady Vikings entered the contest needing a win or a tie in order to clinch an undisputed NHL title. A loss would have left Winthrop sharing the NHL crown with Peabody.

In addition, the evening was preceded by Senior Night festivities at which the four members of the Class of 2022, Summer Tallent, Mia Martucci, Elle English, and Kendall Brant, were honored for their contributions to the WHS girls program.

"All four have been instrumental to the team, and the team's performance, this season," said Martucci. "They are not only great players, but they are great people. They are leaders on and off the ice. The four of them are the true definition of student-athletes. They excel in the classroom and on the ice. They will be greatly missed next year, but what a year they all

have had."

As for the game itself, Winthrop had easily handled the Lady Panthers (who form a co-op team with Danvers) in their first meeting this season on Beverly's home ice (which is the Ray Bourque Arena

at Endicott College) by a

score of 5-2.

However, a combination of a tough rival (Beverly finished in fourth place in the NHL with a 9-6-1 league record and 9-9-2 overall) that was determined to deprive Winthrop of the league title and the pressure of a big crowd on Senior Night made the rematch anything but easy for the Lady Vikings

"The Beverly game was a war," said Martucci. "Anytime you play a team for the second time, it is always tough. They know you, you know them, and the battle is on.

"For some reason we are always a little off on Senior Night," the coach continued. "I am not sure if it is the emotion of the players about the seniors or the circus that is going on, but we seem to have a tough time in the Senior Night games. This was just another example of that.

"Beverly played physical and played lock-down defense," said Martucci. "They blocked a ton of shots (16 total) We were attacking and playing hard, but we just could not seem to find our flow."

After a scoreless first period, the Lady Vikings finally put together some momentum in the middle stanza. Winthrop took full advantage of a power play opportunity with Emma Holmes, the team's leading scorer, blasting home a goal from the slot.

"It was just some nice puck movement among Abby Holmes, Mia Martucci, Mia Norris, Julia Holmes, and Emma Holmes," said Martucci. "Finally, Julia Holmes found Emma and we got the goal we needed."

That would prove to be enough for the win, as Winthrop netminder Summer Tallent, the NHL's co-Player of the Year, once again was superb in net, making 19 saves to add to her program records of wins (58) and shutouts (24).

"Our defense was equally as amazing with keeping Beverly off the board," said Martucci. "Abby Holmes, Elle English, Adrianna Rizzotto, Amelia Spencer, Teegan Pereira, Avalina Coffey, Casey Petersen, and Izi Hain were all tremendous in this game. Also, one forward who really had a great game was Lilly Tallent. She was phenomenal on the penalty kill and her relentless backchecking was immense.

"I am so proud of every player on this team," added Martucci. "They work so hard every single day. They are elite at every practice and they prepare like

champions for every single See ROUNDUP Page 9

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THE WHS VIKING HOCKEY SENIORS AND FAMILIES HONORED AT SENIOR NIGHT PROGRAM

Last Wednesday afternoon the WHS Senior Vikings were recognized for their dedication and contributions to the hockey pro-

gram. Greeting them on the ice were their biggest fans, their family and friends, to congratulate them and be part of the ceremony.



Senior Captain Summer Tallent, 3x NEC All Star, 2x NEC all Conference, NEC MVP, 23 career shutouts (program record) 57 career win (program record).



Capt. Mia Martucci with her parents, Tracey and Anthony, sister Talia and the Martucci extended family.



Kendall Brant with her parents, Stephanie and Tom, brothers Daniel and Thomas.



Capt. Ellie English with her parents, Jim and Claudia, sisters Emma and Flora.



Capt. Summer Tallent with her parents, Mark and Cathy and sister/teammate Lily Tallent.



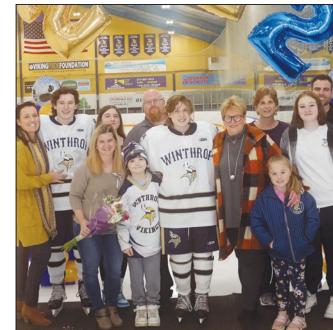
Senior Bobby Diaz, with his mom Debbie Chavis, dad Bob-

by and Jennifer Diaz, Grandparents Karin and Al Chavis.



Senior Captain Ari Hain with his mom Rebekkah Hainn and

sister Izi Hain.



Team Manager, Zack Shea with his parents, Christa and Todd, sister Gabby, brother Jojo and the rest of the extended family.



Senior Anthony Indrisano with his parents, Marisa and Stephen, sisters Gianna and Francesca, grandparents.



Senior Captain JD Parker, with his parents Kelly and Than, sister Hannah, grandparents Sue Gaughan and Tony and Priscilla Parker.



Senior Charlie Dassau with his parents, Kristine and Colin, sister Isabella, brother Max, Kelli and Sean Conway, Lily Conway, Karyn Ellsworth.



Senior James Sicurella with his parents, Sharon and Joe, Grandparents Joe and June Sicurella, Lenny and Barbara Belleveau, and the rest of his extended family.

Hockey // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ca was mowing down everyone in its path on its way to the Boston Garden.

"I used to go to all the games for the '76 team," recalled Dunbar this week. "The crowds were 5-deep around the boards at Larsen. You couldn't even move in that rink."

Dunbar, who went on to

BU, and play in the National Hockey League, is hoping to see a huge turnout at Saturday's tourney opener against the Rockport Vi-(Student-athletes kings Manchester-Essex from and Ipswich also play for the Rockport co-op team.

"We're trying to get all of our alumni to the game and make the rink look like it did in the old days," said Dunbar. "It will be fun to get the town behind us like in those days. When I played for Winthrop, the rink was always packed."

Boncore nets hat trick

"Senior Night."

Freshman Phil Boncore netted a hat trick to lead the Vikings' attack. Senior captain Joe Hayes assisted on Boncore's first two goals while Pete Silverman, one of the team's leading scorers this season, had the assist on Boncore's third lamplighter.

Senior James Sicurella also scored a goal, assisted by senior captain Ari Hain. Freshman first-liner

Mike Holgersen scored the game-winning goal to break a 3-3 tie in the third period, assisted by Silverman.

The Winthrop seniors honored for their outstanding contributions to the hockey program were: Captain Joe Hayes, Captain Ari Hain, Captain JD Parker, Charlie Dassau, Bobby Diaz, James Sicurella, Anthony Indrisano, and Zack

The Winthrop High team

enjoyed a hockey trip to Boston University where the players met the coaches and toured the BU locker room.

"The kids really enjoyed it," said Dunbar. "They got to see how the team practices and all the facilities. Coach [Mike] Eruzione and Winthrop Charities treated everyone to pizza. It was a good, fun, team-building

Roundup // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7 year this is," added Triant.

BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYS AT **CATHEDRAL SATURDAY**

The Winthrop High boys basketball team will open play in the Division 4 state basketball tournament this Saturday afternoon, March 5, when coach Mike Triant and his Viking crew make the trek to the South End to take on Cathedral High. The opening tip-off is set for 3:00.

Winthrop enters the contest as the 28th seed in Division 4 with an overall record of 8-12. Cathedral is the fifth seed in D-4 after compiling a record of 8-10. "Cathedral is tough, but

I wouldn't want it any other way," said Triant. "They have been a big favorite in D-4 since the preseason. This is what we have worked all year for. We have a great opportunity in front of us Friday night and I think my guys will embrace it.

"Finishing 8-12 was a great year for us and getting back to the tournament was one of our goals," Triant continued. "Now we want to go out and give it our best 32 minutes of the year. We have had a great weekend and we set up a tough scrimmage last Saturday morning with a very good Cardinal Spellman team.

"It was a bit nostalgic for me coaching against (Spellman) coach Perry, who is such a great coach and has been for many years," Triant added on a personal note. "It brought back some mid-to-late '90s Savio memories, and the Cathedral matchup does the same."

Triant said he was pleased with his team's performance in the scrimmage with Spellman.

"We played great and handled that test vs. Spellman," Triant continued. "Then we had a joint practice with Eastie on Sunday morning where both programs were amazing. We worked one another hard and gave each other great looks. I have a great deal of respect for their coaches and players. More importantly, there is a great deal of mutual respect between the players. They genuinely care for each other and want to see one another be successful. I think as coaches it really gives a great sense of community to all of our players. Neighboring programs wanting to work together to make one another better is a great thing to teach the kids and to show the communities. I wish East Boston players and coaches all the best in their tourney game in Chelsea.

"These scrimmages definitely helped us get more prepared for Cathedral," Triant added. "They're super-athletic and skilled. They want to really force the tempo and make their opponents play fast. I think that we can play that style very well. I told the boys that we are playing our best ball of the season right now and that's exactly the way it is supposed to be. I'm su-

per proud of them and our staff. It should be a good one Saturday afternoon in

"What a great time of

the South End.

star for Winthrop High and

"I'm so proud to be a part

of Winthrop athletics. Big

congratulations to all of our

winter sports teams and in-

dividuals who are compet-

ing in the state tournament.

Best of luck to everyone

The winner of the Win-

will advance to the Sweet

16 where they likely will

face #12-seeded Manches-

ter-Essex, which is taking

on Whittier Regional in its

FACES HAMILTON-

The Winthrop High girls

basketball team, the cham-

pion of the South Division

of the Northeastern Con-

ference, was scheduled to

travel to Hamilton-Wen-

ham last night (Wednesday)

for a Round of 32 contest in

the Division 4 state basket-

seeded 21st in D-4 after

compiling an overall record

of 16-6. The Lady Generals,

who play in the Cape Ann

League, were 15-5 during

the regular season and are

the 12th seed in the D-4

tournament. H-W plays in

the Kinney Division of the

Cape Ann League where

they finished in third place

with a 9-4 league mark be-

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ly will face fifth-seeded

Tyngsborough, which is

set to host #28 Manchester/

Essex tomorrow (Friday)

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WHS GIRLS

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this week and beyond."

throp-Cathedral

in 5-3 win over Saugus

The Vikings will enter the post-season following a 5-3 victory over Saugus on

California after traveling on two planes, two trains, and a bus, Swedish senior exchange student Rebecca Lindstedt hit her routine after competing in a surfing competition all week. The storm got in her way traveling home and became a nightmare, but she made it and competed with a fantastic score of 8.5.

Junior Alayna Ronan finished up her last floor routine with an 8.6. Senior captain Brandi DiCicco, who competed on all four events while suffering a head cold, performed a double-twisting somersault for the first time this season and led the Vikings with a mark of 8.8.

Vaulting, the next event for the Vikings, had been up-and-down all season for Winthrop, but the girls showed up for the sectionals. First up was Shannon Abbott, hitting her vault and scoring an 8.15. Next up was Ellie O'Donnell, sticking her second vault and scoring an 8.35. Junior Alayna Ronan, with her amazing twisting-handspring, stuck both vaults as she usually does, scoring a season high of 9.0.

Captain Mary O'Donnell, after adjusting her run several times, hit her flipping vault to score an 8.5. That left the two senior captains, Megi Zogasi and Brandi DiCicco, who both stuck their flipping vaults for a score of 9.0.

The Vikings' last event, the uneven bars, has been a hit-or-miss event for the Vikings all season. First up was Shannon Abbott, hitting her routine without as much as a bent toe and starting the Vikings off on the right foot.

Junior Alayna Ronan set a new Winthrop record for the most long hang kips in a routine, scoring a season high 6.8. Freshman Isabella Rice performed her bar routine without a deduction, scoring an 8.0, her season's best score.

That left the final three routines to the team's senior captains, Megi Zogasi, Brandi DiCicco, and Mary O'Donnell, and with great Viking Pride, each athlete stuck her routine without as much as a slight wobble.

"I couldn't be more proud of our senior captains," said WHS co-head coach Pete Gobiel. "They set the bar pretty high for the next 140 point team."

COMPLETES OUTSTANDING 2022 SEASON The Winthrop High

WHS GYMNASTICS

gymnastics team completed an outstanding season with a 7-1 record in dual-meet competition that qualified the Vikings for the Mass. Sectional Team Championships at Algonquin Regional High School this past Saturday. Winthrop's sterling 7-1

mark placed the Vikings in second place in its Northeast Conference in the regular season behind only state champion Masconomet. At Saturday's sectionals, 12 teams competed at the

same time from the North, vying for the top four spots to reach the state team championships, along with the top four teams from the South. Winthrop started on the

balance beam with Ellie O'Donnell up first, scoring an 8.0. Isabella Rice competed second, scoring an 8.1. Captain Mary O'Donnell and captain Megi Zogasi both tied with a 7.9. Junior Alayna Ronan hit her routine for an 8.675 and captain Brandi DiCicco finished with an 8.4.

On the floor exercise, up first was Gabby Currier, in her first sectional competition, who started the Vikings with a score of 7.75. Sophomore Ellie O'Donnell, flashing some new skills, scored an 8.25. Freshman Isabelle Rice scored an 8.2 for her last floor routine of the season.

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WHS QUARTET **QUALIFIES** FOR STATE **CHAMPIONSHIPS** Congratulations to WHS

gymnasts Megi Zogasi, Alayna Ronan, Brandi DiCicco, and Mary O'Donnell for qualifying for the Mass. Gymnastics Championships. In addition, DiCicco has

been selected to the Mass. State National Team, which is comprised of the top 20 high school gymnasts in Massachusetts. She will follow in the footsteps of former Vikings Danika Dellanno, Christa Vaccaro, and Danielle Carter who also qualified for the national team. Brandi will make the trip

high school gymnasts in the

country.

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Marion West

Retired Nurse

Marion E. West, 92, passed away Saturday, February 26 at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers.

Born in Belgrade, ME, she was the daughter of the late John and Minna (Bradbury) Alexander and the wife of the late Raymond West, Sr.

Marion graduated from Sisters Hospital School of Nursing in 1950. She spent the next 45 years working at Boston area Hospitals retiring from Cambridge City Hospital where she worked in Labor and Delivery. She moved to Naples, Florida where she enjoyed traveling, reading and spending time with friends and fam-

Marion is survived by three sons: John West and his wife, Ida of Stuart, VA, Raymond West, Jr. and his wife, Ellen Dragonetti of Beverly and Karl West of Buda, TX; one son-in-law, Steve Mastrangelo of Na-



ples, FL; ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by one daughter, Debra Mastrangelo.

Visiting hours will be held at the Campbell Funeral Home, 525 Cabot Street, Beverly, Friday, March 4 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Contributions may be made in her name to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452.

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Robert Masterson, Sr.

Member of Winthrop Elks



Robert H. Masterson, Sr. of Winthrop passed away at the Massachu-

setts General Hospital in Boston on February 27. He was 89 years old.

Born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, he was the beloved son of the late Fern (Morton) and Ben H. Masterson. He enlisted in the US Navy at an early age and after his honorable discharge he worked as an auditor for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development prior to his retirement. He was also a member of the Winthrop Lodge of Elks.

He was the loving father of Anne McInerney and her husband, Regis and Robert

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Forever Loved and Missed,
Mom, Marty & Family



Masterson, Jr. and his wife Kathleen, all of Winthrop; dear brother of the late Paul Masterson and cherished grandfather of Cara McInerney and her partner, Travis of Georgia, Julie Salemme and her husband, William of Revere and Andrew McInerney and his wife, Kristen of Georgia and former husband of Kathleen T. Masterson (Oakes).

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Friday, March 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. The funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Saturday, March 5 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 10:00 AM. Services will conclude with the interment in the Cross Street section

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Patricia Hayes Keough

Known for her kindness, warmth, gentle wit, and appreciation for all life offered

Patricia Hayes Keough died peacefully at home February 19 surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Newark, New Jersey on May 27, 1924, Pat graduated from Montclair State

Teachers College high school and moved to New York City in 1941 to attend Barnard College and then the Columbia University - Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1946.

Pat worked in New York City as a head nurse at Presbyterian Hospital and then in private practice for several years before marrying Edward W. Keough in1952. Pat and Ed settled in Winthrop and raised their six children.

Active in many children's and local organizations, from Cub Scout Den Mother to the Parent Teacher Association, Pat devoted her time and energy to her family and community life. Pat served as a Town Meeting member, taught part-time in the Winthrop Hospital RN-diploma program, and was a long-time member of the Winthrop Historic Society.

A passionate reader and lifelong learner, Pat was active in efforts to maintain Winthrop Public Library and was a member of multiple book clubs, enjoying the comradery of her peers and the challenge of exploring different genres.

Pat enjoyed the many benefits of seaside living, and she maintained membership at Cottage Park Yacht Club, bowling with the Ladies League well into her late 80's. As a loyal and proud graduate of Columbia University, Pat followed the innovations in nursing education and the nursing profession, donating her old uniforms to the Columbia Presbyterian Hospital archives in 2010.

Pat and Ed met on a cruise to Havana and once the kids were grown, they traveled extensively. Highlights include trips to Europe, the Baltic, Northern Africa, the Caribbean, East Asia, and an Alaskan cruise. They also enjoyed quiet time at the family camp in Brownfield Maine.

Pat was predeceased by her loving husband of fif-



ty-two years, Edward W; her sister, Mary B. Hayes, her brother, Charles B Hayes, and sister, Ruth Kahl. She is survived by her children: Edward of Marblehead, Kathleen Marblehead, Adee of Charles and his wife, Nancy of Weston, John and his wife, Andrea of Brookline, James and his wife, Karen of Marblehead and Robert and his wife, Efrance of Winthrop. A cherished grandmother, she leaves ten adoring grandchildren: Myles Lafrance, Micailah, Nicole and Alexandra Adee, Alexander, Cameron and Beau Keough, Garret, Brooke and Shane Keough. She also leaves many niec-

es and nephews.

Known for her kindness, warmth, gentle wit, and appreciation for all life offered, Pat will be greatly missed by her many friends, and most especially by her beloved family. We can only give thanks for having had her in our lives for some many years, and take comfort in all the love she passed on to us.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, March 4 at 10 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church in Winthrop. Following the service, family and friends are invited to a reception at the home of Robert and Efrance Keough at 23 Thornton Park in Winthrop.

A Celebration of Life for Pat is planned for May, 2022. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Winthrop Public Library and the Columbia University School of Nursing Scholarship Fund.

Funeral arrangements are from the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home 210 Winthrop St. Winthrop.

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Rosemary Babcock

Retired Nurse – The world is a lesser place without her in it

It is with profound sadness that the family of Rosemary (McAvoy) Babcock, a lifelong resident of Winthrop, announces her passing on February 27 at the age of 65.

Rosemary was the be-

loved wife of Stephen M. Babcock. Born in Boston, she was the cherished daughter of the late Drs. Gerald F. and Evalyn R. (McIlhenny) Rosie started working as a Nurse's Aide at Winthrop Community Hospital (WCH) at the age of 14, where she found her calling. A 1974 graduate of Winthrop High School, she went on to graduate as an LPN from the Nursing School at the Chelsea Soldier's Home. She was employed as a nurse at WCH for 17 years until its closure, and moved to extend her tender mercies at the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Boston for the next 29 years, until her retirement on November 1, 2021.

Rosie was endowed with a truly generous spirit and a wicked and irreverent sense of humor, qualities that brought much joy to her friends, family and patients she served. In addition to her family and her work, she loved shopping, the beach, reading mysteries, a cigarette, a glass of white wine and TAB. The world is a lesser place without her in it.

Rosie was the devoted mother of Brian J. Babcock and his wife, Dyan of Win-



throp, Brittany A. Wigdor and her husband, Ryan of Wilmington and Janelle M. Babcock of South Boston. She was the adored grandmother of Catherine and Gregory Babcock and Riley Wigdor; the dear sister of Gerald F. McAvoy (Terry) of Delmar, NY, Roger F. McAvoy of Danvers, John W. McAvoy (Laurie) of Milton, VT and Carolyn M. Fiore (Tom) of Lexington. Rosie is also survived by several in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews and countless friends.

Visiting hours will be held in the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop on Saturday, March 5 from 9 to 11 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church-Winthrop at 11:30 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited. Interment will follow in Winthrop Cemetery (Belle Isle Section).

Donations in her name can be made to a charity of your choice.

For guestbook, please visit: mauricekirbyfh.com

Laura DeNisco-Oliva

Graduate of Winthrop High School, Class of 1960

Laura (Johnson) DeNisco-Oliva of Beverly, formerly of Winthrop, passed away on February 25.

A graduate of Winthrop High School Class of 1960 and a 1961 Graduate of Fisher Jr. College, Boston, Laura was a beautiful person and will be greatly missed.

The daughter of the late Walter and Rhena Johnson, she was the devoted wife of the late James Oliva and Joseph DeNisco, partner of the late Michael Jennings of Beverly, loving sister of Walter Johnson of Alabama and dear friend of Dave Jennings and Mike Jennings, Jr.

A funeral service was held in the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Fu-



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MGC hears views on whether proposed Encore development falls within its jurisdiction

By Transcript Staff

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) held a special meeting on Monday to get the public's input on the proposed development in Everett on the Charlestown line by Encore Boston Harbor. Officials from Encore are before the MGC seeking a determination as to whether the new development across Broadway, with a pedestrian bridge to the Encore Casino, should be deemed part of the gaming establishment, which then would trigger regulation by the

MGC. Encore officials have resubmitted new plans for the development on lower Broadway with a smaller seating venue of 999 persons instead of the 1,800 originally submitted to the Everett Planning Board in January. Officials noted the many positives that the new pedestrian bridge will have on traffic flow and safety for pedestrians who have to cross the roadway by means of traffic lights.

The commissioners in their earlier February meeting kept probing where the pedestrian bridge would end and whether the users, particularly children, who would cross the bridge in order to get to the open green spaces outside of the casino could accidentally get onto the gaming floor.

Encore officials have noted that this scenario is highly-unlikely and are willing to add any safeguards to the exits that the MGC might require.

The public had until last Friday to submit written comments on the new project, with the public hearing for live testimony being held on Monday. A half-dozen speakers appeared before the MGC on Monday, and all voiced their opposition to the development without the MGC's overview. Troy Siebels from the

Perform-Massachusetts ing Arts Commission said, "To say the new theater is not part of the casino is not in the spirit of the current law." However, he mentioned that the current plan that calls for the entertainment center to seat up to 999 patrons "is in legal compliance. The 999-person seating capacity will not impact our venues."

Attorney Dan Rabinovitz, who represents the City of Medford, told the commissioners that presently Encore is using its ballroom with a 1,000-3,500-seat capacity for events such as concerts and boxing matches.

"Various events like fight nights take away from establishments like the Chevalier Theater in Medford that seats 1,850 persons," said Rabinovitz. After hearing from Rab-

inovitz, Commissioner Bradford Hill noted, "There are two issues before us. The first is what is happening currently and the second is oversight."

Kenneth Krause, a member of the Friends of Chevalier Theater, noted how crucial the Chevalier is both economically and culturally to Medford. He said the new project should come under the purview of the MGC and feared that Encore might raise the seating capacity of their event center. He noted that pre-COVID, the Chevalier Theater housed 100 shows per year, and that there are about 100 shows booked for 2022.

Medford Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn noted that Encore presently pays the Chevalier Theatre \$100,000 to support the theater and pays the City of Medford \$125,000 to its Community Fund. She noted that the proposed buildings with the bridge essentially will be attached to the casino.

Casey Soward from the Cabot Theater in Beverly said that he has the same concerns as the other speakers for his 850-seat theater.

Rep. Paul Donato of Medford noted that the new venue, with its acts and walkway to the Encore hotel-casino, should be considered as part of the casino. The MGC now will de-

liberate on the matter. The MGC's next meeting is set for March 10.

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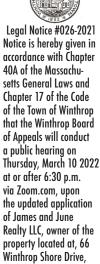
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Page 189, ("Master Deed") submitting the premises described in the . Master Deed to the provisions of Chapter 183A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as amended to the date of the filing of registration of the Master Deed ("Chapter 183A"), which Unit is shown on the floor plans of the Building filed for record with the Master Deed and on the copy of the portion of said plan attached to the Deed to Mortgagor showing the granted Unit, to which is affixed the verified statement of a registered land surveyor in the form required by Section 9 of Chapter 183A. The granted Unit is conveyed together with a .24418% undivided proportionate interest in the common

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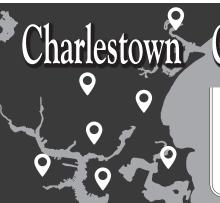
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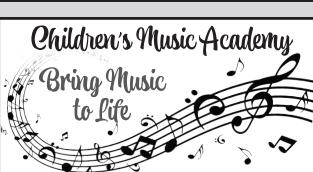
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Staff Report

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Mike Newquist, Senior Vice President, Touring Shows Division said: "We are absolutely thrilled to finally bring CRYSTAL back on the road. For two years our performers have been waiting to skate again and experience the joy of the audience once more. It will be an emotional and magical return."

More about CRYSTAL - A Breakthrough Ice Experience

Created by Shana Carroll and Sebastien Soldevila, Crystal, our misfit lead character, takes you on an



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Performers juggling on ice skates.



exhilarating tale of self-discovery as she dives into a world of her own imagination. Feel the adrenaline as she soars through this surreal world to become what she was always destined to be: confident, curious, and creative. CRYSTAL invites you to suspend reality and glide into a world that springs to colorful life with astounding visual projections and a soundtrack that seamlessly blends popular music with the signature sound of Cirque du Soleil. CRYSTAL is suitable for

all ages. **Performance Schedule Mullins Center**

The performance will feature many different acrobatics on ice. Thurs., May 19 at & 7:30PM 7:30PM

Fri., May 20 at 7:30PM Saturday, May 21 at 3:30PM & 7:30PM Sunday, May 22 at 1:00PM & 5:00PM

Performance schedule **Agganis Arena** Weds., June 1 at 7:30PM

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A scene from Cirque du Soleil's 'CRYSTAL'.

FRESH & LOCAL

Secret Ingredients

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

When a chef or cook gives out a recipe, and it never tastes the same when you make it, you may suspect that they didn't tell you their secret ingredient or instruction. No doubt that is sometimes the case. However, it is more likely that the issue is the quality of the ingredients and the skill level of the person following the steps. Still, most cooks have favorite or secret ingredients, and what the French call a "truc" or tip that makes their food taste better.

Open Secrets

If you read cookbooks,

"My wife knew that I was

mixing things up at work.

watch cooking shows or videos, you see the pros' favorite secret ingredients. For example, in "Ottolenghi Simple: A Cookbook," the chef provides a list of ingredients that give a dish that Ottolenghi spirit.

Penny added the missing ones to our pantry and worked her way through the book. Many of these have become favorite additions to our routine cooking. The book lists sumac, za'atar, Urfa chile flakes, ground cardamom, pomegranate molasses, rose harissa, tahini, barberries, black garlic, and preserved lemons.

Using this list is also a matter of the quality of the ingredients. We recently switched to Al Arz tahini

When something feels different,

after reading the brand was one of Ottolenghi's favorites. And, yes, we could taste the difference in our

next batch of hummus. Jamie Oliver admits that his secret ingredients are condiments of "an extraordinary quality." He says, "They guarantee flavor and save hours of time in preparation, as well as saving on cupboard space and food waste. For quick and easy meals, these products are brilliant – when shopping, just remember, generally you get what you pay for."

Who Would Have Thought?

Roman Alison pickle juice as a secret ingredient in many recipes. Following her guidance, we now save the juice from a good jar of pickles and use it as the zingy element in recipes in place of a simple vinegar.

Speaking of zing, one Food 52 Cookbook has a Zingy Sour Cream recipe that is made of two ingredients. It calls for, "... a big plop (about ¼ cup) of sour cream to a bowl, plus a splash (about 2 Tbsp.) of pepperoncini brine, and a spoonful (about 1 Tbsp.) of minced pepperoncini.'

Roman's other favorite secret is anchovies. Many chefs won't admit that they use anchovies or fish sauce in a dish because so many people cringe at the mention of these items. Used well, they add depth of flavor and umami and will not

make a dish taste fishy.

Our Go-Tos Some of the ingredients that make a difference in our food are lemon zest, fresh herbs, mushroom powder, soy sauce, frozen peas, sumac, za'atar, dried oregano, and a wide selection of vinegars. We also have a collection of spice blends that we use to change the flavor profile of simple foods to the region of our choice.

Advice for Those with **Allergies**

Here's a bit of advice for anyone dining out. When your server asks you if you have any allergies, disclose anything that impacts you so that these items can be noted by the kitchen. For example, we dine with a friend with a serious seafood allergy.



When you finish a jar of good pickles, save the pickle juice. Here it was used to make the pickled onions and then drizzled on the cucumbers.

She is also a good cook, so she is aware that while nothing in the items she orders has any obvious trace of seafood in it, the chef may have a secret ingredient that could be a trigger for her. Perhaps her menu item contains some anchovies or fish sauce! Better to speak up than deal with the consequences!

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@ BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

performance or message

directly to the people of

Ukraine, offering support,

prayers, healing, and en-

couragement. Any artistic

art form or expression is

welcome (a song, a pho-

tograph, a monologue, a

poem, reading of a mes-

sage, musical performance,

yourself, send your vid-

eo to us at Arlekin and we

will post it sometime over

If you don't want to post

Arlekin Players Theatre announces #ArtistsforUkraine

Staff Report

Ukrainian-born artistic director and Jewish immigrant, Igor Golyak, along with the Arlekin Players Theatre team in Needham, this week launched #ArtistsforUkraine, a campaign of hope for Ukraine. As artists, we can help people in need in Ukraine by sharing messages of encouragement, peace and solidarity, and by raising critical and immediate humanitarian aid for Ukraine (the fundraiser is for Nova Ukraine).

Arlekin is inviting the com-

munity to join them and

help. Here's how:

• Include this text in your post: "Please donate now to provide immediate and critical humanitarian support in Ukraine: bit.ly/art-

• Add these tags: #Art-#Artist-

the course of the coming days. Email submissions to blair@arlekinplayers.com.

or other).

Arlekin Players Theatre condemns Russia's war. We stand with the brave people of Ukraine.

it could be Alzheimer's. Now is the time to talk. alz.org/ourstories alzheimer's 웟 association

• Record a video of no more than 2 minutes, or choose an image to share. • Say your name and

where you are from in the video or in your typed mes-

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• Optional: Invite others to participate by adding "Join me" and tagging other artists.

Please address your

Paramedic Training School Scholarship Program for Massachusetts' EMTs announced

Transformative Healthannounced \$1,000,000 Paramedic Training School scholarship program to enable EMTs aspiring to become Paramedics access to stateof-the-art education at a fraction of the tuition expense. Over eighty (80) EMTs will receive scholarships to participate in the 2022 Paramedic training

"In New England and throughout the United States, there is a significant shortage of Paramedics that

are necessary to meet the emergency medical service needs of our communities," said Thomas McEntee, CEO of Transformative Healthcare. "By establishing a \$1,000,000 scholarship program, Transformative Healthcare aims to proactively address New England's Paramedic shortage by making access to state-of-the-art Paramedic education much more affordable. Scholarship recipients in our 2022 Paramedic training classes will pay only \$1,500, an 83% discount to the \$13,000 tu-

While the EMS industry is characterized by a significant shortage of EMS professionals, demand for Paramedic and EMT professionals is projected to be amongst the fastest growing occupations in the United States. Demand for these professionals is projected to grow 6 percent from 2019 to 2029, faster than the average for all occupations[1].

Transformative Healthcare's CoAEMPS[2] accredited Paramedic Training Program is the only educational program in Massachusetts to feature a range of state-of-the-art simulation technologies that vastly increase the efficacy of the learning experience. The technologies include Oculus Virtual Reality, Immersive Interactive's immersive simulation technologies and specialized simulation mannequins by TraumaFx and LifeCast. Paramedic students experience highly realistic situations where they can train in real-life, virtual scenarios such as car crashes, burning buildings, , first-person shooter events and more. Moreover, students can treat mock patients where they experience high-tech mannequins that are bleeding, have broken bones, severe burns and

"Transformative Healthcare's Center of Excellence Education Team is dedicated to accelerating the development of our team members, and other Massachusetts EMTs, seeking to advance their careers as Paramedics," said Andy Defrias, Director of Training and Education. "Our team offers the most advanced training and education program, so our Paramedic students can deliver the most effective patient

Company Highlights

- Leading medical transportation & logistics company in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine
- 1,500+ clinicians & professionals
- More than 150 years serving our communities
- 2,500+ facilities served • Millions of patients served with exceptional

Transformative Healthcare delivers cost efficient, high quality patient outcomes by optimizing how patients and data move through the healthcare system. We create customized partnerships for municipal 911 emergency response, inter-facility medical transportation, mobile patient testing, vaccine administration, remote patient monitoring and logistics services. Our proprietary software and analytics improve patient outcomes while reducing healthcare

End-to-End COVID-19 Solutions at Scale

Transformative Healthcare launched mobile & onsite COVID-19 testing and vaccine administration services starting in April 2020 to serve major organizations in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. We proudly support the risk management & return-to-work strategies of state governments, municipalities, skilled-nursing & assisted living facilities, private universities & colleges, and corporations.

Transformative Healthcare is proud to support the Commonwealth's 'Stop the Spread' campaign and bring COVID-19 testing and vaccination programs to the most vulnerable populations. The company's COVID-19 TRACR software platform (Test-Result-Authorize-Contact Trace-Report) has assisted Massachusetts to be at the forefront of pandemic management and response.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston announces **Barton as Executive Director of YouthConnect**

Staff Report

Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston (BGCB) announced it has named Kevan Barton as the Executive Director of YouthConnect. Prior to this appointment Barton had served with YouthConnect for 12 years, for six years as a frontline social worker in South Boston, Roxbury, the Youth Violence Strike Force, and the School Police Unit, and later as the Director of Operations.

YouthConnect is a unique program that provides violence prevention, intervention, advocacy, and mental health services to young people who are involved in the criminal justice system and their families. By placing licensed, clinical social workers in Boston police stations, YouthConnect works to address the underlying problems and social emotional issues that contribute to juvenile crime and delinquency by working with the entire family, not just the youth.

Since the program's inception in 1996, Youth-Connect has provided more than 17,000 individuals with a variety of free, voluntary, and confidential intervention services designed to their specific needs and goals, as they face issues of safety, trauma, mental health challenges, substance abuse and high-risk behavior. Youth-Connect's capacity to provide home and community-based visits, in addition to flexible scheduling, has enabled those hard-to-reach youth and their families to access social services de-

Bob Bolognese



utive Director of Youth

spite barriers to traditional services such as: insurance issues, distrust of providers and systems, transportation, safety, stigma around seeking help, and readiness to engage around making "For 25 years, Youth-

Connect has been a prized program of BGCB," said incoming BGCB Nicholas President and CEO Robert Lewis, Jr., who was appointed on February 3. "YouthConnect's unique model of social workers on the front lines alongside Boston's police force taking on the underlying problems and social emotional issues that contribute to juvenile crime and delinquency, has impacted thousands of young people and their families. I look forward to working with Kevan and his team on this critical work."

"Kevan's prior experience at YouthConnect and commitment to helping young people in need make him an exceptional leader for this unique program," said Josh Klevens, Chair of the Youth Connect Advisory Board. "As a licensed clinical social worker, Kevan understands firsthand that YouthConnect's innovative clinical model enables social workers to not only assist a wide range of youth, but also help their families, which impacts our entire community."

"I am excited to lead YouthConnect as we continue our efforts to expand the program and broaden our reach to impact more youth and families," said Barton. "Our team of social workers is focused on the most pressing issues of our time - mental health, community violence, and substance use. Our clients, and our staff, are among the most resilient people I know, and I am excited to support both as we move forward with this crucial work."

Since its founding in 1893, Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston (BGCB) has been helping young people, especially those who need us most, build strong character and realize their full potential as responsible citizens and leaders. BGCB does this by providing a safe haven filled with hope and opportunity, ongoing relationships with caring adults, and life-enhancing programs in six core program areas. The organization serves more than 8,000 individuals in 9 Clubs and through its YouthConnect program in partnership with the Boston Police Department. BGCB is an affiliate of Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley. For more information, visit BGCB on the web at bgcb.

Coalition calls for swift action on low-income fares

In the wake of the failure by the MBTA board to create a Low-Income Fare for MBTA riders, a popular proposal that garnered overwhelming support in public testimony, the Public Transit Public Good Coalition calls for swift action on providing a Low-Income Fare for MBTA riders.

Despite long-standing calls from environmental justice communities, labor groups and others for a low-income fare, the MBTA has refused to advance the Low-Income Fare program, citing budgetary constraints. The Public Transit Public Good Coalition calls on the MBTA to use a portion of the \$500 million it recently reallocated for use on a range of one-time uses to fund a low-income fare pilot. We estimate a yearlong pilot would cost \$42 million dollars.

"The idea of a Low-Income Fare began for a simple reason: folks were struggling to pay the cost of riding," said Collique Williams, an organizer with Public Transit Public Good Coalition, convened by Community Labor United, in his testimony to the Board. "The fare had gone up in 2012, in 2014, in 2016, and in 2019. People needed some help to pay the fare and some assurance that the spiraling costs would not continue. Then, in 2020, the pandemic hit, bringing new economic hardships and health risks. The power to bring riders relief lies here with this

"We know that T can afford a Low-Income Fare and it's a matter of will to support the low-income riders who have been carrying the burden of T funding. We know that this board can make it happen," said Karen Chen, Executive Director of the Chinese Progressive Association, a member of the Public Transit Public Good Coalition, in her testimony to the Board.

While delaying action on a low-income fare, the MBTA is rushing to a decision on a new \$3 fee on the Charlie Card. The proposed surcharge is part of a move to the controversial, expensive, and much-delayed 'automated fare collection' system outsourced to billionaire corporations Cubic and John Laing. The MBTA is set to pay close to a billion dollars, including \$288 million in profit and overhead, for this privat-

ized fare collection system.

"MBTA staff could not answer Board Chair Taylor's question as to when the new fare collection technology is expected to come online," said Williams. "Before deciding to impose new fees on riders, the MBTA should re-examine its fare collection contract, and adopt a Low-Income Fare that would save low-income people millions. We also call on the Massachusetts Legislature to advance legislation that would create a Low-Income Fare at the MBTA and provide assistance to RTAs to do the same."

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National Grid reminds customers how to keep energy usage low and comfort high tomers who use program-

Staff Report

How you use energy can have a big impact on both your comfort and budget. That's why National Grid has a variety of energy efficiency and bill assistance programs that can help customers lower energy usage and better manage their bills in these cold winter months, without sacrificing comfort.

"We've been assisting customers throughout Massachusetts this winter by connecting them with our programs, as well as state and federal resources to help them manage their energy bills" said Helen Burt, National Grid Chief Customer Officer. "We encourage our customers to visit our website ngrid. com/winter for a complete list of available assistance options"

Customers may enroll in programs such as the Budget Billing Plan, which spreads monthly payments out more evenly throughout the year to offset periods of high energy usage. Additional payment options are also available, and we encourage our Massachusetts customers to learn more by visiting www.ngrid.com/ billhelp.

Along with this, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LI-HEAP), which provides eligible Massachusetts households with help in paying a portion of their winter heating bills is free and open for Enrollment through April 30, 2022 and covers energy usage from November 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022. To learn more about LIHEAP and eligibility, customers may visit https://toapply. org/MassLIHEAP.

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energy-efficient equipment. To learn more about how to manage your winter bills and many of the programs mentioned above, please visit ngrid.com/winter. National Grid (NYSE: NGG) is an electricity, natural gas, and clean energy

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